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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 19th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held at Gurnard Village Hall on Thursday 16th May 2013 from 7pm.

Present:

Councillor Terry Nolan, **Messrs** Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden, Greg Malone, Richard Day, Carl Blenkinsop, Jon Pearson & Joss Bleriot. Also Miles Seymour (Consultant) & Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Bede Townsend, Emma Stevens and Cllrs Aslam Javaid, Mark McNeil & Paul Fuller.

Matters Arising from 4/4/13

Joint Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting:

This meeting between Gurnard, Brading, Bembridge and Freshwater Steering Groups is set up for Tuesday 28th May from 6.30pm to 8pm at County Hall.

Agreed that Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden & Terry Nolan would represent Gurnard, along with Rusty Adams to record the meeting.

Village Consultation

Housing Needs Survey:

A distribution meeting was held on 25/4/13 and the 1000 survey forms were handed out to be delivered over a 2 week period. 59 were not delivered due to lack of or inaccessible mail boxes.

By 16/5/13 a total of 512 responses had been returned, with 311 of those being by Freepost, which equates to a healthy 53% response so far.

It was agreed that the response deadline would be 31/5/13, and that this date would be put on the N/H Plan website and all “helpers” advised of the date.

The analysis process was discussed, and **it was agreed that this would be along similar lines to the 1st general survey analysis, and Jon Pearson would prepare a spreadsheet with the returns being split up between Steering Group members for input.** All returns received to date were given to Guy Boorman.

Secondary Data:

Following on from Martha James's input which included:

- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of current dwellings (size, types, condition & tenure)
- ³⁵₁₇ Market trends, balance of supply & demand
- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of future household numbers (age & type)
- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of current numbers of households with a housing need
- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of future households requiring affordable housing
- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of future households requiring market housing
- ³⁵₁₇ Estimates of future household groups with particular housing need (families, older people, key workers, disabled & youth)

Sources of Secondary Data:

- ³⁵₁₇ Homeless & housing register
- ³⁵₁₇ Current housing market, including house price statistics (Land Registry?)
- ³⁵₁₇ Income statistics
- ³⁵₁₇ Census
- ³⁵₁₇ Primary School growth figures
- ³⁵₁₇ Housing Corporation statistics (older v younger ratios in communities)
- ³⁵₁₇ National house building past 10 years
- ³⁵₁₇ Business community feedback

It was mentioned that the Census 2011 data keeps changing.

Resources:

It was suggested that more resources were needed for the buildings and development aspect of the project, which could be reflected in the Focus Group work

It was agreed that a combined meeting of all 4 Focus Group members should take place after the end of May, to agree some resourcing priorities.

Former Primary School Buildings Site:

The future use of the buildings site was discussed, and it was felt this would be an ideal affordable housing site that may be able to support up to 15 housing units. One possible route could be setting up a Community Land Trust and using the Community Right to Bid process.

It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to consider this.

4th Public Meeting:

Consideration was given to the need and timing of a 4th public meeting, and **it was agreed that this could be used to highlight the outcomes from the Housing Needs Survey, to be held as and when the analysis process is completed.**

Open Forum Meeting:

It was suggested that a less formal open forum meeting might be beneficial in terms of gleaning information from residents who were not comfortable with the larger public meeting environment. **It was agreed to consider having such a forum gathering, perhaps to coincide with the combined focus group planning for real exhibition event.**

Focus Groups:

³⁵₁₇ Buildings & Development – Interest has been expressed by one resident in joining this group, and **it was agreed to invite him and direct him to Guy**. It was recognized that there is one big challenge for this group still needing to be addressed, namely liaising with local land owners – making contact through the IW Council for SHLAA site owners would be a good start – **it was agreed there is a need to check with Guy and Paul if any progress has been made here.**

³⁵₁₇ Environment – Interest has been expressed by one resident in joining this group, and **it was agreed to invite her and direct her to Richard Day**. The group met on 9/5/13, but due to a low turnout the meeting just caught up on some data-seeking details – a layered map would be ideal if possible, and the Parish Council has now signed an OS agreement with the IW Council. The Gurnard Garden Watch initiative is underway and has received 50 responses so far – **it was agreed that this will be further profiled in the summer Gurnard News**. A room is needed for the next meeting, which is planned for 13/6/13 from 8pm.

³⁵₁₇ Regeneration, Economy & Tourism – met on 22/4/13 and 19 people from 15 businesses attended. Census 2011 information indicates there are 254 home workers in Gurnard. Topics included the 2011 Localism Act, the H/Needs survey, using IT to identify local resources and skills, local networking including a Gurnard Business Association, 2nd homes and funding for young-family-friendly development. The idea of a bio-digestion plant for the Village was also discussed but scale is the issue and 750KW for the Village was mentioned, green energy in new housing stock, bio-mass

fuel boilers and it is planned to meet with 2 local people who seem well-versed in this area. **It was agreed that Focus Group leaders should give reports to Richard Cobden, who would upload them to the N/H Plan website. It was also agreed to ask David Green to attend the Steering Group meeting on 6/6/13 to discuss bio-mass.**

³⁵₁₇ Social Wellbeing & Community – met on 16/4/13 and 3 members attended.

The mapping exercise recording all community activities continues, and it was planned to use the May Queen event to seek further help from members of the Gurnard Community to glean additional information, all of which it is hoped will be completed before the next meeting. In the last community survey 33 households commented on Public Transport, with suggestions that the service be extended to cover the afternoons, evenings and Sundays. The idea of a satellite Post Office service being provided is being considered with the Gurnard Village Hall Association, and investigations into creating a Skills bank in the Village are being carried out. The fact that much of the sports, keep fit and catering facilities at Gurnard Pines is out of reach of most residents was also discussed, and the idea of the Pines introducing a special "Gurnard Residents Only " discounted special rate was suggested. Youth Group Activity will feature at the next meeting, which will be on 29/5/13 in the Garden Room from 7.30pm. (Maggie Sauven?)

³⁵₁₇ Combined Focus Groups Exhibition

If invited a consultant has agreed to come to the 6/6/13 Steering Group to explain the Planning for Real process and, if required, she would also be willing to attend on the day. The Parish Council has agreed to fund her visit on 6/6/13. 4 x A0 posters of the Village have been obtained which, when joined together, should be about 8' x 5' 6" in size.

It was agreed to invite the consultant for 6/6/13 to explain Planning for Real.

Neighbourhood Plan Programme:

Copies of the programme as updated to March 2013 were circulated, and **it was agreed to:**

³⁵₁₇ **Move focus group consultation exhibition entries from June & July to September**

³⁵₁₇ **Move neighbourhood plan open day from September to November**

³⁵₁₇ **Move submit plan to IWC for examination from October to December**

³⁵₁₇ **Delete referendum from November & December (to reschedule for 2014)**

It was also agreed that all focus groups will work out the details of how they wish to use the combined exhibition day (planning for real etc) in September in time for consideration and planning at the 4/7/13 Steering Group meeting.

Community Groups – Individual Consultation

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard WI – there was no information available from **Paul**

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard Sailing Club – nothing new to add

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association – hopefully some involvement with the combined exhibition item above.

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard Scouts & Guides – Not known if the May Queen event was used effectively

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group – This is still on **Bede's** list to follow up.

³⁵₁₇ All Saints Church – This is still on **Richard D's** list to follow up. (consider input to fayres & jumble sales etc)

³⁵₁₇ Gurnard Club (Age UK) – **Aslam** has spoken to the group to profile the N/Hood Plan, and the recent survey in particular. It was well received.

³⁵₁₇ Cameo and IT Group – these are still on **Bede's** list to follow up.

Press & Publicity:

It was agreed that a press release will be needed when the results of the H/Needs survey analysis become clear, and that the Steering Group needs to remain focused on using all publicity avenues. There were some issues with the survey reminder banner being erected in the Village, resulting in its being taken down earlier than was planned. **It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to apply for consent for periodic short-term mounting of a banner by the clock.**

AOB:

It was agreed to ask Guy if he has all the helpers' e-mail addresses, and to thank them for their work in delivering the survey forms.

Next Meeting

Thursday 6th June 2013 – 7pm (Venue to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 8.44pm