

1 MARCH 2016

DAWLISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Present:

Councillor Prowse (Chairman)
Councillor Wrigley
Mrs C Ballard
Mr C Jeffery
Mr C Swanwick (Vice Chairman)
Ms F Tullis

Also present:

Mr A. McKenzie – Secretary

Note – these minutes will be approved at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on Tuesday, 5 April 2016.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bloomfield, Clemens, Fenne and Taylor and Mrs M. Lowther.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016 were approved as a correct and accurate record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY

The Chairman advised that Dr C Marsh had resigned from the Steering Group. On behalf of Members the Chairman thanked Dr Marsh for her work on the group to date.

The Chairman advised that all district councillors for Dawlish had attended a presentation at Teignbridge Council regards the DA2 – Land at Secmaton Lane consultation and had forwarded information to Members of Dawlish Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

5. PROJECT PLAN AND TIMETABLE

The project plan and timetable were noted.

6. DA2 – LAND AT SECMATON LANE

Further to the Chairman's update on the DA2 policy of the Teignbridge Local Plan, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Deputy Chief Executive, Business Manager – Planning and Chairman of the Planning Committee conveying the Group's views.

7. FUTURE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman remained committed to developing a neighbourhood plan but questioned whether it was right to concentrate efforts on seeing it succeed as the Government had announced that CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies may only be valid for four years.

Councillor Wrigley, having had various conversations had been convinced that there was still purpose for having a neighbourhood plan in place for the community. It was an opportunity to place on record the group's wishes and aspirations, hopefully with public backing, that will have equal legal status to the local plan throughout the planning processes. He did not think the plan was solely for the receipting of CIL monies but also about protecting playing fields, parish boundaries and other ancillary benefits and enhancements for Dawlish that could be brought about through development. Additional areas of interest could be put forward as an intention statement that could allow ancillary policies to be formulated over the course of the neighbourhood plan.

Mrs Ballard stated that tourism and landscape factors including environmental issues including adequate infrastructure availability prior to developments taking place were critical – evidence could be sought from a number of sources to back this up and would fit in with the three policies currently being developed.

Members agreed that focusing on the first three of six policy areas for the neighbourhood plan should continue and be developed in to short, snappy papers like that provided by Councillor Wrigley in draft form. These would be Sustainable Transport, Homes and Landscape, Nature, Conservation and Built Heritage.

These would be finalised prior to the Steering Group meeting in March and draft copies would be circulated amongst Members and brought to the group when Tristan Peat, Principal Planning Officer from Teignbridge District Council would be attending to offer guidance and advice where sought.

8. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Members agreed this item had been adequately addressed during previous discussion.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 5 April 2016 at 7 p.m. in The Manor House, Dawlish.

ROSALIND PROWSE
CHAIRMAN