

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Neighbourhood Plan : Built Environment Group

Date: 24.6.13

Venue: The Western Hotel

PRESENT

Tamsyn Williams, Rex Henry, Annette Abell, Sheila Currie, Stuart Abell, Christine Marenah, Beth Grossman

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

William Thomas, Rob Van Hove, Anthony Beavan, Geoff Williamson

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Rex Henry apologised for missing the previous meeting of the Built Environment without informing the Group, due to unfortunate circumstances.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER INTERESTS

Declaration of any interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29.5.13 were approved.

ISSUE 1: The Steering Group

From a pre-Steering Group/EGM the composition of the Steering Group and initial budget allocation was decided. TW reported that in addition to the 7 Chairs of the topic groups, 5 Town Councillors expressed interest in being members of the Steering Group: Tamsyn Williams, Maxine Armstrong, Rita Lait, Richard Birch and Morag Robertson. 3 Cornwall Councillors were invited to attend as ex officio members of the Steering Group: Tim Andrewes, Andrew Mitchell, Liz Penhaligon.

The Chair of the Steering Group will be a Town Councillor and a decision will be made on 25.6.13 at the first meeting of the Steering Group.

TW also reported that an initial budget allocation of £500 for all topic groups was agreed. A discussion resolved that priority should be given to wide spread publicity of the Neighbourhood Plan through leaflets and a high profile article in the Times & Echo and The Cornishman. This should be undertaken by the Chair of the Steering Group to cover all topic groups.

ACTION POINTS:

RH to request approval of the proposed publicity at the Steering Group meeting of 25.6.13.

ISSUE 2 : Built Environment Topic Group Vision Statement

Some discussion resulted in the view that this statement remains organic and will evolve as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses.

ACTION POINTS:

The Group to give due thought and consideration to the Vision Statement.

ISSUE 3 : Terms of Reference

The following TOR objectives were brought forward from the previous meeting:

1. Identify key themes and comprehensively research their area of interest

RH read out for the Group's information a Policy BH12 Planning document on New Development in a Conservation Area:

Development proposals will normally only be permitted for new buildings, alterations, extensions and changes of use in, or which impact on the setting of, the conservation area where all the following criteria are met:

- a. The development preserves or enhances the character and appearance of the area.
- b. The development is in sympathy with the characteristic built form of the area.
- c. The scale, form, materials and detailing of the development respects the characteristics of adjoining buildings in the area.
- d. The development does not result in environmental problems such as noise, nuisance or disturbance which would be detrimental to the particular character of the area,
- e. Important views within, into and out of the area are protected.
- f. Trees and other landscape features contributing to the character or appearance of the area are protected.
- g. The development conforms with the guidance set out in conservation area documents.

The Group was in agreement with these principles.

TOR objective 2

2. Review existing evidence, identify gaps and consider whether any further research needs to be undertaken or commissioned.

A discussion revolved around the following concerns:

- The balance between the natural and the built environment, respecting existing open spaces e.g. Trewyn Gardens, Beaches and Harbour, Chy an Gweal – to seek the establishment of community control through consultation.
- Audit of important buildings e.g. Treloyhan Manor
- Review the public realm – streets, signage, passage ways, shop design, street furniture, lighting, squares
- Review alternative energy technology, e.g. solar panels, wind turbines
- Encourage permanent occupation of houses in the area including the development of houses rather than holiday flats

- Encourage the diversity of commercial outlets in the area
- Enhancement of Community facilities

ACTION POINTS:

To be continued at the next meeting

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ACTION POINTS:

BUDGET

See above

ACTION POINTS:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th July 2013 at 7.00pm at The Guildhall to be confirmed

Meeting closed at: 9pm

Chairman's signature: