

St Ives Area Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2013 in the Council Chamber, St Ives Guildhall.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence.

Present: Maxine Armstrong (chair and town councillor), David Todd (Open Spaces), Geoff Williamson (Transport), Rita Lait (Culture and Heritage and town councillor), Morag Robertson (town councillor), Tim Andrewes (town and Cornwall councillor), Paul Woodward (Housing), Tony Beavan (Inclusivity), Rex Henry (Built Environment).

Apologies: Lucy Hackett, Alan Clegg, Matt Hayter, Richard Sorrell.

2. Public Speaking

None

3. Declarations of Interest.

None

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were agreed as a true record.

It was noted that policies in the Penwith Local Plan still carry some weight in planning decisions, but that this weight is diminishing over time.

ACTIONS:

- Maxine Armstrong to chase up answers to outstanding issues with Andy England, including the data on up to date housing allocations.

5.1 Review of the Carbis Bay Consultation Event and Plans for Next Event

It was estimated that around 100 members of the public had attended the event (similar to the turnout in Lelant).

The main theme to arise had been concern over the proposal at Gonwin Farm.

Comments and suggestions had been received by the various topic groups, and these will be collated by the groups in due course.

It was felt that the presentation of the event could be improved further in the following ways:

- Making clearer the relationship between the NP and the Cornwall Local Plan and NPPF.
- Explaining that the NP is a community-led, not a Town Council-led, process, and that the final NP will have legal status.

Some of the music was felt to be too loud, and it was also noted that very few young people were being attracted to the events.

ACTIONS:

- Tony Beavan to alter the meet-and-greet table to make it clearer what the NP is, and that it is community led.
- Lucy to issue a post-Carbis Bay press release this week, and a pre-St Ives event release the following week.
- All topic group chairs to encourage more volunteers to attend the St Ives event.
- Rita Lait to ensure that there will be a Culture and Heritage table and an Economic Development table.

- Maxine Armstrong to remind Andrew George to attend.
- Tony Beavan to deliver flyers around Penbeagle (flyer artwork to be produced by Morag Robertson and produced in the Town Council offices).

5.2 Survey Mailout

Publicity South West, the delivery firm, had proved to be extremely unreliable. The surveys have not all been delivered, and the firm has admitted that Carbis Bay has yet to be delivered. A definitive list of streets delivered has been requested but has not been forthcoming.

It was decided to retrieve the surveys from the firm and use our own volunteers to deliver them.

ACTIONS

- Maxine Armstrong to obtain the undelivered surveys from the firm and to ask again which streets/areas have definitely be delivered.
- Lucy Hackett was requested to email out all contacts to ascertain whether they had received the survey. In this way, it might be possible to identify which areas need to be delivered to.

5.3 Dealing with Planning Applications prior to NP Completion

The Housing Topic Group had raised a concern that the Gonwin Farm proposal might use up most of the proposed net housing allocation for St Ives and Carbis Bay and that this should be taken into account during consideration of the application.

It was agreed that Peter Bainbridge should be invited to a meeting of the Housing Topic Group, to discuss Gonwin Farm and other planning applications in the area as they materially affect the development of the NP and issues around it.

ACTION:

- Housing Topic Group to invite Peter Bainbridge.

5.4 Topic Group Updates

Culture & Heritage Group is keen to pick up on the idea emulating the Falkirk Community Charter.

Open Spaces group has completed its audit of open spaces. David Todd had attended a meeting of school heads and explained the NP process to them.

Housing: still meeting regularly and developing protocols for new housing schemes.

Built Environment: Looking at the suggestion of a design brief for the town to use as guidance for planners.

Transport: still a small group. Next meeting on 26th November.

Information is still outstanding on transport and housing policies from CC.

ACTIONS

- Lucy Hackett to chase up Marcus Healan and Chandelle Randall about outstanding information requests.

6 Next Meeting

To be held on Monday 18th November, 7pm in the Committee Room, St Ives Guildhall.