

NP committee meeting (11th May 2017)

Attending: Keith Williams (KW_i), Iestyn John (IJ)

Apologies: Kevin Wooff (KW_o), Tim Cox (TC), Martin Parkes (MP)

Actions from the last meeting

Action 1: MP to make minor corrections and provide a final version of the survey analysis (ideally by March 15th so that it can be put on the website and advertised in the April parish paper). - *Done*

Action 2: MP to provide sample housing needs survey and estimate of the cost (ideally ahead of parish council meeting on the 8th). - *Done*

Action 3: KW_i and TC to take issue of cost of housing needs survey to the parish council. - *Done*

Action 4: NP team to reconsider whether to undertake housing needs survey following discussions with parish council and above information from MP. – *Done. After lengthy discussion and consultation, decided not to undertake a housing needs survey.*

Action 5: MP to provide email addresses for those interested in working from home and those interested in community renewable energy. - *Done*

Action 6: MP to provide guidelines for how to structure a business needs meeting. - *Done*

Action 7: KW_i, TC and IJ to arrange a business needs meeting, inviting those who provided an email address directly and advertising in the parish paper. - *Done*

Action 8: KW_o (with help from others) to arrange a community renewable energy meeting along similar lines to the business needs meeting. - *Done*

Notes from this meeting

At the last meeting, it was agreed that three topics would be followed up for the NP (housing, business needs and community renewables).

Housing: Since the last meeting, the NP team has discussed the question of whether or not to undertake a housing needs survey, and potentially allocate a site for affordable housing. This included consultation with the Parish Council and MP. After weighing up a number of conflicting arguments, the decision was not to undertake a housing needs survey, but to reflect the clear desire from the survey for an additional moderate number of cheaper houses by proposing that infill of 3-bed and smaller houses within the existing village.

Business needs: A public consultation meeting with local businesses took place on May 9th, with those having indicated in the survey that they would like to be contacted on the issue being specifically invited. The views expressed were thought to be representative of those who undertake desk work from their own home within the parish (which is the majority of local businesses), however it was noted that no one attended who had business premises (farm, garage, salon, etc.). By far the biggest issue for those attending was the lack of superfast broadband. For the NP, the main outcome was a desire for more modestly priced office space to be available for ad-hoc

booking, which we propose is most likely to be achieved by converting the use of existing buildings. A separate summary of the meeting is available in the public meetings folder.

Community Renewables: A public meeting was held on May 7th with those having indicated in the survey that they would like to be contacted on the issue being specifically invited. Sufficient numbers attended to make it clear that there was genuine enthusiasm for a working group and initial objectives were defined. A separate summary of the meeting is available in the public meetings folder.

It was agreed that a fourth topic for the NP should be 'Open Space' with a clear indication from the survey for a desire for more footpaths and for preservation of the playing fields and their development in terms of new play equipment, possible levelling of the football field, etc.

The Community Fair on May 20th is the next main community engagement event for the NP. It was agreed that the display stand would illustrate the evolution from the topics coming out of last year's Community Fair consultation, through the headline results of the survey, to the draft vision and four topics we are taking forward along with our proposed approach for them. There will also be the indication that the two big topics of superfast broadband and transport are largely outside of the NP, but will be taken up by the parish council. We will collect comments from the public on our proposed approach.

Actions from this meeting

Action 1: MP to provide quote for his services for the coming year including project management and drafting of the plan.

Action 2: KWi to apply to Locality for this year's grant.

Action 3: IJ to provide draft vision statement for the NP.

Action 4: KWi to prepare the first two parts of the display (outcomes from last year and the survey results) for the NP stand at the Community Fair.

Action 5: IJ to prepare the third part of the display (vision and four topics being taken forward) for the NP stand at the Community Fair.

Action 6: MP to complete statutory consultations.

Action 7: KWi to discuss with MP whether there is a good way of finding out how many businesses are in the parish (short of knocking on doors).

Action 8: KWi to arrange the next meeting in June at a time all can make.