

Minutes of Neighbourhood Planning Group Wednesday 14th October 2015

Present: Ann Turner (AT) (Chair), Dan Turner (DT), Phil Jolly (PJ), Roy Sims (RS), Mark Lawrence (ML), Charlotte Rathbone (CR), Trevor Ward (TW), Burda Gage (BG), Chris Barnes (CB)

Apologies from Brian Weeks, Alison Wood, Barry White, Jon Sullivan, Rose Wood, Cate Thomas.

Rose and Cate had said they wanted to stand down from the group and were thanked for their input.

Matters arising.

ML said that in the minutes of the last meeting it should have been Devon CC rather than SHDC who did the questionnaire design and analysis.

AT asked if the bill from the California Inn had been presented. PJ will check.

Section 106 funding. ML reported that there was a training session for parish councils on the 4th November in Totnes. It seems that the funds quoted in the officer's report to the Development Management Committee considering the RA1 applications have been significantly reduced. Projects to be funded have to have a clear proof of need and preferably be in a plan of some sort. The Neighbourhood Plan could be such a vehicle.

ML, AT and George Rosevear are attending the training session and will report back. ML to reserve places (done 15/10))

Task Groups.

There had been minimal response to the item in the October Messenger asking for people to help on the task groups. Names were discussed who could be approached (listed separately from these minutes). All present were asked to give additional names and whether they would approach the individual or not to AT by Friday 23rd October.

Website.

We agreed not to wait for the "new" Modbury parish Council website.

DT said that it would cost about £1,500 to have a website designed for us.

If we did it ourselves it would cost about £200. PC rules say that we should go to tender for anything costing more than £250 and this would require a detailed specification.

(NB should we be working on the spec now?)

Budget.

PJ, RS and AT had produced a budget which was circulated and discussed.

This included estimates of £3,000 for questionnaire design and analysis, allowance for a project officer, for admin costs, for the website at £1,500. In total £7,100. This for spending until end March 2016.

The grants available are for between £1,000 and £8,000 and there was some discussion whether we should make it up to £8,000 by including some funding for a landscape survey which could cost in the order of £2,000. This would take the amount over the limit allowed. NB Following the meeting it was therefore decided by AT, PJ and RS to leave it at the original figure for this application but to include this in further applications.

The budget was approved and ML would ask Lucy Brown (Chair, Modbury PC) to agree that Modbury PC could go down as applicant for the grant. (Done and agreed 15/10) Modbury PC would be the bankers to receive the funds.

PJ reported that we had £362.39 in our budget. He was resolving figures with the new parish clerk, Sacha Hagar.

AOB.

BG mentioned a workshop on the 22nd October concerning the AoNB input into OUR PLAN. There is concern that the AoNB do not comment robustly on some planning applications. ML mentioned the new Prior Notification process for agricultural barn conversions, RS mentioned problems with historic buildings such as Barracks Wall which could fall into disrepair.

CR mentioned the talk being given that evening on housing and sustainable energy in Newton Ferrers the AR was attending (notes already circulated 15/10)

ML said that OUR PLAN seemed likely to be delayed even further in order to get the evidence base good enough to pass the eventual examination. It was being discussed at the SHDC executive tomorrow (15/10).

Notes of the Totnes NP groups meeting were awaited.

There was space in the November Messenger for an item. AT would pen something.

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd December 2015 8.15 White Hart. But work should continue on getting the groups up and running.

Task Groups and identified people and suggested people.

Environment. CB, CR, BW, DT, AT, plus I note that Andy Rathbone has indicated willingness to lead the group in an email on the 15th October.

Community Services (schools, health, care, libraries...) AW/ AT. Liz Edwards, Kath Pemberton, TW to bounce education ideas off.

Communications RS. Vicky Hammerstein

Employment and Business. Jon Sullivan, DT. Margaret Middleton, Trish Berry, Jane Derbyshire, Sarah Ringrose, Modbury Chamber?

Roads / Transport (inc Parking) CB

Housing / Town Planning ML, CR, Jon Sullivan, AR Nigel Lee

NB we were running out of steam towards the end so more should be identified!