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Our Neighbourhood Plan

Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 7pm 13 July 2016

Present: Councillor Sue Creswick (Chair), Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Gayle Collins (Dursley Resident), Jonathan Bird (Dursley Resident), Councillor Neil Grecian, Anita Gambie, (Dursley Town Council).

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Mel Laybourne, Councillor Wendy Thomas, Nick Organ (Dursley Resident), Mike Johnson (Dursley Resident) Councillor Clare Nelmes, Leah Wellings (Dursley Town Council)

2. Minutes from 15 June 2016

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes incorporating workshop notes

Cam NDP

Jenny Walkley at Cam Parish Council had confirmed that access to photos taken by Drone had been actioned. Krystyna, Jonathan and Gayle had been unable to access the photos. Anita would follow this up with Cam PC.

Anita had been in touch with Cam PC regarding a joint meeting between the two NDP groups and is awaiting a response.

Krystyna requested the contact details for the Environment lead at Cam NDP group to ensure there was recognition in both plans that the wildlife corridors extend beyond the Parish boundaries.

Parking standards

Place Studio are going to investigate the issue of parking standards and information they provide will be circulated to the Steering Group.

Gayle Collins had offered to help Mike Johnson collect evidence regarding Parking Standards.



4. NDP Consultation

a. Feedback from Rednock geography students completing proposed Local Green Space Designations templates.

Two Rednock geography students had spent a week completing proposed Local Green Space Designation templates for:

- War Memorial Recreation Ground
- Kingshill House Play Park
- Cambridge Avenue Play Area
- Union Street Green
- Rednock School Sports Facilities
- Long Street Town Green

The students had also produced a map and photographs for the green spaces which they had completed templates for. This was used as part of the green spaces consultation at the Dursley Town Festival.

It was noted that the students had carried out this activity thoroughly and to a high standard.

b. Feedback from Annual Town Festival on 25th June 2016

The consultation notes from the Annual Town Festival 2016 provide a detailed record for this event. The main focus was to consult with Dursley residents on the proposed Local Green Spaces and Proposed Development Sites.

Over 65 individuals (adults and children) provided views on the NDP display material and consultations.

Krystyna Dembny and Wendy Thomas were both thanked for the time they had spent talking to residents about the NDP.

c. Feedback from consultation sessions held at Dursley Primary School on 1st and 8th July 2016

See session plans for detailed information about what was covered in the two consultation slots facilitated by Gayle Collins and Anita Gambie on the above dates. These both lasted one hour and were attended by approximately 20-25 children drawn



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from across the school and covering all ages. The first session focused on a consultation about green spaces and the second session concentrated on housing.

It was noted that the children had been engaged and enthusiastic about the topics in discussions during these activities.

One issue which had been highlighted by children was the way cars park on the green roundabout in front of the school. Whilst this matter is not specifically an NDP related topic it could be taken forward by the school and local residents.

Gayle Collins was thanked for her time in helping to run these consultation sessions with children at Dursley Primary school.

d. Feedback from Year 10 students on Rednock Community Day 7th July 2016

Year 10 students had carried out a town centre survey on 7 July 2016. They had surveyed individuals visiting the town asking a range of questions about the shops, facilities, visitor experience and parking. This was a repeat of the survey carried out by students in 2015. They will provide a short analysis of the results for each year and a commentary on changes between 2015 & 2016.

e. Transition Cam and Dursley Flower and Produce Show 3rd September 2016

It was noted that this event will provide a further NDP consultation opportunity for the community. This would be attended by Krystyna Dembny and Neil Grecian. Wendy Thomas would also be asked whether she would be going as a member of this group.

Community Consultation

The group then had a further discussion on NDP community consultation and engagement. Whilst it was acknowledged that a lot of consultation had been undertaken since the start of the project, it was also felt that the profile of the NDP needs to be raised through issuing press releases, better use of the website and setting up a facebook page. It was also noted that there are groups who have not engaged in the NDP process.

Leah is currently undertaking a review of the consultation evidence with the aim of updating the consultation and engagement plan.



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f. Feedback on draft economy report

See attached email response from Duncan Kerr to queries raised by SG at June meeting.

- Duncan had provided an explanation about why he had to use percentages to express employment by sector in Dursley. The SG acknowledged the explanation.
- A split for each sector between full and part-time jobs would be useful.
- The SG requested that Duncan label table 5 as he suggests as this would enable the reader to understand the data.
- The SG were not looking for any modelling to be undertaken to illustrate growth trends rather they were looking for commentary about future business trends rather than any further data gathering and analysis.
- Duncan has said that he will provide some potential business and employment questions which could be used in the residents' survey. This was welcomed by the SG. These questions will form part of the residents' survey which will check the direction of travel through testing different policy options.

5. Feedback from Cam NDP SG Meeting on 29th June 2016

This would be circulated to SG members via email as Leah had sent her apologies to the meeting.

6. Update on proposed development site Cambridge House

This was added to the NDP list of proposed development sites following the district wide review of sheltered accommodation undertaken by Stroud District Council (SDC).

A decision was made on 28th June by Housing Committee at SDC, to retain 4 sheltered bungalows currently associated with Cambridge House and to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in Cambridge House on the open market. This would not be until 2019. four years.

The Sheltered Housing Report noted 'The development opportunities at Cambridge House are limited due to the extent of the underground services present requiring significant easement when building new properties. Also any new properties would have to provide their own off road parking. This results in a scheme that only produces 11 properties. The recommended option for Cambridge House is to sell the site. There are also two separate plots, each with two bungalows on and it is recommended that these are retained' .

The site assessment completed by NDP SG members had noted in response to the question 'For what would you consider it worth developing?'



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'Continued residential use –maintaining or increasing the number of sheltered accommodation units to help meet anticipated demand in the NDP area'.

The group discussed the opportunity that the NDP could provide in shaping future development proposals for the site.

Neil offered to discuss the site, in the context of the NDP, with Councillor Doina Cornell, District Councillor for Dursley at their next meeting.

7. NDP budget

The budget details had been updated to reflect the invoice from Place Studio for the work they had completed to date (stage 1-evidence review and stage 2-draft policies)

8. Progress with NDP tasks

The task list from workshop 2 (May 2016) subsequently updated from workshop 3 (June 2016) was used as the basis of this discussion.

a. Write a Foreword to the NDP

This had not yet been written.

b. Identify a school's project

The two consultation sessions at Dursley Primary School had been completed as this task.

c. Write a short introduction for the plan and each theme

Sue had drafted an introduction to the NDP

Krystyna had started drafting the introduction for the Environment and Sustainability theme.

Jonathan was still busy reviewing the Housing evidence.

Mike is waiting for the Economy evidence report to be finalised before drafting his text.

There were no updates for Transport or Service and Facilities themes.

d. Review draft policies

There was no progress with this.



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- e. Find photos for each theme

Gayle had provided a large number of photographs for each theme. These were being organised into the different topic areas covered by the NDP.

- f. Parking evidence

Work had not yet started on this.

- g. Local Facilities Map

Progress had been made with this.

- h. Local Green Space GRCC Proforma and landowner notifications

Rednock students have completed six of these.

- J Urban Design Framework

Sue would soon start work on updating this.

- K Maps and Plans (using Parish online)

Progress was being made with these.

- 9. Date and Chair of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th August and will be chaired by Jonathan Bird.