

Minutes of a Progress Meeting of the Mawnan NDP Group held on 26th March 2018 in the Bowling Club

Present: Terry Damer (Chair); Dennis McQuillan (Sec); Peter Stokes, Jon Holt, Georgena Morris, Jackie Whibley, Graham Marsden, Rodney Greenhalgh, Mick Hartley.

Also present: Cllr Peter Bradley

Apologies: Rex Sadler, Carrie Gilmore, Melissa Mercer (Media)

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 19 February 2018 had been distributed to the Steering Gp and via the NDP website. They were also e-mailed out to everyone on the electronic mail list. Jon Holt requested an alteration to the Lowenna Field housing allocations at para 6 (3). He would pass them to the Sec. No other alterations were requested, and the minutes were accepted for signature by the Sec.

(Sec's note: Numbers had been amended)

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Working Group Updates

The Chair asked that future updates be graded on a scale of 0 to 10 as a measure of progress. Problems should be identified with an indication of the volume of work undertaken. JW asked that expectations on the Working Gps be established. Clarification of the pre - Questionnaire status would determine future effort as much of the current work was more relevant to the main questionnaire to be delivered later in the process. This dilemma would be resolved later in the meeting.

a. Landscape. The LCA group had a progress rating of 1. Having been advised by Kath Statham to wait for better weather, she now found herself committed to writing 2 LCAs for other NDP groups and had been called into a public inquiry. Training would be organised for the week beginning 23 April. The potential for damage due to weather impacts such as flooding should be considered. GM asked that the group liaise with the parish clerk who had information on these matters.

b. Leisure and Tourism. Work had continued to develop their spreadsheets and to define the split of responsibilities with the Business group. A transcript of JW's speaking notes are at Annex A. Discussion followed on the questions that might be asked of businesses and those operating in the leisure arena. Clearly, commercial confidentiality would be an issue. GM reminded the meeting that we were subject to Freedom of Information requests. We should only seek broad indication of

future plans that effect development, their concerns and the possible impact of Brexit.

c. Traffic and Transport. No specific progress had been made in this sphere apart from the knowledge that traffic issues were a matter for the Parish Council. However, congestion and provision of parking at developments were factors that could inform the NDP. Peter Bradley informed the meeting that the Parish Council were considering the placement of new traffic screens on the approach to Mawnan Smith to control speed. The system was digital and would collect data which could inform the Parish and County Councils. That data could also be cited in the NDP where relevant.

d. Environment and History. The group had met to redraft their questions for inclusion in a questionnaire from an open reply format to the closed (tick box) format. Georgina asked about the young people's questionnaire that had accompanied the 2007 Village Plan survey. This was considered too detailed at this stage and would form part of the final effort. Meanwhile, Anna Druce was continuing to develop her ideas to work with the schools. She also asked whether development of renewable energy should form part of her WG remit. The Chair affirmed that sustainability should be a policy in the final document and should be considered by all groups.

e. Housing. JH was congratulated on the work he had done to determine the need for future housing development. He explained how of the 21 affordable houses in the Lowenna Fields development, only one had been rented by someone with a close parish link; 3 had gone to those with a slight connection. The remainder had no links. Yet the Council Housing Register still showed needs for 19 families – and this could continue to be used by developers as the evidence to support future large-scale building. The Council's 5-tier housing allocation system also made it unlikely that any inroad would be made into the Register. There was concern that developers could change aspects of the original plan by fielding numerous alterations to the plan which were not addressed in detail by the planning authorities. These usually affected environmental, quality and design issues. JH urged faster production of the NDP; the Sec advised that room had been made in the current project plan for considerable research periods. A great deal of study had already been undertaken. Therefore, there should be the potential to reduce the overall timescale. However, the need for a Scoping Questionnaire had to be addressed. He was also concerned at the lack of weight given to legal argument when trying to rebut the claims of developers. Current protection against inappropriate development is given in the broad Cornwall Local Plan. The NDP would reinforce protection at the community level. Though not a matter for the NDP, JH felt that a community group should be formed to fight the developers with legal argument and thus force them to turn away from major builds.

f. Quality and Design. Rodney Greenhalgh had undertaken considerable effort to build a database of almost all properties in the parish to describe current housing

styles. These would prove useful in developing policy on design which should include preferred housing and commercial styles, how they blend with the environment, and green space allocation. The Chair referred him to the Cornwall Design Guide which should help him develop policy.

g. Finance. A new application would be made now that a renewed NDP allocation of £9k had been confirmed for the 4 years commencing April 2018. Each bid had to be for not less than £1,000; small items (e.g. stationery) do not need quotes, but quotes were required when using any outside agency such as Council Support Services. The major bid items were LCA Training and the production of the Pre (or Scoping) Questionnaire. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged by the Chair to develop the bid.

4. Pre-Questionnaire (Scoping)

The need for a pre-questionnaire was raised during discussion on Housing. Many WGs had moved so far forward with their policy areas that it was considered unnecessary and a potential waste of time and funds. However, the legal basis of the NDP could be put at risk if the public had not been consulted on the issues that should be covered. The Chair would seek clarification from Sarah Furley on this matter. If needed, the approach could be made simpler by asking for affirmation of the current policy areas and by seeking inclusion of any development factors that had been omitted.

5. Social Media

Work continued to expand and refine our contacts with the public to include how we could acquire data from community groups. The GDPR rules made this difficult but Melissa was working to seek voluntary contact from individuals who have an interest in the NDP.

6. Any Other Business

a. The Chair stated that he would wish to attend Working Group meetings on occasion. WG leaders were asked to inform him of upcoming events. He asked that renewable energies be address by all policy areas for any impact they could have. Sustainability had become a key element of many NDP drafts and they could be used to facilitate wording.

b. The provision of identity tags would be pursued by JW.

c. The NDP group was not represented at the March Farmers' Market but intends to be present on Saturday 28th April. The focus will be on gathering new email addresses from residents who would like to kept informed of NDP progress.

(After the meeting the Chair found that he was away that weekend; he appeals for help from the Steering Group to represent us on that day)

d. Any handout leaflets or documents asking for personal information will need a GDPR statement.

Action: Sec to ensure this was done.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next progress meeting would be held at 7.00 pm in the Bowling Club on Monday, 16 April 2018. The venues for meetings in Mawnan were extremely busy and it was necessary to book well in advance to ensure adequate accommodation. The Bowling Club had been booked for 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, and 20 August for future NDP meetings.

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Chairman

April 2018

Speaking Notes by Jackie Whibley

In February 2018 the Leisure & Tourism Working Group met with the leaders of the Environment & History working group and the Business working group to understand where there is opportunity to work together, and to agree which working group would take the lead for contacting those organisations and visitor attractions which we all thought would be useful to make contact with, to further the development of our NDP, as far as our content sections are concerned.

We agreed that the Leisure & Tourism Working Group will take the lead in being the primary NDP contact for the following, at least for our initial questions to them:

- Glendurgan Garden/ The National Trust
- Trebah Garden Trust
- The Red Lion
- Cornish Maid
- Helford River Boats
- Mawnan WI
- Mawnan Bowls Club
- Mawnan Football Club
- Mawnan Cricket Club

The Business working Group would likewise take the lead with:

- Ferryboat Inn
- The Cove
- the Kayaking businesses based or operating in Mawnan

The Environment & History working Group would take the lead with St. Michael's Church

We have extended our spreadsheets on Leisure and on Tourism within the parish to include Diving, Coastering, Cookery courses, Farmers' Markets, Craft Fairs/ markets, Talks by HVMCA, and Penwarne Cafe and Campsite. We are now recording some 81 leisure activities and 50 tourism attractions across the parish.

We agreed a list of 14 questions which could commonly be asked of each organisation/ visitor attraction, and these will be extended or adapted as relevant to each one.

We intend to schedule appointments with the relevant person in each, and to attend in pairs. We aim to conduct this work over the next few weeks and to share feedback with the Business, Environment & History and Traffic & Transport Working Groups to avoid duplication by the NDP team.

Meanwhile we'll prepare a draft of the "Leisure & Tourism "panorama" in Mawnan, which would be suitable background for inclusion in the final NDP report perhaps.

For a list of the 14 proposed questions please refer to the minuted copy of my summary email of 13th February 2018.

The next step for the L&T working group is to meet shortly to map out the who/what/when for the forthcoming interviews.