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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 13th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Chart Room at Gurnard Pines in Cockleton Lane on Thursday 13th December 2012 from 7pm.

Present:

Councillors Richard Day, Aslam Javaid & Paul Fuller, **Messrs** Terry Nolan, Miles Seymour, Carl Blenkinsop, Richard Cobden, Emma Stevens and Greg Malone. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Guy Boorman, Jon Pearson & Ollie Boulter (IWC).

Presentation:

Ollie Boulter was supposed to be present to speak about some Island Plan Core Strategy mapping policy issues and a possible challenge concerning mapping only showing development documents – a neighbourhood plan is not, apparently, a development document. He hopes to come to the next meeting.

Matters Arising from 15/11/12:

- a. Street signage – the IW Council has granted consent for the signs, which have been ordered. There are software issues, with a vector file of the logo being requested. **It was agreed that Richard Cobden will look into this.**

Focus Groups

Reports were received as follows:

New Members

As a direct result of the school Christmas Fayre presence one lady has volunteered for a focus group, and **it was agreed that she would be asked to join the Environment Group. Greg Malone also agreed to join the Buildings & Development Group.**

Buildings and Development:

The group has not met since the last Steering Group meeting.

Regeneration, Economy and Tourism:

The group has not met since the last Steering Group meeting.

Environment:

The group has not met since the last Steering Group meeting.

Social Wellbeing and Community:

This group has not met yet.

Consultation:

a. Housing Needs Survey

Steering Group members have met with Peter Griffiths (IW Council) to run the draft survey form past him. Discussion included one suggestion that the choices in question 13 were too detailed, and that some changes could be made here for simplification. **Rusty will speak to a contact about income bands used on other questionnaire forms.** Also the numbering of forms would avoid any fraud. In question 8 highlighting “Gurnard Parish” would keep people focused on the Gurnard area – identifying a geographical area for development might be useful, which could include a reference to the SHLAA sites – the same could apply for question 9, which could have SHLAA sites + other sites as a choices “guide”. 2nd homes were also discussed, and whether to include this on the form – **it was agreed the 2nd homes issue may be more in line with the remit of the Regeneration, Economy and Tourism Focus Group.**

b. Public Meeting 29/11/12

Only 38 people attended (including the Steering Group) which was disappointing and the IW County Press also attended. However the low numbers was made up for with enthusiasm for what is taking place, and in fact the Steering Group was applauded for its work. There were presentations from each of the 4 focus groups, as well as a general reminder of what the Plan’s all about – the presentations were complemented by an IT display from the new video projector. The issue of obtaining a “wider view and input” to the housing needs survey was mentioned. 4 feedback forms were left in the box, 2 offering to help with some of the legwork and 2 asking questions/making comments:

- Is Steering Group aware of SHLAA site owners? Thinks Barrett Homes owns LDF 383 – how long will developers sit on sites before building?
- A suggestion that a collection box is left in a shop for returned forms for those who fill in forms late, or don’t want a personal caller

Publicity might have been a factor in the low attendance – sent out too early? Leafleting may assist closer to the date, having a big banner in the Village and having someone in each street who can act as an “ambassador” to promote these events and survey participation etc.. It was also suggested that using “freepost” may be an option for the returning of forms.

It was agreed that Paul Fuller would ask Clive Joynes for information on people coming to living the Village from other areas, and Rusty will talk to Estate Agents on the same issue. Rusty will research free post and printed banner costs (with flexible date/time facility).

c. Primary School Christmas Fayre 7/12/12

2 or 3 Steering Group members and the Clerk attended the Primary School Christmas Fayre - the IT displays were staged again and information leaflets were handed out profiling the Plan, and also seeking additional Focus Group members. One feedback form completed, but several people came to talk to the team. This was a worthwhile exercise and was further evidence of the Group’s interaction with the community.

Consultation Programme

The programme was adjusted as follows:

- January – delete Gurnard News and add “Village community groups consultation”
- February – add “Village community groups consultation”
- March – add “OR” after “Distribute Housing Needs Survey”
- April – add “Distribute Housing Needs Survey”
- May – add “May Queen Exhibition”
- June - add “Focus Groups Consultation exercises”

Community Groups – Individual Consultation

The following was agreed:

- Gurnard WI – **Paul Fuller** will speak to Carolyn Sibley about coming to a meeting
- Portland Inn & Woodvale Hotel – no need to visit
- Gurnard Cottage Garden Society – **Rusty** will try and obtain alternative meeting dates
- Gurnard Sailing Club – Emma Stevens will speak to **Mark Southwell** about access to club members
- Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association - **Richard Cobden** will speak to Liz Jackson about a possible “Planning for Real” exercise, and also to the Friends Association to see if access to members is possible or not
- Gurnard Scouts & Guides – **Greg Malone** will talk to Paul Savill about access to this group
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group - **Rusty** will talk to Lisa Anderson
- Gurnard Village Hall Association – no need to visit
- All Saints Church – difficult till new Minister is in place (February?) – consider presence at fayres & jumble sales etc
- Gurnard Club (Age UK) – **Rusty** will talk to Alan Wiles

Publicity

Nothing was discussed about publicity

Other Urgent Busienss

Nothing was raised.

Next Agenda

Nothing was mentioned

Next Meeting

Thursday 10th January 2013 – 7pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9pm