

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SECTION 106 STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY
17 APRIL 2013 AT 2.00 P.M. IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, PENRYN

Councillors: Mrs Gill Grant (Chairman)
Mrs Mary May

Co-Optees: Andrew Marston
Martin Northern
Christopher Smith

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Beverley Hulme.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2013

RESOLVED that Minute Nos. 32 to 39 of the meeting of the Section 106 Steering Group held on 27 February 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Mary May and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gill Grant

Rich Pearson of FXU attended the meeting to advise on the University's position regarding bus subsidies. He advised that the cost of subsidising a service to Penryn would be in the region of £250k. He added that it may be possible to consider a 'hop on, hop off' option, but the contract had only just been renegotiated for the coming year. He advised that in terms of attracting students to shop in Penryn it would be beneficial to have a bookshop or stationery retail outlet.

Donald Martin, Public Open Space Officer, Cornwall Council, attended the meeting and gave an update on the actions from the previous meeting. He advised that the engineer was drafting a report on the costs of resolving the drainage problems on Glasney Field and it was likely to be in the region of £50-60k. He added that it would be sensible to carry out any plant work at the same time as the drainage work. He advised that it was clear that the previous scheme had not worked, but confirmed that it was feasible to improve the drainage on the site.

He advised that he had not yet met with the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Group as the application process for Section 106 funds had not yet been formally set up at Cornwall Council. He added that he would also look into the question of possible Section 106 funding for the installation of public art at Treliever roundabout.

43. PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Representatives from various stakeholders were invited to attend the meeting to present their suggestions for the use of Section 106 funding, including Incredible Edible,

Olive Branch, and Friends of Penryn Station, as well as supporters of allotments for Penryn. Donald Martin advised that Section 106 funding could only be used for capital projects and therefore it was not a suitable funding source for the Incredible Edible project. However, it was agreed that the Town Council would look into the possibility of providing a hub for the project at the Gentlemen's Hut on Quay Hill. Donald Martin advised that Cornwall in Bloom gave funding, advice and guidance to projects such as this and provided a mechanism through their website to network with other similar groups throughout Cornwall to share expertise.

A discussion on allotments led to a number of suggested sites being considered and Donald Martin advised that this was a project that could be funded, but the Town Council would need to own the land or hold a long-term lease and the allotments would need to be managed by a community group or the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised that the issue of allotments had already been raised within the Town Framework for Falmouth and Penryn. Donald Martin advised that the simplest solution would be to convert Council-owned land where possible, but in doing so, he would need to evidence that there was not an under-provision of play space in the town.

It was commented that it was unfortunate that a representative of the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project had not been able to attend the meeting, but it was acknowledged that the project had been discussed by the Group at some length already and identified as a priority.

In summary, it was agreed that the two main priorities for Section 106 funding for public open spaces were Glasney Field and allotments, subject to a suitable site being available.

44. COMMERCIAL ROAD

Andrew Marston had brought aerial photographs of Commercial Road and after a short discussion it was agreed that at the next meeting the Group would consider the recommendations set out in the Falmouth and Penryn Combined Development Framework. Martin Northern suggested that Katie Cook, an expert in urban design, might be approached for co-option on to the Group.

45. NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that the next meeting would focus on the recommendations in the Falmouth and Penryn Combined Development Framework for Commercial Road.

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 June at 2.30 p.m.

AGREED ACTIONS

- (a) Donald Martin to check if there are any Section 106 funds that could be used for the installation of public art on Treliever roundabout.
- (b) Town Clerk to investigate feasibility of suggested sites for allotments.
- (c) Martin Northern to approach Katie Cook regarding possible co-option to the Group.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman