

Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Steering Group Meeting

7:00pm on 12th December 2014

Minutes

Present: Councillor Jonathan Bird (Chair), Chris Lambert (Dursley Resident), Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Councillor Mel Laybourne, Councillor Sue Creswick, Wendy Thomas, (Dursley Resident), Chris Cockram (Dursley Resident), Wendy Tomlin, (Dursley Resident) Elin Tattersall GRCC, Leah Wellings, (Deputy Town Clerk), Anita Gambie (Project Administrator).

1. Apologies for absence

Jan Burdge (Dursley Resident), John Roberts (Dursley Resident), Councillor Clare Nelmes Richard Hellen, (Dursley Resident)

2. Welcome to new Steering Group Members

Jonathan Bird welcomed Wendy Tomlin, Chris Cockram and Wendy Thomas to the meeting. All members of the Steering Group introduced themselves. Jonathan Bird provided some background information as to how Dursley had become involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. A query was raised about how Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) fits in with the Stroud Local Plan. The (NDP) is a subset of the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. It was noted that there is a great variability in the range of policies in existing NDPs.

3. Minutes from 12th November 2014

The Minutes were agreed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None

5. Progress reports were received on:

- a. Cam and Dursley Rail Survey: Leah Wellings provided an update from a progress report John Harris had sent. The surveys have been completed and data sets are being processed. The full results will be available for the January Steering Group meeting. Jon Harris will also attend a separate meeting between Dursley Town Council, Cam parish Council and Gloucestershire County Council Integrated Transport Unit to discuss the survey results.
- b. Parking Research across Dursley Car Parks: An executive summary and data analysis had been received. The results for the Long Street car park were a surprise in that it appears to be under used for long stays. Jon Harris has been asked to double check these results. This was felt to be important in light of the proposed sale of Castle Street car park, which under the Localism Act 2011, has been registered as a community asset. This in turn allows the town council to trigger a six month moratorium if it decides to go ahead with

a right to bid. The potential loss of this car park capacity within the town when added to the loss of the Long street car park could have serious implications for Dursley as a service centre.

A query was raised about what had happened to the output from the Street Audits. In response it was noted that these have informed and are part of the transport evidence base. They were used in the submission given to Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department in respect of the Ganzell Lane development. The outputs are too large to place on the town Council's website and the different formats are proving difficult to combine into one easily shared document. Further thought will be given to how the results can be made available.

- c. Meeting with surrounding parishes: Jonathan Bird provided a report on this meeting which was held on 26th November. Six parishes had been invited to send representatives and four attended the meeting. The top cross boundary issues identified were:
 - The **importance of Dursley as a service centre** for surrounding parishes;
 - Lack of **adequate parking, bus and cycle facilities at Cam and Dursley station**
 - **The Greenway** cycle route from Uley, via Rednock School to Cam and Dursley station.
 - **Flooding** The potential risk for Uley, Dursley and Cam.
 - d. Budget report: The £7k grant from Locality should be fully spent by the end of December deadline.
6. To discuss setting up a sub-group to look at potential sites for housing, employment and parking: It was agreed to set up a group to look at potential sites for housing, employment and parking, particularly given the lack of large development sites within and around the town.
 7. Facilitated workshop session on developing policies with Elin Tattersall, GRCC. See separate notes circulated with these minutes.
 8. Jonathan Bird noted three additional items:
 - a. GRCC are running a Stroud NDP Networking event on 15th December at Chalford Village Hall. He will be attending and invited others to come.
 - b. Stroud Local Plan has been agreed but still needs to go back to the Inspector.
 - c. Jonathan Bird referred to a Statement from Planning Minister dated 10th December which lowers the number and size of affordable housing and tariff style contributions which should be sought from developers. This is now considered 'Planning law'. A full statement is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/small-scale-developers>
 - d. Date of the next meeting: **Wednesday 14th January at 7pm in the Methodist Church meeting room.**