

**Minutes of Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
October 16 2018**

**Fowey Town Hall, 6.00pm**

**Present:** Ruth Finlay (RF) Chairman, Katherine Alexander (KA) Richard Rashleigh (RR), Chris Wharton (now Chris Gardner:CG), Andrew Gardner (AG), Giles Asker (GA), Heather Hunt (HH).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cora Woodside, Kate Jones.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Pecuniary, non-Register able, Dispensations: None

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

No objections were raised. RF reported that the NP website had been updated, but that the section for the actual plan was still empty with a note saying it will be added later.

**4. Report back from Cornwall Council screening**

RF said the plan was being criticised by the affordable homes people (**sorry, who are these, Ruth?**) in their report for not selecting sites for development. Also three big changes were requested to do with the housing policy No 4 (Small scale affordable housing on rural exception sites), which needed a whole section on why the inner development boundary is sensitive, and that referred back to the Landscape Character Assessment. The comment was that the sensitive areas should be linked to the plan. The requirement was for an explanation of why the areas outside the development boundary were so sensitive. This might mean producing another map.

There was also a suggestion by our County Neighbourhood Plan officer to look at our Coastal Defence Management Plan. There was a strategy in place for coastal defence related to some areas and within those areas, some were more vulnerable than others. There was a suggestion that Polkerris should be managed for future coastal change. The buildings close to the beach were regarded as being at possible risk from coastal erosion over the next 50 years. And there is a mention that Fowey itself would be in need of further consideration.

RR observed that Polkerris slipway area may be vulnerable, but the rest of the village was fairly well defended.

RF said it may be important for Fowey and Polkerris to be included in the relevant maps. Raising awareness was important as some funding was available at present but may not be for much longer, and there was a need to build barriers for Town Quay.

RF also mentioned that links with mineral extraction were safeguarded, for example Hall Road and the railway line used by Imerys, also the Fowey Consols.

## **5 Changes to NDP front cover**

RF had produced three possible covers each with different photographs, and one was selected by the committee.

## **6. Dates for pre-submission Public Consultation**

RF said a date had to be set for a six-week consultation period within which the public would be consulted regarding the Plan. The committee agreed this period would start on November 2. RF said the Town and County Councils would be informed, and the various interested bodies would also be told. CG was asked to produce a press release.

## **7 Activities for Public Consultation.**

RF said she would put the dates and events being planned into Fowey News and copies of the plan would be printed for people to examine. A leaflet or flyer and posters would be required listing the events, and a leaflet should be available for people to pick up at the events if they want to find out more.

RF said she would talk to the W.I., the Chamber of Commerce and Lankelly Lane residents. The first event could be on Saturday November 3. The Library and Community Centre would be asked to host displays, and an event to coincide with the Community Market would be arranged. She would also like to take the stage for a display during the Christmas Market.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.