



STEERING GROUP
10th October 2012
Minutes of the Meeting
Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow, 2:00pm

| Present | Representing | Orgn | Initials |
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| Canon John Brown | Vice Chair | RCCE | JB |
| Philip Wilson | EcAG | ECC | PhW |
| <i>Daisy Martlew</i> | <i>Minutes</i> | <i>RCCE</i> | <i>DM</i> |
| Suzanne Harris | CAG & EERF | RCCE | SH |
| Cllr John Buchanan | EERF | EALC | JBu |
| Revd. Julie Nelson | EERF | Church of England | JN |
| George Courtauld | EERF | RCCE | GC |
| Cllr Peter Chillingworth | ELG rep | Colchester BC | PC |
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| Apologies | | | |
| Cllr John Jowers | Chairman | ECC | JJ |
| Joy Darby | CAG | EALC | JD |
| Nick Shuttleworth | Facilitator | RCCE | NS |
| Cllr Wendy Scattergood | ELG Rep | Braintree DC | WS |
| Cllr Mick Page | EERF | ECC | MP |

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chairman Canon John Brown welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were read (see above for details).

2. Minutes of the ERP Steering Group Meeting held on 29th August 2012

2.1 Accuracy

Agreed as accurate

2.2 Matters Arising

GC has replaced Richard Woolley as RCCE representative for the EERF and is therefore an ex-officio member of the ERP Steering Group.

3. Review of Morning ERP Meeting

3.1 General Feedback

A discussion took place about the meeting with various views raised.

3.2 Actions

JB suggested that the CAG have follow up conversations with Jane Richards and Gary Raynor about what we can do.

SH suggested that the CAG establish on-going link with Andy Payne re Healthwatch.

ACTION: DM will send out presentations with the minutes (also available on website).

DM

4. Strategic Developments

4.1 Defra's Rural and Farming Network

SH gave an update at the full partnership meeting in the morning. We are awaiting an update from JJ.

4.2 CRC LEP Conference – Suzanne Harris

SH reported that she had been invited to attend on behalf of the ERP as a RFN member. As a result of our membership we are being more involved in Defra activity. The meeting was a useful opportunity to speak to other LEPs, who recommended that we be proactive and put together a proposal for something we want to do and put it to the SELEP. SH suggested that the EcAG look into what might be a viable project for rural areas. JB suggested that we include a community angle if possible.

ACTION: PhW will talk to Humphrey Squire.

PhW

SH reported that Stuart Burgess may come to visit Essex and asked for thoughts on what we might show him. On a previous visit he saw the shop at Langham, affordable housing and surgery at Dedham and various Post Offices.

JBu recommended we look at EALC's brochure of projects for ideas – this would give him a sense of what a small pot of money can achieve in a small project.

Other suggestions were the Layer Fox and village halls.

ACTION: SH will look at planning the visit for December.

SH

4.3 Independent Panel on Forestry – Matt Searle

DM circulated MS's report

4.4 EERF next meeting – 30th January 2013

SH clarified that EERF is not a RFN member, it is joint with FAB. The next meeting will be held at the NFU Building in Newmarket, theme TBC.

4.5 South East LEP

Nothing further to report

5. Topics for Future Discussion

DM asked for suggestions for speakers at the next full ERP meeting on 6th February 2013, which will have an economic focus. Suggestions were Humphrey Squire, Tim Isaac, Dr Janice Pittis Director of the Research and Enterprise Office for the University of Essex, Nick Wright (Cricket Bats), Wilkins Jam (Tiptree), Stansted Airport.

6. Items to report

None – covered in the morning

7. AOB

6.1 Date of Next Meeting

19th December, 10am at RCCE Offices, Feering

SH reported that Jenny Salisbury has offered to host a future ERP meeting in one of the county's libraries

The meeting concluded at 3:00pm