

Minutes of St Goran NDP Group virtual meeting 28th October 2020

A Zoom meeting of the NDP Group was hosted by Fiona Gulliver – participating were Catherine Coffey, Bob Digby, Lisa Dunne, Richard Enos, Geoff Firmin, Chris Lobb, Kate Longley, Barbara Miles, David Peacock and Chris Trew.

Jeremy Roberts, Chair of Three Bays Wildlife Group, also grew up in Gorran, gave a presentation on the multitude of competing activities in the Marine and Coastal Environment, how they might share rather than harm the habitat, hoped that residents' views could be elicited to form Marine Environment policies in the NDP, and offered to contribute help where useful.

Specialist topic subgroups reported progress; all would welcome additional volunteers :

Environment [LD, BM] A landscape architect has offered to provide a free landscape character assessment. NDP groups are entitled to resources from the Environment Record Centre. A farming survey is envisaged.

History and Heritage [RE, CL, DP] Several books detailing Parish history were noted as a potential resource.

Housing [CT] would circulate a note on demographics being drafted. We should note the changes to building regulations in the future homes standard 2025. Much might be read across from the St Mewan NDP.

Services [FG, RE] all members were asked to help contact services users and local group leaders in a GDPR-friendly way by personal requests.

Transport & Employment [BD, KL] several Transport issues mentioned in preliminary consultations such as lighting and paths overlapped with Services. Indifferent internet speed at the Old Schoolrooms detracted from use, puzzlingly in light of proximity to the green box.

Comms & Consultation [CC, BD, GF, KL, BM] A productive zoom consultation had been arranged with a group of self-employed residents, high-lighting issues and needs of homeworkers; more such shared-interest consultations were planned.

Expenditures anticipated in the remainder of the financial year were listed; GF would submit a grant request of £2652 to Locality.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7pm Tuesday 24th November; BM would invite her landscape architect friend to participate. Tuesday 22nd December was proposed for a subsequent meeting.