

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AT 6.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PENRYN

Councillors

Dave Garwood, John Langan, Mary May, Rich Mitchell , Chris Smith

Co-optees

Martin Northern, Frances Crow, Simon Persighetti

Cornwall Council Officers

Mark James, Community Link Officer

Council Officers

Lauren Bayfield

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Snowdon and Joanie Willett.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 August 2016 were noted.

3. PRESENTATION BY BECALELIS BRODSKI OF INTERANIMA

Becalelis Brodski gave a short presentation on the InterAnima CIC and how this might relate to the Neighbourhood Plan and be utilised as a Neighbourhood Planning tool. InterAnima aims to bring together visions of Penryn in the past, present and future. The project already had funding from FEAST and Cornwall College were incorporating it in to some of their courses. There was also interest from BBC Spotlight to provide coverage. Given the visual element of the project, he advised that it would be more useful for the group to visit the studio that would be set up in the Little Yellow House from 12 October.

It was agreed to visit the InterAnima workshop on Monday 24 October at 6pm and to hold the next meeting of the steering group at 7pm in the Little Yellow House.

4. CORNWALL COUNCIL SUPPORT AND FUNDING

The Community Link Officer advised that £9000 was available towards development of the Neighbourhood Plan. It should be applied for as and when required as any funding received must be spent in the same financial year. The Neighbourhood Plan boundary was to be set before any application for funding was made and the money could be held by the Town Council. The Town Council had also set aside £7000 within their budget towards the plan. Support was available from Cornwall Council officers who could answer any questions and offer advice on development and project planning as and when required. The plan would not be signed off if it conflicted with local plan policies. This was something members should be aware of when finalising policy's within the plan. Members were also made aware that the plan needed to be put through a referendum to be adopted.

It was agreed to meet informally with the Community Link Officer on Wednesday 21

September at 6pm to discuss the timeline of the plan.

5. ESRC FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE EVENT

Joanie Willett sent an update on an event being held in the Temperance Hall on 12 November. The purpose of the event, which would be run by students from the University of Exeter, would be to explore local resident's perceptions about life in the town, and what they would like to happen in the future. This information would be gathered through playing the game 'Penrynopoly'. The project could be utilised as base-line research for the Neighbourhood Plan. It was requested that the steering group feedback with steers on what aspects of community life they would like to focus on. For example, any questions on aspects of housing, business, or employment.

The steering group agreed that it would be a useful way to inform members of the public about the Neighbourhood Plan however at this early stage it was difficult to identify areas to focus on. Based on research that had already been carried out, the following points were raised to feedback:

- Links between Commercial Road and town centre
- Identifying and changing the way people move through the town
- Daytime and night-time facilities and users of the town
- Economy
- Empty shops

It was agreed that the Chairman would feedback on the ideas from the steering group.

6. RECRUITMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROFESSIONAL

In order that the Neighbourhood Plan be kept to the timeline and project plan it was felt prudent to employ a professional. The right candidate would be a rounded individual with knowledge of planning policies and the Local Plan and be able to communicate ideas visually. It was agreed to invite suggested applicants to attend the next meeting. Once the boundary had been agreed by the Town Council a press release would be issued to advertise the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and the recruitment of a candidate.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BOUNDARY

The Community Link Officer advised that the boundary could not be set to include areas in neighbouring parishes. Neighbouring parishes would also need to be consulted when including policies that may impact upon their communities. Discussion took place around possible options for the boundary including focusing on the town boundary, instead of the parish.

It was agreed to propose to the Town Council that the official parish boundary be used as the boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TOOLKIT

The Neighbourhood Plan toolkit was updated.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8pm.