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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 6th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Compass Room at Gurnard Pines on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 from 7pm.

Present:

Councillors Richard Day (Chairman), Andy Longman & Aslam Javaid, **Messrs** Guy Boorman, Bede Townsend, Terry Nolan, Miles Seymour, Jon Pearson & Greg Malone. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Trish Wray, Joan Hall, Richard Cobden, Yvonne Ras & David Green.

Steering Group – Membership:

Following the public meeting several expressions of interest have been received, with at least 3 additional people coming forward to serve on the Steering Group (Greg Malone, Jon Pearson & David Green) bringing this total to 14, and confirmation of 5 others on the helpers list (total 9), but this could increase considerably once the feedback forms are analysed. An idea was floated that membership could be expanded to also include 4 groups working under the Steering Group, which will have different remits of (1) Buildings and Development, (2) Environment, (3) Regeneration, Economy & Tourism and (4) Social Wellbeing & Community, with the idea being they meet separately and report back to the Steering Group at each meeting with results of work they have undertaken. Obviously this would need more people and would require some coordination to bring everything together, and **it was agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting**. It was suggested that some coordination, say, between Footprint Trust, IW Council Tree department, Tree Wardens in the Village and the Tree Council might serve our purposes well, all of which could come under the remit of an Environment Group. **It was agreed that Rusty would attempt to encourage someone from Marsh Road to come onto the Steering Group**, especially in view of the demise of the Gurnard Marsh Design Brief.

May Queen Event 7/5/12:

The Parish Council's stall was set up which, as well as displaying normal Parish Council information, featured the Neighbourhood Plan and the Open Spaces Project. 4 Councillors attended and or helped out, as well as 2 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who networked well with many community members. The SHLAA map also attracted some interest and comment.

Public Meeting 17/5/12:

In spite of the meeting starting at 8pm about 92 people attended, and several feedback forms were left which the Steering Group took away to analyse. Following an introduction from Richard Day the presentation was shared between different speakers and focused on what a neighbourhood plan is, why a

plan is needed, how it is produced and how the community can help and get involved. The rest of the meeting was spent in a question and answer session with the Steering Group dealing with at least 18 questions which included the legal status of the plan, length of validity, green gaps, development outside the old envelope boundary (settlement boundary), affordable housing criteria, development targets, the scrutiny process and density of major development sites. Feedback forms completed included comments on conservation areas, Gurnard Pines residents, the 44 Worsley Road application being sufficient additional housing for the Village on its own, support for the plan, the Steering Group's authority and influence, types of housing, traffic in Church Road, guidelines to be included with forthcoming survey forms. **It was agreed to try and access some housing & population statistics for the Village for the past 10 years – also to see if a list of domestic ratepayers was readily available.**

Housing Needs Survey:

Dawlish PC and Walton PC's Neighbourhood Plans appear to have gone ahead without a local housing needs survey being carried out, using a perceived need for their equivalent of the Medina Area Action Plan to justify the need – there may be scrutiny issues here! Accordingly attempts to access other housing need survey formats have not been successful so far. Walton PC's Plan documents indicate a Survey Monkey on-line survey was carried out which covered people, community, community access, environment, connectivity (links, footpaths etc), protection, development and improvements, areas to develop, protected community assets, but no evidence of any housing need being identified.

Discussion focused on modifying our survey form, but in view of the fact that many in the Village will not be that au fait with what's happening **it was agreed to produce a simple form initially, which would also help to profile the Plan process and inform the Steering Group for the housing needs survey (to follow)**. The small group (Guy, Bede, Terry, Richard D. & Jon) will meet as soon as a room can be arranged (hopefully next week) to create this form which, ideally if we have enough people, should be hand-delivered/collected to those on the Electoral Roll only.

Consultation Programme:

Miles had not been able to complete this in time for the meeting, **but will for the next meeting**. There was a general acceptance that the programme should include:

- Holding more informing, involving and updating sessions in all Village community groups, school etc
- Holding specific information gathering sessions
- Considering using Planning for Real exercises for those who like to have a "hands-on" approach
- "Branding" the consultation material to perhaps include a logo – **it was agreed bright yellow paper should be used.**
- Creating some "permanent" displays if possible – keeping information on notice boards, in pubs – to help explain what the Plan is all about, what will be asked of everyone and how people can help.

Media, Publicity & Equipment:

Current use of the Media to promote and profile the Plan was discussed including IW Radio, Gurnard News, IW County Press (including Village Talk).

Video projectors looked at ranged from £200 to £1200 but some wisdom is needed, perhaps from Richard Cobden, on what specification would be needed by the Group. Screens range from £50 to £120. **It was agreed that a laptop to use for presentations could be sourced from the Steering Group members.**

Agreed: That Bede would create a “Press List” and Rusty would provide Bede and Terry with some yellow paper when it is available, for last minute flyers etc.. That the Parish Council would be asked to fund the purchase of a video projector and a screen.

Future Consultation Events

The Steering Group needs to be invited to profile the Plan in all Village Community Groups if possible, and it was agreed that the following would make contacts to find some dates when visits might be possible:

- Gurnard WI – Andy
- Portland Inn & Woodvale Hotel – Bede
- Gurnard Cottage Garden Society – Rusty
- Gurnard Sailing Club – Richard Day
- Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association – Richard Cobden
- Gurnard Scouts & Guides – Greg
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group – Rusty
- Gurnard Village Hall Association – Andy
- Gurnard Business Community & Farming Community – Bede
- Gurnard Regatta – Bede access gazebo (permission already given for plot - 21/7/12)
- All Saints Church – Richard Day
- Gurnard Club (Age UK) - Rusty

Other Points

Rusty will attempt to ascertain when the 44 Worsley Road application will be determined. Also to ask if street light column design input might be possible under the PFI proposals.

Next Agenda

- i. Wildlife Survey
- ii. Setting up of 4 sub-groups.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 20th June 2012 – 7pm in the Compass Room (if possible) at Gurnard Pines.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm