

## Minutes of the Meeting of St. Ives Neighbourhood Plan Transport Topic Group

Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 6.30pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Guildhall, St Ives

Present: Alan Clegg (Chairperson) (AC)  
Matt Hayter (MH)  
Geoff Williamson (Secretary) (GW)  
Ron Tulley (RT)

1. Apologies for Absence: Mike Pierce (MP)

2. Declaration of Members Interests: As previous

3. Minutes of last meeting(s):

Minutes of meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 accepted as correct and signed by Chairperson.

3a. Matters arising:

AC had not found out any more details of the proposed transport measures shown on Cornwall Council transport strategy map. **To be followed up.**

AC reported that Steering Group had asked Topic Group chairs to find out the views of their groups about the principle of St Ives Neighbourhood Plan undertaking work on Site Allocations - primarily for housing and employment purposes. MH was in favour and said TTG may also need be involved in site allocation for a park and ride site for example. The consensus view of the TTG was that it would be appropriate to undertake site allocations in the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan.

4. Review of proposed policies

AC distributed for discussion first draft of "Transport & Getting Around" section for the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan setting out the Background, Key Aim, Objectives (4) and Policy titles (5), and also a proposed policy to secure provision of a combined park and ride / freight hub near junction of the C159 ("Coach Road") and B3311 around Balnoon area.

Ideas to encourage greater use of the C159 as alternative to A3074 were discussed including whether it would be beneficial / possible to downgrade the A3074 to a B road, and upgrade the C159 to a B or A road, and promote the C159/B3311 as the main route for traffic to access St Ives. The carriageway width of the A3074 is restricted in Lelant to one lane whereas the C159/B3311 is two lanes albeit without pavements for much of its length.

MH distributed proposed policies for Traffic calming and signage for discussion.

GW distributed proposed policy for Local parking space standard for new developments.

RT had reviewed policies on cycling routes/facilities for parking/storage in other NPs. Much was area specific but common issues were: safety on shared roads particularly at junctions; storage in towns and at home.

RT said that on transport the emphasis in other NPs and also in Cornwall Connect is on sustainable transport, and it was agreed this should be added to the objectives. It was recognised however that provision of Public Transport was one of the essential requirements for sustainable transport system but was not something that could be directly addressed within the scope of the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan.

GW said that some examiners had looked for a clear link between a Vision; Objectives and Policies. It agreed to add a Vision statement for Transport along lines of:

*“A neighbourhood area where getting around is safe for walkers, cyclists, riders and users of motor vehicle, and is free from traffic congestion.”*

Agreed to add two more objectives:

3. Reduce and manage traffic flows;
6. Encourage/support sustainable transport initiatives.

Agreed to add a sixth policy:

T6 Sustainable Transport.

GW said that some examiners had suggested that a policy on parking provision for new developments might fit better as a housing policy. **Agreed GW would raise this, and also storage of cycles in new developments, at the next housing topic group meeting.**

**Agreed to work on the draft “Transport and Getting Around” document incorporating the new objectives and policy for discussion, and finalising, the proposal for the TTG input to be submitted to Steering Group by 28<sup>th</sup> April ahead of second round of consultations during May. AC would contact MP to get his proposals for Entry Permit Scheme for St Ives town centre.**

6. Any other business

7. Date, time & location for next meeting:

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 6.30 pm Guildhall, St.Ives**