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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 24th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road on Thursday 24th October 2013 from 7pm.

Present

Councillors Javaid, Nolan & Fuller (arrived late at 8.17pm), **Messrs** Richard Day, Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden, Carl Blenkinsop, Greg Malone, Bede Townsend, Jon Pearson, Miles Seymour and **Madame** Emma Stevens - also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies were received from **Councillors** McNeill & Fuller (expected late) and **Mr** Joss Bleriot.

Matters Arising from 19/9/13

Use of Housing Needs Report for future application determinations, the 44 Worsley Road determination process & the Place Road application – Concern was raised over this latest planning application for 99 houses off Place Road, especially in light of the adoption of the Gurnard Housing Needs Survey Report which identifies a 5 year need of 19 – concern was also raised due to the failure of the Developer or the Agent to consult with the community prior to submission. Following discussion **it was agreed to try to arrange a meeting with the Planning Policy Team, ideally with Bill Murphy present, primarily to clarify the influence the Housing Needs Survey Report has – Guy Boorman, Paul Fuller, Greg Malone and Terry Nolan will represent the Steering Group and the Parish Council.**

The process of determining the 44 Worsley Road application was also discussed, with some fears being expressed at the seemingly autocratic power displayed by the IWC Planning Committee, especially in view of the committee being fully au fait with the progress of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan. It was thought that access-to-the-site issues were not convincingly explained at the meeting.

Village Consultation

- a. Real Time Planning Event 13th & 14th September – Analysis of Data
Guy Boorman produced what was gratefully accepted by the Steering Group as a comprehensive analysis of the event and the data gleaned, which also included full appendices of the raw data. **It was agreed that Jon Pearson would “tweak” it where necessary and that the use of a consultant was not necessary.**
- b. Landowners & Developers
The IW Council contacted SHLAA site landowners and developers on the Steering Group’s behalf, asking them to make contact with the Parish Council within a month of 25/9/13 with a view to setting up liaison site meetings. To date this has promoted a response from 3 landowners at Rew Street, Rolls Hill and Pallance Road. The Pallance Road meeting has taken place (positive meeting), with there being a desire there for low numbers of eco-build bungalows to meet local people’s need/demand. Also the Rew Street meeting has taken place, with there being a desire for just one dwelling there for the landowner’s personal use. The Rolls Hill meeting is set for 9/11/13.
- c. Green Space Designations
The sites at the former Primary School, the Princes Esplanade Village Green and Spencer’s Field on Tuttons Hill were mentioned for possible inclusion, together with the SINC site to the east of “Costa

del Gurnard” on Princes Esplanade. **It was agreed that land owners should be consulted prior to making attempts to designate land areas, and that the Environment Focus Group would take on this remit and would talk to Ollie Boulter about the sites he had identified for the Real Time Planning exhibition event.**

Focus Groups:

- **Buildings & Development** – the group has worked on its aims and objectives, which primarily are to identify building sites and to determine the quantity and type of development on those sites that are most suited to meet local need as per the housing needs report. It was recognized that the emerging of the large Place Road development has “muddied the water” somewhat in this respect. The group feels it has enough information to complete its remit, but needs to firm up on the format needed for the Plan document.
- **Environment** – the group met on 10/10/13 and has created an aims & objective statement, which includes 8 salient action aspirations. There is, however, still a need to expand on this and the group meets again on 7/11/13.
- **Regeneration, Economy & Tourism** - the group meets again on 6/11/13, and has more work to do on the energy topic. It is planned to speak to Simon Clarke about renewable energy soon.
- **Social Wellbeing & Community** – the group has not met recently, but Aslam gave a report on all activity to date which included there being 6 people on the group and having met 4 times, but often less than 50% can attend meetings due to other commitments. The work has been based on the findings and content of the 1st initial general survey carried out and projects discussed have included a Post Office presence (resisted by Post Office Ltd), transport improvements, youth facilities (Sarah Fifield involvement) & local health services. Work is needed to produce supporting and evidence based documentation and it was agreed that Aslam would work on this.

The agreed plan is that all Focus Groups would have initial draft documentation ready for the next meeting on 21/11/13.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Programme: Copies of a programme updated to 24/10/13 were circulated to include 2014, which was amended as follows: November – add “review 1st draft focus group outline aims & objectives summaries”. December – delete “Focus Group work to complete”, add “Confirm Focus Group 2nd draft outline aims & objectives summaries”. January – add “Complete Focus Group work”.

Document: Miles circulated a draft contents list format framework for the N/Hood Plan document which included introduction, Neighbourhood Plan regulations, designated area, Gurnard history, Gurnard character (landscape character etc), the process explained, community engagement & consultation, objectives (this was modified to reflect the focus group remits), delivering the plan, the Steering Group, acknowledgements etc, supporting documentation and references list & glossary. **It was agreed that Miles would make a start on creating the document and to populate introduction & Gurnard history for the next meeting.**

Community Groups – Individual Consultation

Reports on outstanding group contacts were:

- Gurnard WI – Paul Fuller has spoken to the WI - the meeting programme is very full, but efforts will be made to slot Paul in at some stage to profile the Plan.
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group – Bede Townsend has still to progress this
- Cameo and IT Groups – Bede Townsend has still to progress these

Policy Writing

The consultant will cover Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Appraisal & Equality Impact Assessment.

What isn't covered yet is the Evidence Log & a Consultation Methodology Statement. **Rusty was asked to look at these, and Greg added he may be to assist too.**

Press & Publicity:

It was agreed that no Press Release was needed at this stage but that the December/January edition of Gurnard News should, in addition to the usual update, mention that the initial draft plan is being worked upon now.

Funding Update

It was reported that the £7,000 Locality/DCLG funding application has been successful (90% will be advanced up front), bringing the total funds allocated and awarded to date to £11,000. The Neighbourhood Plan account has to be completely reworked, due to what Locality now calls "qualifying expenditure".

AOB

Paul mentioned that he is in communication with residents about the Place Road application, and information evenings are planned for Cowes and Gurnard next week. It was suggested that there was prior knowledge of this application for some time before its submission, but that the Parish Council and the Steering Group had been kept in the dark about the proposals by all parties connected with the application.

Emma was thanked for arranging the condolences card for the Green family from the Steering Group.

Next Meeting – Thursday 21st November 2013 – 7pm at Gurnard Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.23pm