

Notes on the Local Development Plan Meeting

Held at St Minver-lowlands Council Chamber

On Monday 12th March 2012

Those Present: Mike Parnell, John Mably, Brian Lane, Brian Owen.<ST Minver-Highlands PC > Carol Mould, Gail Webb, Chris Taper<chair>, Paul Blewett,<St Minver-Lowlands PC> Sara Simms, Community Network Manager <East> CC and Brian Gisbourne County Councillor.

The meeting was called to discuss further the decision made by Highlands and Lowlands Councils to implement a Local Development Plan.

Chris Taper started the meeting by outlining the criteria for a LDP, he explained that it was a chance for Parish Councils to work with Local people to shape the development of their Parish over the next 20 years and to create a Planning document that would influence what facilities are provided in their area.

Sara Simms explained that CC were developing a Core Strategy for Cornwall, but this document was still at the consultation stage, however when the document was finalised LDP's would have their place in the planning process of the parishes that have implemented one. She explained that when Parish LDP was completed the finished document would be independently checked to make sure it complies with CC Strategic Policies, then a referendum would be held that would require a majority of 50%+of votes cast in favour. At this point the LDP becomes a legal document.

Committee then went on to discuss the way forward. Members felt the only way to achieve a good document was to fully engage with all sections of our Parishes and to hold a series of Public meetings so all those who wished to could put their point forward. It was agreed to contact as many community groups as possible and ask them to forward their views, it was felt this was a better process, rather than actually asking for representatives to join the committee. Also it was decided to produce a questionnaire, which would be put through letter boxes where possible, be available to fill in on line, and local businesses and shops will be asked to hand out to customers. Collection Points for the questionnaires would be arranged.

Members decided that before the first Public Meeting Councillors would speak to as many people in their local area as possible and at the next committee meeting a rough draft or starting point for discussion would be worked out. Sara Simms will provide some large maps of both Parishes which can be used for marking where it was felt development should be considered it was stressed, as well as development the plan should identify where Green Spaces should be kept, what the Parish needs in the way of business, industry expansion over the next 20 years along with recreational needs.

Brian Gisbourne kindly distributed some sample documents for members to read before the next meeting. Sara Simms stated that she, along with her colleagues would give us as much support as she could and that she or members of her team would endeavour to attend Public meetings to help with the consultation process.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 26th March at 7.30PM in Lowlands Council Chamber Rock.

Meeting closed 8.45pm