

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Neighbourhood Plan Topic Group: Cultural Heritage

Date: 12 June 2013, 6.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber, St Ives Guildhall

PRESENT

Mark Osterfield (Co-Chair); Richard Sorrell (Co-Chair); Christine Marenah; Phil Barnett; Samantha Evamy; Alan Shepherd; Rex Henry; Delia Brotherton, Lucy Hackett (minutes)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Janet Axten

Rita Lait

St Ives Society of Artists

Carol and Bill Lanyon

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Richard Sorrell updated on the decision made at the previous meeting to have 2 aims for the group:

- 1) Heritage – past history
- 2) Culture – now and in the future; alive, growing and needs to be fed

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2013 were approved.

It was resolved that the minutes be adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

1. Previous Initiatives in St Ives (Mark Osterfield)

- i) Market and Coastal Towns Initiative – St Ives Arts and Heritage Partnership

Created the Arts and Heritage Outline Strategy 2007, which had 4 main parts:

1. Asset development, use and availability
2. Education, learning and community
3. Creative industries
4. Working with the tourism industry to promote St Ives

- ii) St Ives Culture Forum

- iii) St Ives Memory Bay Project 2008-1010

ACTION POINTS:

- **Mark will circulate the electronic versions that he has to the group**

2. Vision for Culture and Heritage in St Ives (Richard Sorrell)

The discussion is summed up in the appendix notes. But it was agreed that the overall aim of the group is

AIM: to embed culture and heritage into planning policy for St Ives

ACTION POINTS:

- **Richard will circulate the beginnings of a list of cultural important buildings in St Ives, group members will email him with additions.**

3. Group Brainstorm and Discussion

Summed up in appendix notes.

ACTION POINTS:

- **Mark will summarise the brainstorm and discussions (contained in appendix) under main headings, the group will email Mark with ideas for actions under each heading;**
- **Rex will circulate the National Framework for Art and Regeneration to the group;**
- **Alan will invite a young person representative to join the group;**
- **Lucy will continue as temporary secretary until a replacement is found;**
- **Lucy will book the guildhall Committee Room for future meetings.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The group felt that more cultural organisations and interested individuals should be involved. It was suggested that, instead of blanket invitations, key individuals are approached personally.

The Chairs of all Topic Groups have a contact list for most organisations in St Ives, which groups are free to use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

31 July, 6.30-8.00pm, St Ives Guildhall

21 Aug, 6.30-8.00pm, St Ives Guildhall

Meeting closed at: 8.00pm

Chairman's signature:

APPENDIX

Cultural Heritage Group Brainstorm

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Please see below the ideas suggested around the scope of the remit of the St Ives Cultural Heritage Group – plus the challenges and proposed actions. Please note I have added in italics some additional thoughts which would of course need to be agreed by the group.
Mark Osterfield

Protect St Ives cultural building assets

- Protect historic buildings and prioritise public benefit
- Facilitate use of public buildings by the community e.g. artist studios; boat building (Jumbo Assoc); young people

Actions:

- Identify planning priorities to support cultural heritage and protect community assets
- *Audit buildings of interest?*

Support St Ives as a living centre for art

- Visual artists: studios, gallery spaces; accommodation?
- Musicians: venues; practice spaces; accommodation?

Actions:

- *Identify studio/practice spaces*
- *Create residency opportunities?*
- *Out of season Slow Art and Ideas Festival?*

Promoting St Ives

- Town signage
- Printed or digital trails/apps
- Improved parking options and transport links

Actions:

- *Call for signage project*
- *Audit organisations for culture trail?*
- *Speak to Jeannie Sinclair/Lucy Frears/ Linda Sandino re: apps etc?*
- *Explore St Erth Park and Ride proposals?*
- *Review peak time traffic restrictions in town?*
- *Opportunity for Green St Ives profile?*

Maintaining the unique identity for St Ives

- Support Feast Day and May Day etc.
- *Celebrate Churches and Chapels of St Ives?*

- Festivals e.g September Festival; Food Festival; Literary Festival; Speech and Drama Festival; Festival of Plays
- Historical stories e.g. Stephen Bassett Harbour Master – involve schools and Every Child Matters (joanne Dean)
- Cornish in dual language signage and info texts
- *Support cultural organisations and projects celebrating town's identity e.g. Porthmeor Studios; St Ives Museum etc ?*

Actions:

- *Speak to church and chapel community?*

Sport

- Rugby Club
- Golf Club
- Surfing

Protecting the natural and archaeological environment

- Steeple Woods
- Cliffs
- Mining heritage
- *St Ives in Bloom?*
- *Beaches?*

OBSTACLES/CHALLENGES

- Parking – we want to achieve easy access for both locals and visitors
- Property prices caused by developers – consider a planning levy
- Job market (seasonal, low paid) – find ways to support St Ives residents
- Part time occupancy of properties
- Getting community engaged with Neighbourhood Plan