

## **Minutes of St Goran NDP Group virtual meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020**

Participating in a Zoom meeting of the NDP Group were Bob Digby, Lisa Dunne, Richard Enos, Geoff Firmin, Fiona Gulliver, Chris Lobb, Kate Longley, Barbara Miles and David Peacock; apologies: Catherine Coffee and Chris Trew. With regrets, Jack Burr had had to withdraw from the Group through pressure of other work.

FG celebrated progress so far, noting that reliance on emails and Zoom was not proving to be a significant hindrance. Invited speakers had given us much to think about, and given a clearer view of the work confronting us.

**Comms & Consultation** Public consultations pre-lockdown are written up, and the report can be viewed under our tab on the Parish website. The first three online consultations had been conducted, and CC had set up a NDP Facebook page. While many views received were relevant to future preparation of the Plan, there was also expressed repeatedly an immediate need for some forum for volunteering, cooperation and exchange of information in the Parish. KL invited us to consider NextDoor, which might serve the purpose if enough people joined.

**Transport, Employment and Local Economy** Writing the sub-group's Terms of Reference was crystallising the questions which would need to be asked, about viable businesses, tourism and where residents worked.

**Housing** CL observed that second homes were only a modern variant of previous generations' renting out their own home for the summer while they camped with relatives or in a garage.

**Environment** Conversations continued with 3 Bays Wildlife and the Harbour Trust; LD to invite Janine Bright to proceed with the ecology audit, on the basis of her revised proposal.

**Services** Most topics threw up overlaps with other subgroups; it would be instructive if a focus group could be arranged on the subjects of healthcare and the elderly.

KL raised the idea of commissioning a consultant to write the Plan, and had researched details of two who might. DP asked if we could see what they had produced for other Groups, RE wished to avoid a formulaic result, FG hoped to reflect the passions encountered in consultation, GF suggested inviting them to address us.

The next meeting of the Group was scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.