

ST JUST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Built Environment Group

Minutes of meeting 6 March 7pm

St Just Town Hall

Attending: Jessica Colliver (Chair), Jonathan Manser (Vice-Chair), Judith Summers (Secretary), Tim Burgess, Jo Forsyth, Richard Gowan, Stephen Hall, Jim Hurditch, Edward McFadden, Tom McFadden, Vic Mouldsley, Dave Munday, David Osborne-Broad, Chrissie Squires, Dot Stevens, Jeremy Redwood (Steering Group)

Apologies: ,Paulene Beckham, Cornelius Oliver, Kirsty Pritchard, Mike Pritchard

1. Minutes of meeting 22 February

The minutes were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

- Item 2: invitation to representative from Ludgvan Neighbourhood Plan: to be arranged by JC following discussion with Steering Group.
- Item 3: £9k government grant: JR explained that this was to be drawn down as required.
- Item 5: Lafrowda stall: arrangements to be raised at Steering Group; DS to option a stall

3. Steering Group (SG) report

- To be given at the next meeting, following the SG meeting on 7 March (to be attended by JC or JM and JS)

4. Discussion of topics: parking

- The group agreed that there was under-capacity in both St Just and Pendeen We needed to know the level of need and where there might be under-utilised space that could be reserved for residents' parking. We also needed to recognise that need will increase.
- A key issue was considered to be how we control the use of space, for example by use of residents' permits, and by dealing with abuse of free car parking by visitors

(although the benefit to the local economy of free parking was noted).

- It was considered that the Town Council would need to be prepared to invest to meet needs.
- It was noted that current regulations required two spaces per new build dwelling; this should be confirmed and increased.
- Suggested questions:
 - What is the level of need (now and future)?
 - Are there underutilised areas which could be used for additional parking?
 - Should we make special arrangements for residents (and employees) such as permit parking?
 - Are residents prepared to pay additional precept to help develop parking?
 - Would a two-storey car park in St Just be a good idea (possibly linked to new development, possibly part underground)? Or do we need additional parking at the edge of the town?
 - Should we continue the requirement for two parking spaces per new dwelling – or increase it?
 - Should we have an overflow summer car park for visitors (on grass and therefore cheaper)?

5. Discussion of topics: infrastructure

- The group discussed slowing and controlling traffic flow and whether there were acceptable ways of doing this, such as lowering the speed limit, a one-way system for coaches and buses, traffic calming measures.
- It was considered that we should avoid adding to traffic within St Just by keeping new housing areas and industrial sites to the east of the town.
- Other points noted were the need for charging points for electric cars; help with driving in fog (reflective signs); tackling light pollution.
- It was noted that infrastructure matters such as water, flood risk, sewage, are already covered in building and planning regulations.
- Suggested questions:
 - Should there be a 20mph limit throughout the built areas of St Just and Pendeen and/or any semi-pedestrianised areas?
 - What would be effective traffic-calming measures which were not environmentally damaging?
 - Should St Just and Pendeen be more pedestrian-friendly – and how?

 - What could be done to make cycling safer / encourage more cycling?

- Do we want town gas to be supplied to offer choice?
- What can be done to reduce light pollution? Should street lights be turned off / dimmed for part of the night?

6. Discussion of topics: public transport

- We needed to gather evidence on transport needs and understand how far we can influence licenses (see the CC Community Transport toolkit).
- Key issues were affordability and connectivity. The location of the bus station was thought to increase congestion. Stops were needed in or close to new developments.
- Group members referred to the possibility of income from film-making.
- Suggested questions:
 - Should bus services / station be located to the east of the town to reduce heavy traffic? Is there scope for a coach park or a small-scale park and ride?
 - Who uses public transport?
 - What are your views about the current public transport services? Where are there unmet needs?
 - Is there scope for community transport or car-sharing schemes?

7. Next meeting

- 21 March 7-9 pm, St Just Town Hall.
- Topics for discussion: Green spaces (ensuring that we were clear about possible overlaps with Natural Environment), Renewables.

Action list

- Invitation to representative from Ludgvan Steering Group (JC)
- Option Lafrowda stall (DS)
- Reference copy of AONB Management Plan document (JS)
- Review Affordable Housing Survey on Town Council website (all)
- Review LEAP survey (all)