

MINUTES OF THE BENGEO NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs S Newton (C), Mrs S Dunkley (VC), Dr L Radford, P Ruffles

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mrs J Goodeve; J Whelan, Town Clerk; Dr M Iancu, Project Officer.

417. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

418. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Ruffles declared an interest as President of the Bengoe Club.

419. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2017 were approved as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.

420. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

421. THE BENGEO NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN PROGRESS TO DATE (PAPER A)

The meeting started with the Members reviewing PAPER A. The Working Party wanted to acknowledge the difficulties of engaging with businesses and praised the efforts of the Community Steering Group in approaching business owners.

The Members enquired whether there is any possibility to find about the home-based businesses in Bengoe ward, while ensuring that the rules of data protection are being respected. They noted that home-based businesses and flexible working are growing trends, and these are enabled by a good broadband connection.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Working Party **noted** the report on the progress of BNAP.

**422. THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR THE BENGEO
NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN (PAPER B)**

The Working Party Members looked at the changes to the Communication Strategy and agreed to them.

It was noted however that the remit of the Community Steering Group is related to the work for the Neighbourhood Plan. A clear distinction should be made between the work of the Community Steering Group and community campaigns relating to other matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

a) The Working Party **approved** the suggested changes to the Communication Strategy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:30.