

Minutes of St Goran NDP Group virtual meeting 24th November 2020

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

Kathryn Statham, Landscape Architect at Cornwall Council, explained the role of a Local Landscape Character Assessment in a NDP, and how we might undertake one ourselves with fieldwork assessment sheets. The task would be to record the facts of what we could see throughout the Parish, landforms, vegetation and human interventions; judging which were desirable would come later at public consultations. Recommended examples of LLCA could be found in NDPs from Roseland and St. Erme. KS could conduct a training evening by Zoom at modest cost when required, and was available for informal support. KS was warmly thanked for her presentation.

FG invited each specialist topic subgroup to prepare a PowerPoint slide for next meeting (7pm Tuesday 22nd December), detailing progress so far and the programme for 2021; festive costume and drink would be expected.

Comms & Consultation Virtual focus group discussions are being arranged with parents of primary school children on 2nd December, and with parents of pre-school children 2 weeks later. Topics and questions to be discussed had been collected. Several members volunteered to 'listen in' when available; all were asked to help recruit participants.

History and Heritage RE was finding that Parish history would inform every aspect of the NDP.

Housing CT warned that the increasing use of electricity for domestic heating and car charging would require more robust grid connections.

Environment BM had interviewed a member of the Harbour Trust; the ecology audit would be discussed with Janine Bright the coming Friday.

Services FG drew members' attention to the DropBox list of local group leaders and services users, to encourage personal contact.

CT had received and studied the draft Housing Need Survey; it seemed only about half of households had been sent the letter. Even the small number of responses showed a significantly under-appreciated desire for houses that were truly affordable to rent or buy. Rather smaller homes were needed than those whose price was inflated by holiday-maker demand. The findings would be compared with those of the HNS of several years ago.

KL suggested that the work of sub-groups would be shared more effectively when each had clear Terms of Reference. Environment had drafted theirs; a suggested outline for the others would be circulated.

GF reported that our £2446 grant application had been successful, he had completed the Due Diligence online form on 18th November, and payment was promised within ten working days.

Commented [LK1]: I suggest that we delete this.... I've since received (from Cornwall Council) the list of properties within the Parish – there are 660 addresses, so the number of letters sent out seems to be correct. I also checked with Michael Bunney who said that there are approximately 1000 people on the electoral register - some of course are couples or other adults living at the same address, so the numbers seem about right.