Meeting Notes – NDP Working Group and TAG members meeting with Michael Wellock (Kirkwells)

Held on 29 September 2021 in Baildon Library at 1pm

Present:

Cllrs – G Dixon, A-M Dooley, M Town, S Hewitson

TAG – Chris and Melvyn Flecknoe, Leon Oakley (ACS)

Staff – R Logan

**Application for the Locality Grant**

Michael advised we can say yes to allocation of sites and affordable housing etc at this point – this can be changed later in the process if necessary.

Ruth to complete the application form in conjunction with Lou.

Stages 1 & 2 of Kirkwell’s quote to be included for payment amount up to March 2022.

**Discussion of Aims of the NDP**

The interaction of the NDP and Bradford’s Local Plan was discussed. It is possible to allocate sites for development in an NDP but there must be included an explanation of how this is consistent with the provisions of the Local Plan and the NDP must not stray into strategic issues.

The Baildon Plan will include many community matters but only planning matters can be included in the NDP as it has legal weight as a planning document.

Climate change was brought up – there is scope to look at this – see Ilkley’s NDP policies. However often groups ask to push forward design aspects such as passivhaus standards and it is generally not possible in an NDP to compel developers to adhere to regulations that are more onerous than the building regulations at the time of building. Passivhaus standards can be promoted/encouraged. Examiners will push NDPs back and delete policies if they are contrary to government policy (ie building regs being the standards developers are held to).

It is possible to say new development should meet or exceed government policy at the time of building – and this is expected to get more environmentally friendly over time.

Affordability of housing can be included in NDP – the benchmark is 30%.

Michael Wellock will prepare a set of objectives in a document that BTC can then use to consult residents – he will aim to have it ready for the first week of November 2021. The first consultation can then be carried out by the end of March 2022.

The first consultation is not governed by the same rules as later consultations so it is up to the group how to conduct this. The aim is to have the second consultation later in 2022 and submit the plan to Bradford by the end of 2022.

Ruth to send the BTC response to the Local Plan to Michael and the group as this may be useful

Gill will contact Bradford University to see if any research students could collect evidence for the carbon effects of having trees or open moorland on the moor – i.e. which is better environmentally.