

Minutes of St Goran NDP Steering Group virtual meeting 23 March 2021

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

Geoff Firmin had had to withdraw from the Group. It was agreed that his minute-taking duties for the monthly meetings should be shared on a rota basis. **BD to write to Geoff thanking him for his contribution to the Group since its inception.**

Updates were given on five matters discussed at the February meeting (recruiting LLCA volunteers; possible links with the Tevi Project; renewable energy; online mapping; HNS invoice). GF has prepared a detailed note about the available guidance on renewable energy; **KL will circulate the note and suggested the topic be discussed at the April meeting.**

Sub-group updates: **Environment** (LD,BM) hosted an online training session by Kathryn Statham on LLCA; volunteers for the fieldwork have been recruited. **History & Heritage** (CL,RE,DP) working towards drafts of a brief history of the parish and explanations of how the history has influenced the environment and housing. **Housing** (CT) working towards a draft policy wording. **Local Economy, Employment & Transport** (BD,LD) reported that the online meeting with local self-employed tradespeople had been very helpful; links with Truro College may lead to help from students in collecting data and conducting surveys relating to tourism. **Services** (FG,RE) reviewing the overlap with other sub-groups' topics. **Communications & Consultation** KL reported on discussion with Vocaleyes re community action; launch of online photo competition; invited suggestions for contacts who might be able to help design and set up a website for the NDP.

Steve Besford-Foster was welcomed to the meeting. As a Chartered Town Planner and independent consultant who had helped several other steering groups in Cornwall with the development of their NDPs, he had been invited to explain the various ways in which he could provide advice on details of the process and/or help with compiling evidence and drafting policies. His presentation covered the statutory requirements and the role of NDPs in the overall planning system, as well as numerous practical points about specific topics and about involving the local community throughout the preparation of the NDP. He commented that, although the main focus of any NDP had to be on the control of development which required planning permission, some "management issues" and "aspirations" of particular concern to residents could usefully be recorded in the NDP because this might lead to local groups and volunteers taking action to deal separately with such matters.

RS led a discussion about actual/anticipated expenditure and next year's grant request. **Sub-groups were requested to provide their proposed budget items for next year's grant by 4th April.**

AOB:

The proposed Meadowside housing development has been refused planning permission, making it even more important for the NDP to promote affordable housing.

The Low Carbon Fund Group is planning to have a public event to raise awareness on Climate Action and it was suggested that the NDP might also take part.

The next (Zoom) meetings were proposed for 7.00pm on Tuesdays 27 April and 25 May.