

## St Ives Neighbourhood Plan - Culture & Heritage group meeting 12 March 2014

Held in St Ives Archive Centre at 6.30p.m.

Present: Janet Axten, Rita Lait, Christine Marenah, Richard Sorrell

Apologies: Dee Brotherton, Mark Osterfield

Minutes of last meeting: Not available

Review of ideas for policies produced at the previous meeting which were as follows:

- 1 Policy giving positive weight to applications which provide facilities for community use
- 2 Public sector buildings should be offered to community organizations at market rates before being offered to the wider market
- 3 Policy identifying significant buildings and public art works that are not listed
- 4 Policy giving positive weight to developments supporting St Ives as a living centre for the creative industries

RL pointed out that she has not yet found policies relating to aspects of culture / heritage in any of the accepted / draft Neighbourhood Plans elsewhere in the country. There are references to culture / heritage in the sustainability appraisal of Lynton & Lynmouth's Plan and also in the examiner's report, but the topic was not included as an actual policy. Using some of the wording from the Lynplan documentation, the following was added to the above list:

- 5 Policy to protect, enhance and develop local communities' culture and heritage through the appropriate accommodation of such facilities as the Archive, Museum and Library

RS drew attention to useful information which he obtained at the last Planning Aid meeting, which gives examples of NP policies under headings of housing, economy etc. It includes sections headed 'Loss of local services & facilities' and 'Improvements to & new provision of services & facilities' in the Lynplan which could be of relevance to the above 'policy' 5.

The subject of public works of art was discussed and CM devised the following potential policy statement:

'Where public art works are under threat there is a requirement that they should be retained at an alternative site or alternative public art should be provided of equal or higher quality at the same site or other site within the area'.

It was noted that evidence is needed to justify the policies - **to be discussed at the next meeting.**

Community charter:

JA explained that she had been liaising with Lucy Davis about the possibility of the Archive applying for an 'Awards for All' grant on behalf of the NP, in order to pay for advisory input from Isobel & Mothiur and to cover administration costs.

RL pointed out the term 'civic pride', which is used in the Community Charter document, is of particular relevance to our interpretation of Culture & Heritage - as is 'community spirit'

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

Next meeting:

Wed 9th April 6.30 p.m. in the Archive Centre.