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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 23rd meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the mobile classroom at Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road on Thursday 19th September 2013 from 7pm.

Present

Councillors McNeill & Nolan, **Messrs** Richard Day, Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden, Carl Blenkinsop, Greg Malone, Miles Seymour and **Madame** Emma Stevens (arrived late) - also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies were received from **Councillor** Javid and **Messrs** Jon Pearson, Joss Bleriot & Bede Townsend. Also from **Mesdames** Emma Stevens, who expects to arrive late, and Maggie Sauven.

Matters Arising from 18/7/13

- a. Premature Development Planning Determinations (Emma Stevens arrived during this item)
44 Worsley Road is on the IW Council 24/9/13 agenda – Terry Nolan will be accompanying Planning Consultant Martha James, who will be speaking on the Parish Council's behalf. The IWC Committee has been lobbied, with some responses. The site survey takes place on 20/9/13, and **it was agreed that Richard would e-mail all existing contacts to update them on this application and also to send a newsletter update.**

Steering Group Chairman

It was suggested that the time may be right to consider electing a new Chairman. **This was agreed and Guy Boorman was elected as Chairman.** Richard Day was thanked for his leadership since the project got underway properly in January 2012.

Village Consultation

- a. Housing Needs Survey
The report is complete and it has been approved by the Parish Council and is now confirmed as a material consideration in determining all Gurnard planning applications. The presentation by Chris Broughton was described as excellent, and it was suggested putting the power point presentation on the N/Hood Plan website.
- b. Real Time Planning Event
Workshops – These were held on 1/8/13 & 27/8/13 and were well attended – all that needed to be prepared was prepared and everyone felt ready for the September events.

Exhibition events – These took place in the Village Hall on 13th & 14th September 2013, from 5pm to 7pm on the Friday and 10am to 1pm on the Saturday. The displays looked clear and informative and on the Friday the IW Council was present consulting and informing on green gaps and integration on the N/Hood Plan into the Island Plan. Maggie Sauven was also present on the Friday talking to the young people. Attendance on the Friday was 2 (1-15), 7 (16-24), 7 (25-44), 3 (45-59), 16 (60-74) and 4 (75+) – a total of 39. Attendance on the Saturday was 6 (1-15), 5 (25-44), 9 (45-59), 29 (60-74) and 5 (75+) – a total of 54. Grand total over the 2 days of 93 + the Steering Group.

Many event photos were taken, but have yet to be collated, and the parish map information was meticulously recorded and then collated.

2 questions were specifically asked of visitors as they left:

- Are you more informed about the N/Hood Planning process than before this event? Answers were “Yes” (60) and “No” (1).
- Do we need another public meeting to clarify or explain anything further? Answers were “Yes” (43 with 1 adding “there are still lots of people to convince” and 2 adding “nearer to the submission time”) and “No” (20 with one adding “trust the team”)

35 general comments were made:

- 18 were generally appreciative of the Steering Group’s efforts, and congratulating the members on a job well done – other comments were
- Is IT power point on the website?
- Updates needed on boundary changes & plans as they progress
- How can I, as a young person, get more involved? (anonymous)
- Why is there so many houses for sale in the Village, and what is affordable housing?
- Small scale development needed
- A summary of all the displays would be useful, together with explanation of all the relevant legislation
- When will the project be completed?
- Keep the Village a Village – not too much traffic calming
- Live website at the exhibition would have been a plus
- Community website is a good idea
- The Island Plan will negate all the N/Hood Plan work

Raffle prize winners will be notified soon, and attendance was better than some expected. The event proved very worthwhile and the large Parish map was popular with visitors.

Analysis

Consideration was given to the method of analysing the outcomes from the event, and the Parish Council has agreed to cover the costs of this being carried by the consultant, if the Steering Group considers this to be the best way forward. **It was agreed that the Steering Group would work on the analysis “in house” initially and that each Steering Group member would write a summary of conversations with the public and send them to Guy Boorman. The Steering Group will review the need for assistance from the consultant at the next meeting.**

Harvest Festival Event 21/9/13

Due to insufficient members being available for this event to man the stall **it was agreed to cancel the Steering Group’s presence in the marquee. Rusty Adams will inform Paul Fuller and Terry Nolan will speak to him.**

Focus Groups:

- Buildings & Development – the group has meet twice since 18/7/13 and undertakings included ensuring the work is in accord with the Island Plan. The group is close to finalizing the details for input to “The Plan”, and no sites have been identified to purchase and build upon. Style and design of development is very much controlled by the Island Plan, and it was noted that any development should be of 10 units or less as highlighted in the Housing Needs Survey Report.

- Environment – the group has met twice since 18/7/13, mainly to prepare for the Real Time Planning event. Thanks go to Martin Bilson and Jenny Parsons for their input. At the next meeting work will start to bring it all together. This group will now have the footpath remit too.
- Regeneration, Economy & Tourism - the group has met twice since 18/7/13, again preparing for the Real Time Planning event. It is hoped to meet with Simon Clarke soon.
- Social Wellbeing & Community – the group has not met since 18/7/13, and there was nothing to report. **Clarification is needed of the group's remit, together with an update on membership – Rusty will ask.**

Neighbourhood Plan:

Programme: Copies of an updated programme were circulated to include 2014, which was amended as follows: October – add N/Hood Plan framework to agree. November – delete hold N/Hood Plan open day. December – delete submit plan for examination and add Focus Group work to be completed. February – add submit plan for examination. April – add hold N/Hood Plan open day. May – add hold referendum.

Document: Discussion took place about starting to format the framework for the N/Hood Plan document. **It was agreed the format needs to set and agreed by December, and a contents list is needed (Rusty will send rough list as per initial Steering Group meeting). Also it was agreed that, in time for the next meeting, Miles would look at other completed plans, hopefully to ID a simple yet clear model format for us to use/adapt.**

Community Groups – Individual Consultation

Reports on outstanding group contacts were:

- Gurnard WI – Paul Fuller was not present so there was nothing to report
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group – Bede Townsend was not present so there was nothing to report
- All Saints Church – Richard Day has had 2 conversations with the Amanda Collinson – shed will be kept up to speed with progress, but nothing needs to be presented to the church
- Cameo and IT Groups – Bede Townsend was not present so there was nothing to report
- Landowners & Developers – it was again acknowledged this was important but difficult. **It was agreed that Guy will speak to Peter Griffiths for guidance in making contacts, leading hopefully to some sort of meeting or liaison. It was also agreed that the Buildings & Development Focus Group would document attempts at this liaison/meeting/communication.**

Press & Publicity:

The Housing Needs Survey is on both websites now, and **it was agreed to send the Consultant's power point report to all Steering Group members with a view to examining the last page, which could possibly be used as a summary for October's Gurnard News. It was also agreed that Miles would produce a draft Press Release for IWCP (can also be given to Cowes Village Talk), and will circulate a draft to all Steering Group members for comment.**

AOB

Nothing was raised.

Next Meeting – Thursday 24th October 2013 – 7pm – Venue TBC

The meeting closed at 8.42pm