

GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**Report on the 30th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group,
held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road on
Thursday 20th March 2014 from 7pm**

Present

Councillor Terry Nolan, **Messrs** Guy Boorman (Chairman),
Richard Cobden, Carl Blenkinsop, Greg Malone, Bede Townsend,
Jon Pearson, Richard Day and **Madame** Emma Stevens.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark McNeill and Aslam Javaid.

Administration

To be put on next meeting's agenda.

Matters Arising from 20/2/14

a. Post Office

No further news since February meeting. Economy Group will maintain contact with Community Action (IW).

b. Retail Outlets

These have been included in the Economy Group's draft objectives which will be circulated to the group.

c. Green Space Designations

No action reported by Environment group. No further action required.

Focus Groups

Buildings and Development: confirmed that nothing to report

Environment: confirmed that nothing to report

Regeneration, Economy and Tourism: the group met once to agree a structure for draft objectives which have been written and will be circulated.

Social Wellbeing & Community: No details to hand.

Consultant Quotes

Before the group discussed the quotes Councillor Terry Nolan stated that he had been asked by Councillor Javaid, who had been unable to attend the meeting, to state to the group that it was his opinion that if the group did not feel either quote fitted the Steering Groups needs that they should delay making a decision until such time as they were satisfied with what was presented to them. This comment was acknowledged by the Steering

Group and duly recorded.

Only two submissions have been received despite five having been requested by the Parish Council. The two submissions before the Steering Committee for consideration were: 1. Chris Broughton Associates and Alyson Linnegar Planning Consultancy and 2. Plan Research represented by Martha James.

The two quotes were put to the committee for discussion and consideration. Although the group felt that there were pro and cons to both the unanimous feeling was that the Chris Broughton/Alyson Linnegar submission was the stronger of the two especially in light of Alyson Linnegar's Neighbourhood Plan knowledge.

Agreed: the Steering Committee recommends to the Parish Council that the tender from Chris Broughton Associates/Alyson Linnegar Planning be accepted.

The following points should be made clear to the Parish Council: that there is potential for the work to cost approximately an additional £2,000 in excess of the existing £15,000 budget (however the committee also saw that some of the proposed work might be unnecessary - and there might be some potential savings elsewhere). It should also be verified with the Parish Council that it is acceptable to go ahead on the basis that only two submissions were received. If this is not the case the Parish Council should seek a third quotation. The Steering Committee is concerned, however, about further delays feels comfortable that provided it is correct and acceptable that Chris Broughton/Alyson Ledger should be appointed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Programme: to be drawn up after Consultant has been appointed.

Community Groups

Gurnard Mums and Toddlers: nothing to report. No further action required.

Press and Publicity

A press release will be issued after the Consultant has been appointed. Guy will ask Rusty if he wouldn't mind doing a final piece for Gurnard News before his retirement.

AOB

Greg asked if there had been any news on the Place Road development. Nothing was reported.

Meetings

Date of next meeting will be agreed after appointment of Consultant.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.