

DAWLISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

5 APRIL 2016

Present:

Councillor Prowse (Chairman)
Mr Swanwick (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Bloomfield, Taylor and Wrigley
Mrs Ballard, Ms Tullis, Mr Jeffery

Also present:

Mrs Corns– Secretary

Note – these minutes will be approved at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 3 May 2016.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Clemens and Fenne and Mrs Lowther.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2016 were approved as a correct and accurate record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Tristan Peat, Principal Planning Officer, and David Kiernan from Teignbridge District Council's Planning Department. David Kiernan, as the newly appointed Neighbourhood Planning Officer would be taking forward the advice that the District Council would provide on the preparation of the Neighbourhood plan for Dawlish.

The Chairman advised that she had recently attended a meeting at Seale Hayne in Newton Abbot, in relation to the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting focused on the monitoring and implementation of a neighbourhood plan following approval by a District Council, which was best taken forward by a Committee of residents. The committee would hold discussions with developers to action the plan, as was the case with the Exminster Neighbourhood Plan. The District and Town Councils would not lead on this but Councillors could be members of the Committee, as interested residents if wished. The Chairman had been interested to learn at the meeting how the youth of Paignton had been consulted on the back of a large sporting event, and through social media, and that the work of the group was very much in line with other Neighbourhood Plan Groups.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **PROJECT PLAN AND TIMETABLE**

The project plan and timetable were noted and would be updated as a result of discussions at Minute 6 below.

6. **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

a) Features of New Housing Developments

The Group thanked Councillor Wrigley for his work in preparing this paper.

Tristan Peat and David Kiernan advised that any aspirations would require an evidential base and justification to be realised as a policy requirement in the Neighbourhood Plan. Other issues may already be covered in the Teignbridge Local Plan.

- **Water run-off, Permeable Materials, Drainage** – David Kiernan advised that this was largely covered by policies in the Teignbridge Local Plan, but an area to explore further to add more value and detail as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Flooding was a serious issue and concern for residents. The Government's insurance initiative FLOODRE was referred to and it was requested that this be added to the Plan as evidence base critical to Dawlish.

- **Insulation, Solar Power and Alternatives** – New build should provide renewable energy features such as solar panels and water boreholes to avoid the detrimental effect of large scale solar panels and windmills in a tourist area and area of outstanding natural beauty. It was not a requirement of the Local Plan for developers to provide such and justification would be required.
- **Broadband and Mobile Coverage** – This was not a requirement of the Local Plan. David Kiernan suggested that the Group's aspirations could be channelled into a request that adequate ducting is provided by developers from houses to a main road to enable residents choice to connect to any service provider, as opposed to providing the service with a specific provider.
- **Housing Style and Design Variety** – A request for Homes for Life as supported by the typical percentage of elderly residents in Dawlish and to provide quality of life for these residents. Evidential statistics and justification was available from the supporting information from the Town Councils previous CCG application.

- **Community Features** – A cafe at the SANGS area would be very welcomed in addition to other community facilities. David Kiernan agreed to organise a workshop to discuss issues relating to community features including open space.
- **Post Boxes** – These would not be provided by Royal Mail without the adequate population density required by its policy.
- **Car and Bicycle Parking, and Traffic Access** – The Chairman referred to ongoing partnership work to achieve a railway station at Exminster. David Kiernan advised that policies in the Local Plan supported issues raised in this paragraph.
- **Villages and Rural Areas** – The Plan could amend settlement limits of the Local Plan if adequate evidence and justification is provided. Issues raised in this paragraph were supported by Policies in the Local Plan particularly Policy S22.

b) Green Spaces

Mrs Ballard advised that she would circulate her paper on Green Spaces for discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the public be updated on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan through the Town Crier magazine, soon to be published.

7. MONITORING OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION

This had been adequately covered in Chairman's announcements at Minute 3 above.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 3 May 2016 at 7 p.m. in The Manor House, Dawlish.

ROSALIND PROWSE
CHAIRMAN