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## GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Food Hall at Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from 7pm.

### **Present:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Aslam Javaid and Bede Townsend.

### **Matters Arising from 18/91012:**

- a. Street signage – the Parish Council has approved the purchase of aluminium “Neighbourhood Plan” signs to be fixed to the 5 Gurnard signs. Consent is currently awaited from the IW Council.
- b. Video Projector & Screen – the video projector and screen have been purchased.

### **Focus Groups**

Reports were received as follows:

#### Buildings and Development:

The group met on 14/11/12 and fine-tuned the housing needs survey template, especially on the financial information requested but also looked at questions 8, 9, 10 & 11 from the general survey – the template is considered ready to run past Peter Griffiths at the IW Council now, but also need to ask if even more financial questions could be removed to avoid any possible boycotting of the survey. It was mentioned that initial feedback suggests there is a desire to protect Tuttons Hill, Marsh Road, and Lower Church Road from development - infill development, homes that are economically affordable (rather than “affordable housing”) and retirement homes seem to be more favoured than large development schemes.

#### Regeneration, Economy and Tourism:

The group has met twice, and reports will be circulated soon. The group considered questions 12 & 14 from the general survey and also looked at what its remit was, and suggested topics included:

- Footpaths (Worsley Road to Baring Road)
- Supporting businesses
- Coastal Footpath repairs
- Allotments
- Industrial units in the Village
- Maintaining the “green buffer” between Cowes and Gurnard
- Maintaining former school field & orchard for community use
- Better use of green spaces

### Environment:

The group has met once, and recapped on progress made so far. The group needs other members, and is looking for relevant skills. Some hard copy data has been received from the Records Office, and more has been asked for in IT format. The group also looked at defining its remit (green initiatives and wildlife protection) and what needs to be included in the Plan – an update from the group will be circulated to all.

### Social Wellbeing and Community:

This group has not met yet.

**Agreed: That Richard Day would e-mail all the helpers to update them and to ensure they are aware of the Public Meeting on 29/11/12.**

### Consultation:

a. 1<sup>st</sup> General Questionnaire

The final 70 questionnaire responses have been fed into the summary spreadsheet. A text summary has also been produced from the spreadsheet.

b. Housing Needs Survey

The final format/template must not frighten people, yet at the same time it must encourage people to support managed development taking place.

c. Public Meeting 29/11/12

The Village Hall is booked for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. It was agreed to try and avoid specific planning application discussion taking over the meeting and the agenda was confirmed as:

- Recap on what the Neighbourhood Plan is, and to explain again why we need to complete it
- Update on Steering Group progress made so far
- Presentations from the 4 Focus Groups on their remits
- Summary of General Survey results
- Introduce Housing Needs Survey and encourage participation

The presentations will be supported by a video projector slide show which Richard Cobden will pull together to include village photos, SHLAA sites, (perhaps to include Pan Meadows for comparison) survey feedback (pie charts etc), Neighbourhood Plan logo etc

Top Table will include:

- Richard Day (welcome and introduction)
- Focus Group representation from Terry Nolan, Guy Boorman, Jon Pearson, Bede Townsend and Paul Fuller/Aslam Javaid.

### Other Consultation

The Primary School has offered space in the food hall for the Steering Group to have a presence at the Christmas Fayre, which will run from 4pm to 6pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**It was agreed to take up this offer and:**

- **Richard Cobden and the Parish Clerk will attend, hopefully also with Guy Boorman and Greg Malone**
- **An IT rolling display with video projector and screen will be shown**
- **Maps will be displayed**
- **Focus Group information will be to hand, with a view to recruiting extra people**
- **Contact will be provided.**

### **Community Groups – Individual Consultation**

There was insufficient time to discuss this item.

### **Publicity**

Miles' Press Release was discussed – **it was agreed it was fine as it was** and the intention is to get it included in the 23/9/12 edition of IW County Press. **Guy Boorman will send it to IWCP and also make IW Radio, On the Wight, Island Pulse and Radio Solent aware of it. It was suggested it went on the Neighbourhood Plan website too. Rusty Adams will ensure an up to date report appears in the December/January edition of Gurnard News.**

### **Other Urgent Busienss**

Nothing was raised.

### **Next Agenda**

Nothing was mentioned

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 – 7pm in the Village Hall to prepare for the 29<sup>th</sup> November public meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm