

Bodmin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Notes for meeting of 21 September 2021

Meeting commenced at 18.30.

Steering Group Members Present:

BTC Councillors:

Jeremy Cooper (Chairman); Joy Bassett; Pete Skea; Phil Brown; Hilda Blacklaw; Phil Cooper; Graham Mountcastle

Jane Tily; Christine Howard; Jack Stevenson; Alan Foad; Danny Batten; Ian Awcock (Awcock Ward Partnership)

In attendance:

Peter Martin (Town Clerk) Alex Harrod (Community Services Manager); Louise Pinnegar (Senior Admin)

NDP/2021/51 Chairman's Announcements, correspondence

The Chair introduced Ian Awcock who is going to assist with bringing the NDP documentation together / creating policies using the data collected.

Planning White paper was mentioned briefly, and members were encouraged to feedback their views on it. It was confirmed the current situation was that it has been withdrawn subject to review.

No correspondence received.

NDP/2021/52 Apologies: Barbara Brittain

NDP/2021/53 Declarations of interest, dispensations No declarations or dispensations requested.

NDP/2021/54 Update and evaluation of progress

Survey has now closed, some paper copies are still available at Shire Hall if anyone still wants to complete. 768 responses in total with website and paper applications included in this figure. Councillor surgeries just started, may prompt some questions.

NDP/2021/55 Discussions on feedback from members of NDP and update from Ian Awcock

Ian explained his company AWP are engineering consultants and typically work with Local authorities or developers to bring forward development ranging from city / town centre regeneration schemes through to housing schemes. Partnering here with LRM Planning who have supported several other Councils in Cornwall in moving forward with their Neighbourhood Plans, and Clifton Emery for Urban design input and graphic support, again having worked with several towns in the County.

Proposal for work so far is at in the introductory stages, assessing the Neighbourhood Plan and helping to move it forward and setting a framework for further work, to enable the plan to be approved by Cornwall Council and implemented by the Secretary of State.

Initial tasks for consultancy:

- Go through the surveys and map them against the objectives already set out
- Produce a report on the survey process for evidence base
- Look at what information we have so far, what further work / studies are needed
- Picking up the key policy headlines
- Present back and discuss any shortfalls
- Timeframes to be set out

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and put their views forward.

Topics Mentioned and discussed:

- Balanced development / gold standard housing
- Housing supply, and second homes, holiday letting
- Local people serving local jobs / viable community
- Employment / Industrial space / growth / kind of jobs
- Transport Links / electric train line / easy access to facilities
- Hospital / medical facilities / connectivity of Bodmin
- Green issues and car charging points / pre-empting mandatory legislation / Guidance documentation for standards
- Allocation of green & amenity spaces / recreation / leisure facilities
- Co-housing / Community build / low cost / self-build / extra care / current housing needs analysis
- Tourism growth

NDP/2021/56 Building for life 12 principles shared by the Chair to members of the group
https://www.designcouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/asset/document/Building%20for%20Life%2012_0.pdf

NDP/2021/57 **Town Team Update**

Granted some money via the Town Vitality process. Capacity for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group to have representation on that panel. It was discussed that 2 members of BTC already sit on the Town Team, The Chair volunteered to represent the NDP Group on the Town Team along with Jane Tilley, Deputy Town Clerk will progress with Town Team.

To consider any other information the Chair considers important.

Thanked Ian Awcock for his input and asked him to keep the group informed of his progress and any assistance the group can give.

Cllr Batten was thanked for attending and advised he was welcome to attend future meetings.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 18.30 via Teams

Meeting finished at 19.52