

## **Bodmin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

### **Meeting Notes for meeting of 12.4.2022**

**Meeting commenced at 18.30 via Microsoft Teams.**

#### **Steering Group Members Present:**

**BTC Councillors:** Jeremy Cooper (Chairman); Pete Skea; Phil Brown; Hilda Blacklaw; Phil Cooper; Debbie Henderson, Brian Crowle

Jane Tily; Craig Rowe, Ian Awcock (Awcock Ward Partnership) Darren Summerfield (AWP Planner) Neil Emery (AWP), Jason Coad, Alan Brown, Paul Ellis, Eric Bidmead

**In attendance:** Peter Martin (BTC Town Clerk); Louise Pinnegar (BTC Senior Admin)

#### **NDP/2022/01**

##### **Chairman's Announcements, correspondence**

No correspondence received. No announcements.

#### **NDP/2022/02**

##### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Alan Foad, Christine Howard, and Jack Stevenson

#### **NDP/2022/03**

##### **Declarations of interest, dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations

#### **NDP/2022/04**

##### **To receive a report from AWP on the neighbourhood plan and the consultancy stage and receive their recommendations for next steps.**

Ian Awcock introduced himself, Darren Summerfield, and Neil Emery to those of the group who had not already made their acquaintance. Ian informed the group that they were recommended following work done at Torpoint and appointed to work on Bodmin's Neighbourhood plan, initially analysing the questionnaire data, following working with Bodmin on the successful Town Centre Vitality Fund bid.

Ian has an engineering expertise and Darren, and Neil are the planning experts.

Darren Summerfield formerly of LRM Planning, will continue to work with Bodmin on this project.

Darren shared the Bodmin document and talked through it on screen, whilst it was shared to the group. The document has been formed taking on board discussions at previous meetings, and information from Bodmin Vision, Town Team and Charette.

The document can be viewed via this link <https://cliftonemery-design.box.com/s/g5nu8gguph1pg3c5h77avar4cl64f0y1> which also has the appendices including the Questionnaire analysis, the TCVF bid brochure and the latest Broadsheet from JTP so all key documents are in one place.

Purpose of the document - to provide guidance, consider existing visions and drawn together what the neighbourhood plan can do to support existing visions and themes and open lines of communication with other projects / teams that are currently working in Bodmin and to support and assist in achieving aims.

Based on the information received with the initial work with the Steering Group has identified a range of issues and topics that could be addressed within the NDP. These were as follows: -

- Town Centre
- Business and Employment
- Transport
- Housing
- Greening
- Regeneration
- Design
- Heritage
- Health and wellbeing
- Climate change and sustainability

NDP can focus on all or just one, document is showing the potential, need to make decisions of what the focus is.

Team need to study these topics and prioritise, what is really important.

It was felt by members of the group that lots of useful feedback came back from the Charette process. NDP Policies could support those aspirations.

Consultants wish to fully understand the Town Team, Charette, and all other factors to join it all up.

### **Focuses Identified by Group**

- Shop front design guides – could build on the Cornwall Councils design guide, but Bodmin specific and could sit in the historical section. Could establish small grants scheme using SIL monies for example.
- 2012 conservation management plan for Bodmin in draft, never got adopted, useful reference. There are also good photo archives of the town centre and original town houses.
- There is a need for more sign boards, summary of history, pictorial information so people explore the town more, heritage section, should be emphasized
- Health and wellbeing – ideally if we could extend to include education as well, college is hoping to go through expansion and also there is talk of new primary school.
- Self-build plots. Site identification process required.
- Potential for Lanhydrock Parish to allocation land for development Not got a Neighbourhood Plan as a small population, consideration of working with partners, and joining in with the Bodmin Plan. Cannot have a policy in the plan concerned with an area outside the designated area, whilst we can incorporate aspirations, we cannot allocate designated areas. Potentially two parishes could join together to create a NDP. The Chair suggested Jason Coad make initial enquires with Cornwall Council and bring back his findings to a future meeting. Jason agreed.

- From charette, if we keep the demarcation with pedestrianisation between road - pedestrians have that reassurance. Accessibility, respecting heritage and design, enshrine in a policy
- School - can we put a clause in the NDP. It was confirmed that yes, with agreement of landowner and with an explanation of why we wish to allocate. It was stated that there is an area of land to south of college owned by CC earmarked for school, so need to engage with college and to CC to ensure this is included in the plan.
- Fire Station / Ambulance Station – look at engaging with them, see if the service providers have those aspirations, explore options for re-location, identify potential sites, agreement with landowners. Re-purpose existing sites for better care housing / single occupancy housing
- Gateways / Bodmin end of Camel Trail, greening of gateways into town, can be explored and set some aspirations and policies.
- Linking Bodmin Beacon and burgage plots, through fore street and up to green area of Berryfields and Tower. Concept of reintroducing the old street system which went across Fore Street.

The plan can set these ideas up as policies, would allow funding to be received through 106 or SIL, or other grant funding, can use the NDP document as a readymade BID document

### **Timeline**

Potentially present to Cornwall Council end of year (2022) - Using working groups, and depending on progress, & negotiations with landowners/neighbouring parishes/schools/service providers etc. All dependent on the scope of the plan.

### **Next Action**

It was agreed to have a Workshop to progress and prioritise key aspirations. A date & time was agreed of 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday 14 May 2022.

The Chair informed the group that BTC Town Clerk Pete Martin and ATC Amanda Bright would be in contact with the group to finalise arrangements and liaise with AWP as to scoping and budget, to provide a proposal and programme for the day, to facilitate the discussions.

Consultants want a focused opportunity with the steering group rather than a community engagement event.

AWP requested if there could be a Town Team representative at the workshop. Town Team Cllr members of steering group will bring that up at next Town Team meeting.

Jeremy to email Sarah Simms for 2012 document, Jane has a paper copy will send JC a photo of the front cover. Consultants confirmed can still use it as evidence even if not adopted.

Meeting finished at 20.04

Next Meeting – Workshop 14 May 2022 at 10 am, Shire House Suite (tbc)