

Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes

Tuesday January 23 2018

Fowey Town Hall, 6pm

Present: Ruth Finlay (RF) Chairman, Chris Wharton (CW), Andrew Gardner (AG), Kate Jones (KJ) , Cora Woodside (CWo), Katherine Alexander (KA).

1. Apologies for Absence

Giles Asker, Heather Hunt.

2. Declaration of Interests

Pecuniary, non-Register able, Dispensations: None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

No objections were raised and no matters arose.

4. Sustainability Check (SC) Report

RF said the SC is considered to be 'good practice' as it provides a useful means to assess a NDP against a set of sustainable objectives, with the intention being to help avoid negative environmental and socio –economic effects in our policies.

The steering group decided to use the set of questions used in the SA Framework for the Local Plan to guide our discussion about the economic, social and economic effects our NDP might have. One aspect of Air pollution was raised about air quality and CW queried whether pollution from Imerys china clay loading bays in the docks was now controlled. CW agreed to make an inquiry.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was found that the SC Matrix of results for our NDP supported the 19 SC themes. The SC will be uploaded onto our website.

5. Business Policies Update

AG has written the business section of the plan and presented the document to those present, suggesting they provide feedback within a week. He had a concern about how to represent the harbour and maritime roles in the plan. RF said that the Fowey Harbour Management Plan and the AONB Management Plan are important aspects of the maritime evidence to include.

6. Summary NDP Document Leaflet

CW and KA will produce an information leaflet for residents of the parish outlining the main policies of the Neighbourhood Plan- a lighter version of the plan.

7 Finances

RF reported that the Landscape Assessment had cost £6,300 and the Housing Needs Survey £1,200. James Evans the consultant planner we are using has agreed to carry out specific work to be able to submit the draft NDP for public consultation which will cost £1400.

8 Timetable

RF said that after consultation on the pre-draft plan, it must be sent to about 20 interested parties such as the National Trust and the Harbour Commissioners. There would then be a six week consultation period.

A final version of the Local Landscape Character Assessment, this is expected week of 9th Feb.

It is hoped that the NDP could be launched also at the **Parish Annual Meeting of Fowey Town Council on April 13th**. This would mean the shortened version of the NDP will have to be printed and submitted to Fowey News by March 20th (submission of copy/inserts), which of course means the draft NDP needs to be completed and handed over to CW and KA asap.

9 AOB

RF said James Evans (CRCC) would support some of the wording regarding affordable housing.

The Housing Needs Survey showed 73 people were in need. Fowey has already provided for more new homes than the target number set by the County's Local Plan, and there were question marks over whether our area has the infrastructure required for further development. So the advice was that if development sites were identified this would become a development-led plan and could conflict with the AONB unit and Rural England.

Time and date of next meeting: Tuesday February 13 at 6.30 p.m.in the Town Hall.