

Minutes of St Goran NDP Group virtual meeting 26th January 2021

Participating in a Zoom meeting of the NDP Group were Catherine Coffee, Bob Digby, Lisa Dunne, Richard Enos, Geoff Firmin, Kate Longley, Barbara Miles, David Peacock and Chris Trew; apologies: Fiona Gulliver and Chris Lobb.

BM reported a neighbour expressing an interest to become involved, so he should be invited to the next meeting [action 1.1]. This meeting principally discussed Terms of Reference for each of the thematic sub-groups; each recognised areas of overlap with the others.

History and Heritage (DP) hoped to prepare design guides to encourage development in the vernacular style of the Parish; Cornwall Council are drafting a Cornish design guide. H&H would benefit from the Environment Landscape Character Assessment, which might start during lockdown if interested walkers could be recruited (LD: volunteering looks good on students' CVs). DP would sound out a possible LCA leader [1.2]

Housing (CT) hoped to connect with local Community Land Trusts, to flesh out the information in the Housing Need Survey with questions on social media, and to develop policies on affordability, sustainability, renewable energy and future-proofing.

Services (RE) aimed to identify services used in the Parish, whether they were considered adequate and would continue to be provided, and how they might be affected by development. While the NDP was not the place for a wish-list, it might well note services a developer should be expected to augment.

Local Economy, Employment and Transport (BD) intended to assess the nature of the local economy, in particular the tourism sector and the retired population, by use of household survey, focus group discussions and interviews with key informants. After which could be identified services, buildings and transport which could benefit current workers and foreseeable changes.

Environment (LD) have commissioned an ecology report to identify areas of the Parish to be protected from development, and would collaborate with other groups in the Landscape Character Assessment. The group would work to elicit views on the environment and climate change in the consultation processes, and consider coastal and marine environments in partnership with Three Bays Wildlife Group.

AOB : it would be desirable to obtain invoices soon for the main approved budget items, so that they can be settled before end-of-financial-year. Members should reflect on anticipated costs from April onwards, so that a budget request for next year's activities can be discussed and drawn up.

Next Zoom meetings were proposed for Tuesdays 23rd February and 23rd March, at 6:30pm.