

Minutes of St Goran NDP Group meeting 20th May 2019

Present: Pete McClellan, Mike Bunney, Catherine Coffey, Chris Lobb, Lisa Dunne, Kate Longley, David Peacock, Graham Chaplin, Frances & Geoff Firmin.

Apologies: Arlene & William Fullerton, Robert Bunney, Trevor Waller.

The **minutes** of 29th April meeting were accepted without discussion.

PM welcomed **Helen Nicholson**, Cornwall Council Community Network Manager, also member of St Clement NDP steering group, and **Garth Shephard**, leader of Mevagissey NDP steering group. Each spoke and took questions for about 30 minutes; the gist of their experience and advice is reported in combined form :

A NDP adds local detail to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Cornwall Council's (CC) Local Plan (LP), which it may not contradict. Unlike previous Parish Plans, it becomes a legal document on adoption, requiring evidence of substance for all its policies, and must appear 'professional'.

The policies must be seen to arise from the community. Consultation with local groups and societies should inform a questionnaire to be delivered to all households.

Strictly, a NDP deals with land use, namely housing, services and roads. It may contain policies for other issues, but they will have to be implemented by other bodies. It must essentially be seen to be permissive rather than prohibitive, encouraging desired behaviour rather than attempting to prevent unwanted change.

The group will require talent in the areas of market research, project management, chartered surveying, landscape character assessment and website creation. Relevant expertise within the community should be located and recruited.

Funding for different aspects of the project are available from the County Council, from Locality and from the Lottery.

All aspects of the project may be plagiarised from existing NDP websites, often with the enthusiastic support of their creators.

LD knew a local ecologist, **Janine Bright**, and had asked her to envisage a local biodiversity and conservation survey. Their exchange and Janine's indicative costing are appended.

Next meeting: Monday **24th June**, ten days before the July PC meeting.

Actions:

GF to contact Parish Clerk Lesley Potheary, to request PC indicate the intention to create a NDP by applying to CC for designation of a neighbourhood area.

All members (a) to make suggestions for our Terms of Reference to PM, and (b) to read online a local NDP and an arbitrary up-country NDP of choice, looking for surprise content which we might think of including in ours.