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## GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Mobile Classroom at Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 from 7pm.

### **Present:**

**Councillors** Richard Day & Aslam Javid, **Messrs** Terry Nolan, Carl Blenkinsop, Guy Boorman, Jon Pearson, Greg Malone & Ollie Boulter (IWC), **Madame** Emma Stevens. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

Paul Fuller & Miles Seymour

### **Presentation:**

Ollie Boulter gave a brief report on some Island Plan Core Strategy mapping policy issues which mean maps can only show development documents. Most of the time was spent considering the principle of moving the Regeneration Area Settlement Boundary line, perhaps completely excluding Gurnard & Northwood so all of these 2 areas would be outside the boundary. This was cautiously welcomed, but **it was agreed that the Steering Group would be happier if the Parish Council responded to this**. The Clerk said this could be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting, but asked that the IW Council keep the Steering Group “at the table” in respect of how and where the boundary line would be moved (East Cowes, Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood are all in one area at the moment). It was inferred that the implications for Gurnard would be that all future development would be need based, and so all the allocated sites in the Parish would also relate to need only. Reasons given were to “tidy up” the 4 current settlements and also that there is now a different policy approach, compared to the old Unitary Development Plan. If the principle of moving the boundaries is OK, proposals could be ready before the consultation later on in the year, perhaps by Easter 2013. SP1 sets hierarchies: Key Regeneration Areas and Rural Service Centres – Gurnard and Northwood will not be Rural Service Centres. Other issues included: The SHLAA sites were being assessed now, aiming to select the best sites for development locations, which will involve a sustainability appraisal. The Medina AAP consultation is expected to take place in September 2013, but it will come to Parishes beforehand. SHLAA sites not initially selected will remain SHLAA sites – whilst they could be developed later on, they will not become new “allocated sites” under the Medina AAP.

### **Matters Arising from 13/12/12:**

- a. Village signage – a vector file on “Illustrator” software has been produced and given to the Sign Company, which is now working on the project.
- b. Banner – prices for 2’ banners are in 6’ (£45 + VAT), 8’ (£65 + VAT) and 10’ (£80 + VAT) lengths, and **the 10’ banner was favoured**. The Sign Company only needs 2 weeks to manufacture, and they can be flexible in terms of permanent and “stick-on” letters – the stick-on letters can be removed/replaced at between £15 and £25 each time. **It was suggested that 2 banners were purchased, one for meetings and the other for general information**.
- c. Logistics – there was no report to hand on information from the IW Council about people moving into the Village from other areas, and just 1 of the 6 Estate Agents contacted responded that in the past

2/3 years 20% moved within Gurnard, 50% from other parts of the Island to Gurnard and 30% from the mainland to Gurnard.

## Focus Groups

No reports were received, save the fact that the Environment Focus Group was meeting on 17/1/13.

## Consultation:

### a. Initial General Survey

The analysis has been completed, and Jon Pearson was thanked for his work. **It was agreed that this should be uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan web site and that there were no specific implications for the Housing Needs Survey format.**

### b. Housing Needs Survey

A quick report was given on the meeting with Peter Griffiths re: the housing needs survey form, and in particular questions 8 and 9. Including SHLAA maps was not recommended, and questions 8 & 9 could be combined into 1. Question 10 has been changed, in that both the rental and buying bandings have been increased. **It was agreed that once the changes are completed, the final form would be circulated to all.**

The Housing Needs Survey will be launched, probably in April, and Steering Group members will cover the same areas as last time, and it is hoped to use other volunteers to help too. **It was agreed that Emma Stevens would investigate freepost envelope costs.**

### c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting

Discussion took place on holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting, perhaps to profile the forthcoming launch of the Housing Needs Survey. Having a banner up about 4 days beforehand to advertise the meeting would be beneficial, as well as profiling the meeting through all the other media (websites, notice boards, Village Talk, IW Radio etc).

**It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for Thursday 21/3/13 at 7pm in the Village Hall if possible.**

### d. May Queen 2013 (6/5/13?)

Consideration was given to using this event to further profile the project and **it was agreed this would be a good idea.** The details will be discussed later.

## Consultation Programme

The programme was adjusted as follows:

- March – delete “distribute housing needs survey”. Add “Public Meeting 21/3/13”
- April – add “and collection” after “Distribute Housing Needs Survey”
- May – add “May Queen Exhibition”
- September – delete “submit plan to IW Council”. Add “hold Neighbourhood Plan Open Day event before submission”
- October – add “submit plan to IW Council”

There was one comment made that the final plan document needs to be simple, clear and easy to read. It was suggested that this could involve having a comparatively small actual “Plan Document”, with background and evidential papers published separately.

## Community Groups – Individual Consultation

- Gurnard WI – there was no information available from **Paul**
- Gurnard Cottage Garden Society – **Rusty** has been in touch – there will be a response after the group's February meeting.
- Gurnard Sailing Club – **Emma** will has spoken to Mark Southwell – details to come
- Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association - there was no information available from **Richard Cobden** (Liz Jackson about a possible “Planning for Real” exercise, and also from the Friends Association to see if access to members is possible or not)
- Gurnard Scouts & Guides – **Greg** has been in touch with Paul Savill and is waiting for a response
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group - **Rusty** has been in touch with Lisa Anderson and is waiting for a response
- All Saints Church – waiting for the new Minister to arrive in February (consider presence at fayres & jumble sales etc)
- Gurnard Club (Age UK) – **Rusty** has been in touch with Alan Wiles – welcome at any meeting, usually held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – please give notice.

Putting a programme together for visiting these groups was deferred, pending hearing from all the groups.

## Publicity

**It was agreed that Emma would talk to Bede to clarify the situation.**

## Funding

Efforts at some quite high levels are being made to gain access to what is now £30K (or maybe £50K) of HM Government funding being made available for each Neighbourhood Plan until March 2015 – there is a finite limit to the size of the pot, but the Gurnard scheme is believed to be registered. Funds go to the IW Council, and it is proving very hard to access any of it at the moment – 3 Parish Councils are in discussion with Andrew Turner MP and Nick Boles MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Planning), and now NALC is being lobbied by IWALC to campaign for the funding to reach where it's needed.

## Other Urgent Business

The only item that was mentioned was security numbering of housing needs forms, to avoid fraud.

## Next Agenda

Nothing was mentioned

## Next Meeting

A programme was agreed: 7/2/13, 7/3/13, 4/4/13, 9/5/13, 6/6/13, 4/7/13, 1/8/13, 29/8/13, 26/9/13, 24/10/13, 21/11/13 & 12/12/13 – all at 7pm – venues to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm