

# Quorn Parish Council



## QPC December 2017 - Briefing Note 9

- 1. Theme Groups Meetings:** The four theme groups Housing, Environment, Community Facilities and Transport and Traffic have all been continuing their work and between September and December met at least three times. In addition, the Transport and Traffic group had a useful meeting with the Sibley NP representatives and CBC on 4 December 2017 where the issues and the responsibilities for the various functions were discussed.
- 2. Potential Volunteers:** All those who had expressed an interest in volunteering for the theme groups or wanted to be kept informed of NP progress were contact over the Christmas period and updated.
- 3. Funding:**
  - a. Groundwork UK Locality grant funding:** Grant Ref: NPG-03087 - The Community Rights grant (£5,300) is now complete and the End of Grant report was submitted on 6 December and accepted.
  - b. Grant Ref: NPG-03858** The next application for £6000, for Neighbourhood Planning Grant and Technical Support was submitted on 6 December and the award confirmed on 22 December. To be spent by **31 March 2018**
  - c. The National Lottery Awards for All Grant:** Project ID: 0010310366 for £9750 confirmed on 13 July. To be spent by **21 July 2018**
- 4. Consultation Survey (Questionnaire):**

The questionnaires were being completed until 30<sup>th</sup> November. There were 404 responses to the adult questionnaire representing the views of 556 people. This is a return from 13% of the adult population. There were 64 responses to the young people's questionnaire, which is over 7% of the young people's population. The results exceeded our expectations and reflect well for a parish the size of Quorn. The results are currently being analysed.
- 5. Next steps Open Event:** this will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 10.00am-1.00pm. The emerging proposed policies that have taken shape will be available to review before the Plan is drafted. Members of the Theme Groups and the Consultants will be available to answer questions and talk to folks about their work.
- 6. Next NPAC meeting:** 8th January 2018 at 7pm.

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## **Quorn Neighbourhood Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report**

Following Quorn's formal designation as a Neighbourhood Plan Area by Charnwood Borough Council on 21 December 2016 the Parish Council Planning Scrutiny Committee took on the role of steering group to take the programme forward assisted by consultants 'Yourlocale'.

From the outset we wanted to maximise on the talents of the residents of Quorn and to involve as many people as possible in the process. Also, we made a commitment that we would be grant funded and there would be no cost to the parish residents and to that end grants have been gratefully received from both Locality and the National Lottery.

At our first public event on May Day there were encouraging signs that this would be a community project. Our marquee in Stafford Orchard received a constant stream of visitors who were only too willing to leave us their views on what was good and what was not so good about living in Quorn. Fourteen of whom were serious enough to sign up as potential Advisory Committee members.

The first Advisory Committee meeting took place on 15 May and the committee now consists of twenty members (15 volunteers and 5 councillors). Three working groups were set up to develop a Vision Statement, a Logo and Questionnaires.

19 August was a memorable day as it was the Open Event held in the Village Hall and attracted more than 150 people apparently, something of a record for such events. The visitors openly expressed their comments and views, and these were summarised in the Consultation Summary report.

At the event, the Vision Statement was presented and accepted. Logos had been produced by groups of students at St Bartholomew's School and visitors to the event had a chance to select their choice. It was a very close call, but one was finally selected, it was enhanced for publication by a parent from the school and the two designers were presented with certificates and the school an award at an assembly in November.

The next significant milestone was the Questionnaires, these were available 'on line' but with paper copies provided at the Parish Office and Community Library and available for home delivery and collection on request. The Young Persons' Survey was for those aged up to 18. There were 404 responses to the adult questionnaire representing the views of 556 people. This is a return from 13% of the adult population. There were 64 responses to the young people's questionnaire, which is over 7% of the young people's population. The results exceeded our expectations and are good for a parish the size of Quorn. The results are currently being analysed.

Four specialist theme groups Housing, Transport and Traffic, Environment and Community Facilities were established in August when more volunteers joined, their work is continuing, analysing what you have told us plus gathering their own evidence.

There is still much work to be done and in 2018 we look forward to welcoming everyone to our Next Steps Open Day in the village hall on Saturday 24th March 2017, 10.00am-1.00pm this will be your chance to review the proposed policies that will influence the future planning decisions for Quorn. The volunteers will be available to answer any questions and talk to you about their interesting work.

Having written the plan, sought and hopefully received the Advisory Committee and Parish Councils approval we hope to submit the Plan to the Borough Council in the summer 2018, when it will undergo an examination.

To have achieved what we have in such a short time is fantastic. Of course, it has been a learning exercise and there are things that we may have done differently however, as we reflect on what has already been achieved and we look forward to the New Year and the hard work still to be done it is time to say, 'Thank You' to all who have helped and participated. To the Parish Clerk and assistant, CBC Planning and Regeneration, Yourlocale, the staff and pupils at St Bartholomew's School and Rawlins Academy, the volunteers of the Community Library and the Neighbourhood Watch and to the businesses who have responded so positively. Thank you also to the Quorndon and the Quorn News for helping to keep the parish informed. A special thanks to the volunteers and councillors of the Advisory Committee without whom the project would not be where it is today.

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Wishing you a peaceful and prosperous 2018.

Dennis Marchant  
NPAC Chair  
31/12/17

