

## BBC/EWR Task Group – Minutes



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 3 – 4 pm

**Venue:** Hybrid

### Attendees:

Craig Austin (CA)

Sarah Combes (SC)

John Molyneux (JM)

Margaret Birtles (MB)

Paul Pace (PP)

Simon Joynes (SJ)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

David Genery (DG)

Guest: Verity Quinn, EEH

Dawn Walton (DW)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Paul Pace (PP), Anna Robbani (AR), Gavin Chinniah (GC), Dawn Staal (DS), Ben Raza (BR)	
2.	<b>Minutes from meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January.</b>  Minutes circulated for agreement.	
3.	<b>Introduction to Verity Quinn, EEH Programme Lead.</b>  VQ was introduced to the task group. VQ advised that EEH has developed a task list document to be shared with BBC and to capture the risks/issues tracker and key focus areas.  26 <sup>th</sup> January “re-set” meeting scheduled with BBC/EWR. Review and ensure robust management (EWR representative & Verity Quinn to co-chair). Follow up meeting required post 26 January due to number of issues/actions. VQ to liaise with SC who will manage internally going forward. SC/VQ to arrange to meet to further discuss.	<b>SC/JBB to liaise with VQ re. task list and include relevant issues on BBC’s list</b>  <b>SC to arrange meeting with VQ regarding EEH task list.</b>
4.	<b>BBC/EWR Stakeholder Engagement with properties affected by CPO</b>  Discussion around the potential for properties to be affected along the route.  Discussion regarding further community engagement sessions, to be held by BBC in February.	

	<p>JBB noted that EWR's interactive map showing the safeguarded zone was last updated 19 November.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the proposed multi-storey car park at Britannia Rd and hospital master plan. Apparent differences between EWR and hospital proposals. Queries to be raised with EWR regarding plans and impacts.</p>	<p><b>JBB to follow up with EWR.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Progress on procurement of external specialists &amp; finance</b></p> <p>JBB advised that she has requested 2 years of advance funding for the dedicated PM post already agreed with EWR. And continues to liaise with EWR regarding the funding request for third party consultancy costs and legal costs under the PPA agreements. Funding is still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Funding for post to be raised with EWR's CEX at next meeting by CA.</p>	<p><b>JBB to follow up.</b></p> <p><b>ARC to draft job description for support role.</b></p> <p><b>CA to raise with EWR.</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Standing Items</b></p> <p>ARC fed back about the public meeting held with affected residents in the Poets area on 12 January. Responses received to be collated and mapped out to derive suitable responses.</p> <p>ARC confirmed that BBC wider community engagement event with live stream is scheduled for evening of 22 January.</p> <p>Members briefing to be scheduled for March/April 26, with further community engagement events.</p> <p>Follow up meeting from wider Poets session to be scheduled following 16 January meeting.</p> <p>ARC advised that she is meeting with EWR at the end of January regarding the EWR community consultation strategy briefing document, proposed for April roll out. Feedback to be sought through Member consultation with full Council decision required.</p>	<p><b>ARC &amp; SC to collate notes and actions for recording</b></p> <p><b>ARC to organise briefing for Members.</b></p> <p><b>ARC to liaise with Mayor regarding availability.</b></p> <p><b>ARC/All to review.</b></p>

<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Licences Update</b></p> <p>MB advised that due to unforeseen illness within the legal team, external legal support may be required to progress the licence queries.</p>	<p><b>JM to liaise with legal team.</b></p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JBB advised that the EWR technical note providing their justification for the CPO of properties in Ashburnham Road is currently under review by appointed consultants ‘at risk’ as EWR has not confirmed they will cover the costs under the PPA. An update is due in February.</p> <p>EWR has submitted a ‘track access’ request to National Rail for MVL to facilitate access for their project. National Rail in response is conducting a consultation and as such, BBC has a vested interest to respond as a statutory consultee.</p>	<p><b>JBB to circulate updates regarding the technical notes once received.</b></p> <p><b>JBB/CA</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2- 3pm (Hybrid)</p>	