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## GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was held in the Crèche Room at Gurnard Pines on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 from 7pm.

### **Present:**

**Councillors** Richard Day (Chairman), Andy Longman & Aslam Javaid, **Messrs** Guy Boorman, Richard Cobden, Bede Townsend, Terry Nolan, **Mesdames** Yvonne Ras. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

### **Apologies:**

Carolyn Sibley & Paul Fuller.

### **Application:**

If a neighbourhood plan is to be produced, a formal application has to be submitted to the IW Council. The advice, whether the project results in a stand-alone plan or it being included in the Medina Valley Action Plan, is to make an application now.

If the Action Plan route is taken, then the application can be withdrawn.

Accordingly the Parish Council has formally resolved to make such an application, which will be made this week hopefully, after which the IW Council will advertise it.

### **Funding:**

It was hoped to use the Parish Improvement Fund funding stream to provide some initial funding for the project but in spite of 3 re-submissions the bid failed due, apparently, to the project not showing sufficient economic benefit to the area.

However, 4 further funding applications are being made for other projects this Friday which, if successful, will release some funds from other budget headings for this project.

### **Steering Group - Decisions:**

All procedural and tactical decisions for the creation of the neighbourhood plan have been delegated to the Steering Group by the Parish Council, with the exception of anything that has financial implication or that commits the Parish Council to expenditure

### **Steering Group – Membership:**

Carolyn Sibley has resigned, leaving 10 people: Richard Day, Andy Longman, Richard Cobden, Terry Nolan, Guy Boorman, Aslam Javaid, Trish Wray, Bede Townsend, Paul Fuller & Yvonne Ras.

There are now 4 people on the helpers list, as Carolyn Sibley has agreed to help out with some of the work during the project.

There are 1 or 2 other people who have been spoken to about joining the Group, but no firm responses have been received yet.

### **Consultant:**

Miles Seymour of Seymour Communications has been appointed by the Parish Council.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Format:**

Discussion took place on whether to produce an insert for the Island Plan's Medina Valley Area Action Plan as suggested by Wendy Perera, or a stand-alone Neighbourhood Plan.

**Agreed: To produce a stand-alone Neighbourhood Plan.**

### **Housing Needs Survey:**

Discussion focused on how and when to carry out this exercise, and one formatted survey model as provided by the IW Council was considered.

Discussion included personal & financial details being included/asked for, and proving the response validity.

**Agreed: To refine the survey form and bring a modified version back to the Steering Group at its next meeting. Richard Cobden, Guy Boorman, Terry Nolan and Bede Townsend will meet at Gurnard Pines to work on the revised format. Rusty Adams will try and obtain a format used by one of the "Front-Runners".**

### **Consultation Programme:**

Consideration was given to drawing up a guide community consultation programme, and it was broadly agreed that advantage should be taken of other community events such as the May Queen, the Gurnard Regatta, the Harvest Festival and any Jubilee events that materialise.

As many different modes of media should be used to advertise events and the Housing Needs Survey could be launched at a Public meeting.

**Agreed: That Bede Townsend would serve as Project Media Officer. That the Steering Group should take advantage of the Parish Council's May Queen Fete presence in the marquee to consult and to promote any forthcoming public meeting. That an initial calendar of community consultation events would be drawn up at the next meeting. That Andy Longman would investigate suitable Village Hall hire vacant dates to follow on from the 7<sup>th</sup> May "May Queen" event.**

### **Meeting Frequency:**

There was some discussion as to whether to fix a meeting frequency period as a guide, but it was

**Agreed: Just to call meetings as required.**

### **Next Agenda**

To include Media, Housing Needs Survey, Community events in Village & consultation programme calendar

**Next Meeting** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – 7pm in the Compass Room (if possible) at Gurnard Pines.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm