

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Neighbourhood Plan Housing Topic Group:**

**Date: 29.07.13**

**Venue: St Anta Church Hall, Carbis Bay**

1. PRESENT Action

Roger Weatherly	Trevarrack/Halsetown (Chair)
Paul Woodward	Lelant (Vice-Chair)
Rob Van Hove	St Ives (Secretary)
Geoff Williamson	Lelant
Clive Rowe	Carbis Bay
Dinah Oliver	Carbis Bay
Mary Brown	Carbis Bay
Richard Brown	Carbis Bay
Stuart Guppy	Carbis Bay
Philip Allen	St Ives
Tony Beavan	St Ives
Rex Henry	St Ives
Yorick Bejamin	St Ives
  
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Matt Hayter, Tamsyn Smith, Paul Viney, Martin Page
  
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBER INTEREST

Phil Allen declared an interest as chair of St Ives Rugby Club which has a current planning application for residential development under consideration.
  
4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

With correction of meeting date, these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.
  
5. MATTERS ARISING

Love Architecture event: The Chair requested that the appreciation of the meeting for the efforts of the organisers be recorded. Feedback from the consultation exercise was noted, but it was agreed that the numbers achieved so far could not be considered representative and much further consultative work needed to be undertaken.

July Steering Group: PW and RH attended – see minutes on Town Council website. Noted that an initial budget of £20k has been agreed for the Neighbourhood Plan process but concern was expressed that that some councillors do not appear to support the NP.

Invitation to Planning Officer (Marcus Heanan) to attend future meeting. RW has PW approached. Agreed PW to recontact him. PW
  
6. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

RW stated that due to ill health he needed to resign as Chair and thanked those who had supported him thus far. RW was thanked for his contribution as Chair. PW agreed to act as interim Chair for next meeting/s.

Action: Next meeting to consider appointment of replacement Vice-Chair. All

7. DISCUSSION

RW introduced a paper describing the threats to the St Ives area and suggesting how the neighbourhood could be rebuilt.

During discussion, the following issues were considered important:

- Equality of opportunity to housing for all living in the area (and for those seeking to live in the area subject to constraints).
- A fair policy of housing (allocation) taking into account the needs of local people.

CR suggested that the Lake District Plan was a useful source for policies addressing these issues.

ACTION: Agreed CR will liaise with PW and others prior to next meeting to produce analysis of Lake District Plan procedures.

CR &  
others

Noted that there was a choice between building on green space and densification of the existing urban/suburban areas.

Following further discussion the following were agreed as action points for the Housing Topic Group which PW would present to the next Steering Group.

PW

- Quantify housing need (analyze demographics).
- Quantify existing availability
- Identify Brownfield sites which may be appropriate for development.
- Identify existing empty properties
- Identify Greenfield sites which may be appropriate to develop
- Identify Greenfield sites to protect
- Identify and seek engagement with developers
- Explore possible affordable housing development not requiring market funding
- Explore ways of phasing developments over next 17 years given that a large number of developments are in process or have been given permissions.

It was noted that the draft Local Plan already proposes 6 development areas within the Neighbourhood. It was agreed that all should familiarise themselves with these and suggested that a prioritisation exercise be attempted.

RH/

ACTION: RH agreed to forward relevant CC website link to RVH who will circulate to members.

RVH

8. NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

RW

Meeting closed at: 9.15p.m.

Chairman's signature: