

Action Points from the NSCPC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on the 5th of April 2023 at the Village Hall Club Room.

Before the Meeting the following Agenda was set.

AGENDA

1 Welcome to existing and new group members Estelle Honebon and Heidi Howarth

2. Notes of Forum follow up meeting 25th February (attached)

3. Forum – Key themes

- Each Topic Leader to present key priorities in their subject area (summary sheets attached)

4. What next?

- Further refinement of priorities?
- Workstream leadership?
- Translating into first draft neighbourhood plan policies?
- Publicity and more feedback?

5. Other workstreams

- NSC School – engagement with children and parents (Gail and Helen to feedback)
- Housing Development pre-planning discussions (Locality Housing scheme?)

6. Money

- End of Year 22/23 Spend (see attached- Mark to present)
- Grant Application 23/24

7. AOB

8. Date of next meeting 3rd May 2023

Welcome and apologies.

Present- Graeme Barnell , Mark Phillips, Dave Rowell, Gail Meldrum, Tom Langdon-Davies, and Marcus Iles.

Not present- Andrew Broadhead, Peter Hawksley, Tom Bailey, Estelle Honebon and Heidi Howarth.

Notes of previous meetings

The Action Points from the previous short Meeting on the 25th of February 2023 were discussed and each point had been completed.

Action Points

- 1) Graeme and the group thanked Gina for her work in the Steering Group following her resignation.
- 2) Graeme then set out the task of the group to focus on the feedback from the Community Meeting to develop the plan and start to make statements of intent. There is the need to discuss surveys on housing to link to the Mid-Devon Housing needs survey and housing in more detail. Understanding the Community's vision of what they wish to maintain and conserve and new "Affordable" housing.
- 3) Each of the individual "topic" presenters then summarised the feedback gleaned from the Community Event and evidenced on the flipcharts.

Transport-Marcus

The top 3 of "vision" requests were.

A cycle/walking path between Crediton to Exeter via Newton St Cyres.

Traffic Management to reduce "Impact" on people along the A377.

A footpath between Newton to Sweetham along Station Road.

Health & Wellbeing-Gail

Reflected on how visions for Transport and Health were linked.

In addition, the community wanted to protect the Arboretum and increase green space for playing.

They valued the existing social contact networks and wanted the groups to develop and increase number of volunteers. (The Steering Group discussed to need for these groups to be adoptive and agile to changing needs).

(The short- and long-term sustainability of the Sports Club at the Rec was discussed by the Steering Group.)

Housing-Tom

The current "Good mix of housing" was needed to be maintained to conserve the character of the village. (The Steering Group discussed that they did not know the % breakdown of housing by tenure or type in the village. Graeme confirmed that this data was not available from Mid-Devon. We also need to understand the existing breakdown of the rented i.e., tied, private and the Landlords' intentions and plans).

The importance of any new housing to be energy efficient and sustainable.

There is a need for "Affordable Housing". The Steering Groups needs to understand and define the different categories.

Local Economy-Dave

The Community liked the “Rurality” of the village and felt the businesses were appropriate and integrated.

They wanted a shop, café, and longer hours Post Office service.

The change to “working from home” important to acknowledge and understand the implications.

We need to find out what support local existing businesses and possible start-up require. The importance of broadband.

Action Points continued.

- 4) At the next Meeting it was agreed that we need to plan how we engage with other stakeholders. The 2 missing topics of Climate and Open Spaces to be shared.
- 5) NSC School-Gail confirmed that Lesson Plans to engage with pupils agreed with head Mr Akhurst. Helen Iles a volunteer assistant at the school and previously a teacher to work together on this. Gail to see if it is possible, to re-engage with FANS at the school. The School will be communicating with parents in a newsletter to share what is happening. Pupils “outside” the Village area will also be involved in this work.
- 6) Mark to submit a grant submission to reapply for funds.
- 7) At the end of the Meeting Graeme shared that he understood “from reliable sources” within the Council that “pre-engagement planning” discussions were taking place about John Quicke selling land to develop housing near the Tytheings. No numbers but this would require DM6 approval as it is outside the current building boundaries and would need to meet the requirement to deliver “Community benefits vs impact”. This highlighted the importance of quickly developing and delivering this Neighbourhood Plan.
- 8) Graeme agreed to “draft” a generic letter that could be sent to key local landowners to try and understand their plans so that we can share with them the Community’s vision and needs. This draft letter to be circulated to Steering Group Members for feedback before the next meeting.

The next Meeting is on the 3rd of May 2023 at 7pm in the Club Room at the Village Hall.

Marcus