

GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 32nd meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Village Hal, Gurnard on Thursday 26th June 2014 at 7.15pm

Present

Councillors: Paul Fuller (7.25pm), Aslam Javiad, Terry Nolan and Vicky Spencer,

Messrs, Bede Townsend (Chairman), Richard Cobden and Jon Pearson.

Cllrs Sean Harrison and Marie Bugden were also in attendance but not part of the Steering Group.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Carl Blenkinsop.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 09/06/14 were agreed.

Matters Arising

The Place Road development planning application should be discussed by the IW Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 22nd July. This will not be confirmed until 8th July. Cllr Sean Harrison (Chairman) will represent the Parish Council objections at the meeting but requested input from the Steering Group to add to the statement. There is a letter on the NPSG website, which will be checked by members and forwarded to Sean to be included in his statement.

Cllr Paul Fuller explained that residents with objections can attend the site visit (which should be Friday 18th July) with banners but cannot speak to members of the Planning Committee. This information will be passed to Mr Greg Malone. He also suggested that a letter from the chairman of the Steering Group to all individual members of the Planning Committee could be written, as there will be no opportunity for them to speak at the meeting.

Once the date is confirmed, Cllr Paul Fuller will letter drop the residents informing them of the situation.

Update from Chris Broughton Associates

Following the visit from Chris last week, he has emailed a two page overall report and reports for each of the focus groups.

Overall report

Various questions were raised from Chris requesting further evidence.

ACTION:

- 1) **Bede will supply a list of local business to Chris**
- 2) **The Parish Clerk will look through both paper and electronic files for evidence of public consultation regarding open/green spaces.**
- 3) **Richard will contact Guy Boorman regarding the work he completed on the 2011 census.**

Focus Groups

Environmental Regeneration and Tourism Theme

The amended vision statement suggested by Chris was discussed and the suggested objectives agreed.

ACTION:

- 1) **Bede to contact: Visit Isle, Chamber of Commerce, IW Federation of Small Business's, Gurnard Pines and Clarke's Mechanical for further evidence requested by Chris.**

Natural Environment Theme

The vision statement suggested by Chris was discussed and two words added. Of the five objective suggested by Chris, wording was added to include the coastal footpath.

Social and Wellbeing Theme

No mention of the importance of the local community bus service was mentioned in the report from Chris.

The vision statement suggested by him, required the additional wording to highlight the need of the older residents.

One other objective was suggested “to protect and enhance the local public transport”

Many other objectives were added to the information to take forward to the Parish Plan update.

ACTION: Richard to provide the data obtained from the Garden Watch.

Building and Development Theme

Several of the objectives suggested by Chris were re-written to reflect local needs. On the further evidence required:

ACTION:

- 1) **The Parish Clerk will provide a list of the “listed buildings” in the Parish**
- 2) **Bede will discuss with Gurnard Pines the sustainability of the residents there if the Holiday Village closes.**

Public Consultation Event

This was suggested by Chris once the objectives for the focus groups had been agreed. Discussion took place regarding the format for this consultation using the experience of previous ones. It was agreed that an insert in the September edition of the Gurnard News on yellow paper would be the most effective way of gaining public opinion. Copy deadline for this edition is 20th August. This would then be delivered to every household in Gurnard and collection boxes could be positioned at the Portland Inn and Bryans News Agency. It could also be uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website for online submissions.

Meetings

Date of next meeting will be agreed once all the information has been sent to Chris and next steps are agreed by him.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.