

ST JUST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Built Environment Group

Minutes of meeting 21 March 7pm

St Just Council Chamber

Attending: Jonathan Manser (Vice-Chair), Judith Summers (Secretary), Richard Gowan, Vic Mouldsley, Dot Stevens, Tamsin Young, Stephen Hall (SG), Rob Chadder (SG), Jeremy Redwood (Steering Group), Tim Wotton (SG), Andrew Corser (NEG), Jill Taylor (CEG)

Apologies: Paulene Beckham, Tim Burgess, Jessica Colliver, Jo Forsyth, Dave Munday, Cornelius Oliver, David Osborne-Broad, Kirsteen Pritchard, Christina Squires

1. Minutes of meeting 6 March

The minutes were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

- Item 2: Lafrowda: a stall for the NP has been requested.
- Item 2: Invitation to representatives of other neighbourhood plans: to be dealt with by SG.
- Items 4/5: Paulene Beckham had sent in comments relating to parking and transport; it was agreed that they should be appended to these minutes for information
- Item 7: TB to be asked to pursue invitation to Denys Stevens (former DCH sustainability expert) to attend

3. Steering Group (SG) and Community Engagement (CEG) report

- TW described the process of the plan: the SG role was to 'shepherd' the groups (BEG, NEG) in identifying the issues for consultation, underpinned by finding and interpreting the available information. Issues from the groups would feed in to the Have Your Say events planned for June and further activities over the summer.
- It was noted that the latest version of the project plan spreadsheet had not yet been circulated. TW agreed to do this as soon as possible.
- It was reported that internal communication issues would be addressed by a meeting of group secretaries shortly.
- SG would adjudicate if necessary in the event of an overlap between the groups.

- JT reported on first steps of communication: leaflets, posters, postboxes, Facebook, Outreach. The group approved the draft Facebook article with some additions.
- JT described the proposed 'Have Your Say' events, which will help to inform the community questionnaire. JC had agreed to lead on BEG's input to the display and JS would organise a rota of members to cover the stall. CEG was asked for a sheet of notes for everyone covering the stall so that a common message could be given.

4. Discussion of topics: green spaces

- Green spaces were considered to be those 'built and managed spaces' within the built environment which were part of the settlement pattern, including public and communal space, recreational areas, religious spaces, historic spaces, allotments. The short definition was 'open green spaces within the built environment'. The CC local plan identified green spaces.
- There were implications for new build policy.
- Noted that we needed to include the preservation of green spaces between settlements.
- Suggested questions (which should be introduced with a definition):
 - Which green spaces matter to you?
 - How do you use green spaces?
 - How should green spaces be protected?
 - Would you consider gardens to be green spaces? How important is to keep these?
 - Do we need any additional green spaces and what for (eg allotments)?
 - Have we left anything out of the list in our definition?

5. Discussion of topics: renewables

- Renewables were considered to be geothermal (ground source), hydro (water store under Geavor), wind, p/v, solar, tidal energy.
- Noted that current building regulations require a proportion of renewables. We needed to understand the potential for retro-fitting older properties.
- It was noted that in refining the questions at a later stage, they must be expressed in a way which leads in to planning guidance.
- Suggested questions:
 - Could we produce more of our own energy?
 - Is there potential for local enterprises or mutuals to generate energy?
 - Would your community support energy schemes which are owned by and benefit them?
 - What forms of renewables would you support?

- How could we support increasing the use of solar or p/v panels, and other renewables?
- Where could we site renewable energy generation in your neighbourhood?

6. Next meeting

- 3 April 7-9 pm, St Just Town Hall.
- Topics for discussion: Business (including industrial) development / Tourism/ Retail.

7. AOB

- Membership: JS reported that she was attempting to establish an accurate membership list. It was agreed that non-attendees would be contacted after they had failed to attend four meetings, to enquire if they wished to remain on the list.
- Data protection: it was assumed that the NP would come under Town Council procedures, and noted that the SC would need to understand the implications of new requirements.

Action list

- Reference copy of AONB Management Plan document (JS)
- Pursue invitation to future meeting to Denys Stevens (former DCH sustainability expert (TB)
- Have Your Say events: arrangements for BEG stall (JC); rota (JS)
- Facebook article (JM)
- Send JS link to Carbon Neighbourhood Planning document for circulation (JM)
- Membership list (JS)

APPENDIX

For Information: comments on parking and transport from Paulene Beckham

A. The majority of residents in Pendeen are regulars on the bus and many elderly and disabled people from Portheras Cross Estate, which is situated on the North Road. These residents now have to walk down to the crossroads or pay a taxi as the bus no longer runs down North Road to Penzance; it turns round at the crossroads and travels back to St. Just and onto Penzance. Surely this would ease the heavy congestion in St. Just centre if the bus carried on through to Penzance via North Road. In this way the bus would accommodate all residents. The journey to and from Penzance takes up to 3hours for residents living in Pendeen.

B. The Douglas Woolcock car has to rely on volunteer drivers which is not the ideal long term plan and they are heavily committed to people travelling to and from hospital. Car

sharing schemes in some cases are not available on your car insurance; your car maybe classed as a public vehicle.

C. Is it not possible to have a visitors' Park and Ride/Coach by the cross roads on the turn off to Tregeseal.