

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

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Beverley Hulme, Andrew Marston, Martin Northern and Christopher Smith .

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED that Minute Nos. 21 to 31 of the meeting of the Section 106 Steering Group held on 28 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mark Snowdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs Mary May

35. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Donald Martin, Public Open Space Officer, Cornwall Council, attended the meeting and gave an update on public open space contributions. He advised that there had been no changes since the previous meeting, but that work had started on a development at Kernick which would bring in an additional £27,000. He added that Section 106 funds could be used as match funding and that there was currently a great deal of interest in funding sport-related projects following the Olympics.

In terms of the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project, he advised that drainage was a major problem and a similar area in Truro had cost in the region of £15k to resolve. He undertook to discuss the drainage problems with officers at Cornwall Council and to arrange for an engineer to visit the site. He suggested that the Regeneration Group should focus on raising awareness of the Project and continue to generate an evidence base for future funding bids. He added that the Kimberley Park project had organised a catalogue of events to raise awareness and funding and advised that the Project should seek to affiliate with local sporting clubs. He added that there was currently an under-provision for youth sports in Penryn.

In response to questions from the Steering Group, Donald Martin advised the following:

- Section 106 contributions could not be released to fund Christmas Lights.
- The installation of public art on a roundabout on the outskirts of Penryn was unlikely to be an appropriate use of Section 106 funding, but he would check the wording of the agreements in place in that area.

- College Field could present an opportunity for a destination site with an option for a formal garden on the site.
- Part of the Section 106 contributions could be used to fund a feasibility study for Glasney Field.

36. PRIORITY SETTING

It was agreed that the first priority for the transport contributions was to resolve the parking problems in the town centre. It was noted that the Town Council was still awaiting a response on the possibility of swapping Permarin and Commercial Road car parks, and Councillor Mrs Mary May also advised that she had requested Cornwall Council to consider reduced parking charges in Commercial Road. Regardless of the outcome, it was agreed that opening up a suitable pedestrian access to the town centre from Commercial Road car park was essential, along with improved signage. Ed Hartgill of the Penryn Traders Group was in attendance at the meeting, and raised concerns that the subsidised bus fares to Falmouth for students were discouraging them from stopping off in Penryn. A number of solutions were discussed including a hop on/hop off arrangement with the bus company or a cheaper fare to Penryn.

37. COMMERCIAL ROAD

In the light of there being no co-opted members present at the meeting, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

38. NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that the next step for the Group was to look at how to progress proposals for Commercial Road.

39. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 17 April at 2.00 p.m.

AGREED ACTIONS

- (a) Donald Martin to arrange for an engineer to visit Glasney Field to investigate the drainage problems.
- (b) Donald Martin to check if there are any Section 106 funds that could be used for the installation of public art on Treliever roundabout.
- (c) Councillor Mrs Mary May to contact the previous Town Clerk regarding the history of the drainage problems at Glasney Field.
- (d) Donald Martin to email application form for the release of Section 106 funds for a feasibility study of Glasney Field regeneration.
- (e) Town Clerk to discuss ideas for encouraging students to visit Penryn via the bus service instead of continuing straight to Falmouth with the President of the Students' Union.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman