

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SECTION 106 STEERING GROUP HELD ON MONDAY  
28 JANUARY 2013 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, PENRYN

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Councillors: Mrs Gill Grant (Chairman)  
Mark Snowdon (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs Beverley Hulme  
Mrs Mary May

Co-Optees Andrew Marston  
Martin Northern  
Christopher Smith

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**21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2012**

**RESOLVED** that Minute Nos. 14 to 20 of the meeting of the Section 106 Steering Group held on 19 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs Gill Grant and seconded by Councillor Mark Snowdon*

**24. SUMMARY OF TERMS OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS**

The summary of the terms of the outstanding Section 106 Agreements was noted.

**25. UPDATE ON BROWN TOURIST SIGNS**

Councillor Mrs Gill Grant advised that the Town Council would be considering a proposal to apply for a brown tourist sign for the museum to be located at the bottom of Quay Hill at the next full Council meeting. It was noted that the vegetation needed clearing that was obscuring the brown sign at Treluswell.

**26. UPDATE ON TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Highways officers, Ian Pearne of Cornwall Council, and James Lansbury of Cormac Solutions, attended the meeting to give an update on projects relating to transport contributions. Ian Pearne advised that he had been tasked with looking at all historical Section 106 contributions across Cornwall for transport-related schemes. His role was to consider whether site-specific schemes were still viable, and if so, to provide Cormac Solutions with a brief to take them forward. Section 106 Agreements with a wider remit should be spent on schemes in line with the Falmouth and Penryn Town Framework's Transport Strategy, whilst working within the criteria set out in the Agreements.

### **West Street**

A contribution of £84,364.00 was for a specific scheme for traffic calming in West Street had been very recently issued and was currently low on the priority list for Penryn due to other more pressing commitments and having an expiry date in 2015. However, a scheme would be developed in the coming months and there was suggestion that a footway and drainage measures be included. In response to a question on whether a 20mph zone or limit would be appropriate, the Group was advised that the rules had recently changed and Cornwall Council's policy focussed primarily on schools, residential areas and areas of deprivation. There was an option to have a settlement wide 20mph zone, but it was important to note that without physical measures, this may not be effective. However, a 20mph limit could be considered for West Street with physical measures such as buildouts and speed bumps and speed surveys would be undertaken as part of the work to formulate a scheme. It was expected that a consultation would take place in the next two to three months.

### **Durgan Lane/Truro Hill**

A scheme for parking restrictions on Truro Hill had been taken forward with suggestions for double yellow lines on the higher part of the hill with some space for residents, however, there were some issues with displacement still to be resolved. Traffic counts had been carried out at Durgan Lane which was identified as a potential 'rat run'. However, there were a number of constraints and it was not considered suitable for a one-way system. It was likely that the proposal would be for prohibition except for access. If implemented, this would become a moving traffic offence that police could enforce. Another option to consider would be the purchase of a small piece of private land to create a turning space allowing the Lane to be closed at one end.

### **The Praze**

Highways officers were considering a scheme for improving pedestrian access across The Praze with the possibility of a pedestrian crossing, taking into account the existing crossing at Falmouth Garages. Other options would be a signalised junction or traffic islands. It was anticipated that the best location for a pedestrian crossing would be between Truro Hill and Truro Lane and a pedestrian and traffic count had been commissioned to be carried out in the next few weeks. It could also include the projected flow from any new developments.

### **Kernick**

A scheme related to the contribution of £3788.32 remaining from the Asda development was expected to provide signage on footpaths and cycleways at Kernick leading from Penryn College and Tremough. It was noted that one section of the path leading to Penryn College had a locked gate and it was important to balance access issues with safeguarding. It was also suggested that additional litter bins were needed near the exit from Asda together with more regular cutting of the grass verges.

### **Helston Road/Station Road**

It was noted that the area around the junction of Helston Road and Station Road was a high priority and the £61,500 contribution from the Lidl development had been ringfenced to provide improvements to the junction. The contribution expired in 2014 so there was additional urgency to see the scheme progressed. It was possible that there may be further funding available from the former CMA site contribution of £41,800, funding from which had already been committed for a pay and display ticket machine in the station car park, which should be installed shortly as permission had

now been obtained from Network Rail. It was noted that the bottom of Station Hill was also an issue and that there were problems at the junction of Shute Lane and Helston Road. However, the transport officers advised that speed checks carried out on Helston Road had not identified any drivers exceeding the limit.

In summary, a total of £350,000 of outstanding contributions had been committed to specific schemes leaving three contributions to be considered. There were two contributions agreed for Kernick Farm of £16,100 and £119,000 which had not yet started, and a contribution of £37,950 for land off Poltair Road, giving a total of around £170,000 which could be spent on holistic schemes for improvements to the whole town. It was noted that there was an aspiration to create a scheme for Commercial Road to include better crossing opportunities.

## **27. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Following a call for suggestions from members of the public for schemes eligible for Section 106 funding, the Town Clerk advised that there had been a good response. The ideas that had been submitted were discussed as follows:

- A suggestion from Glasney Green Space Regeneration Group received a positive response from both the Steering Group and Cornwall Council's Public Space Officer, Donald Martin, who was in attendance. He suggested that it would be useful to hold a workshop to look at the scheme once the Regeneration Group had formulated a plan, followed by a public consultation.
- It was noted that the request from Kernow Coatings for funding for double yellow lines at Parkengue had already been actioned by Councillor Mrs Mary May and was currently out for consultation.
- Raze the Roof's request for funding for an art installation on Treliever roundabout received a favourable response, however it was noted that this was in Mabe's parish and Division so it would require consultation with Mabe Parish Council. It was also suggested that the Arts Festival Committee may wish to be involved with the proposal.
- Penryn Traders Group had requested funding for a shuttle bus on a circuit around the town, but there were concerns regarding the viability of such a service and the revenue funding that may be required. Councillor Mrs Mary May advised that she was meeting with Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Highways and Environment to discuss bus services in Penryn as she had been receiving numerous complaints regarding the frequency of buses in Helston Road, and overcrowding on the Truro bus.
- Concerns regarding the condition of Glasney Valley raised by Jayne Tucker were not considered to be within the remit of Section 106 contributions, but it was agreed that there was a need for improvement. It was noted that the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project would be addressing some of the issues raised.
- A submission from Highway Church was not considered to be within the remit of the Section 106 Agreements.
- Joyce Wilkes had raised issues regarding the playing area at Poltair which had been passed on to Donald Martin prior to the meeting and which he had addressed.
- A request for funding from Sandra Wilkinson for the Penryn Junior School pool was unable to be supported with Section 106 contributions as it did not meet the criteria. However, it was noted that it was a great asset to the town and it was hoped that they would continue to seek funding from elsewhere.

## **28. COMMERCIAL ROAD**

Christopher Smith gave a presentation to the Group on his observations on Commercial Road which was followed by a brief discussion on options for improvements. A number of buildings were identified that could be better maintained, some of which appeared to be out of use. It was suggested that there may be a potential for a Local Development Order to regenerate the area and that a fuller discussion was needed at further meeting.

## **29. PRIORITY SETTING**

It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

## **30. NEXT STEPS**

It was agreed that the next meeting should focus on setting priorities for the use of Section 106 contributions that had not yet been earmarked for any particular projects.

## **31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 27 February at 7.00 p.m.

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

- (a) Town Clerk to arrange clearance of vegetation currently obscuring the brown sign at Treluswell.
- (b) Town Clerk to advise Donald Martin of the details of the next Glasney Green Space Regeneration Group.
- (c) Town Clerk to inform those who submitted suggestions to the Group of the outcome of the meeting.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman