

Minutes of

Stradbroke Neighbourhood Planning Committee

Date: 02 Mar 15

Time: 20.00hrs

Venue: Stradbroke Community Centre, Stradbroke

Attendees: Oliver Last (OL); Don Darling (DD); Stuart Crane (SC); Gerald Jenkins (GJ); Louise Smith (LS)

In attendance: Margaret Jenkins (MJ); Rosemary Warne (RW); Carol Smy (Clerk)

Apologies: Charmaine Cooper

Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 02 Feb 15 were approved unanimously

Matters arising from the minutes:

- There were none

Work Streams:

- Amenities – GJ reported that the group had held its first meeting and identified areas of concern and interest. The next meeting was scheduled for 17 March. Report appended to these minutes. A study for the young people on their needs and wants could be conducted through the High School and a survey directed at 14/18 year olds would be best undertaken before the main questionnaire. It was suggested that Abbeyfield Homes might be approached on sheltered housing
Actions: nothing for the Committee to undertake at this time as the Work Stream would follow up the areas of interest.
- Business, Employment and Digital Connectivity– a first meeting was being planned; three definite volunteers for the group had come forward and one possible
- Education – DD reported that Gill Rennie-Dunkerley would lead the group and its members – DD, LS, Karen Lynch and Ellis Holt all had an interest/expertise to contribute. A first meeting had taken place to define the role of the Work Stream and its objectives (notes appended to these minutes). A second meeting would take place in March
- Heritage and Environment – Keith Lord was leading this Work Stream
- Housing – this group would be led by Jacqueline Holmes and the first meeting was scheduled for 03 March. The focus would be on land bids and housing numbers
- Traffic and transport – the first meeting illustrated that traffic was disliked but it was recognised that the layout of the village meant that heavy vehicles had to come through the centre therefore the need was to make the area as safe as possible. It

was noted that TransAm Trucking had said they would try to avoid the primary school area at busy times. SC had asked Guy McGregor to arrange for measurement of speed and weight of vehicles on Queens Street and it was hoped this could be done on New Street also. Parked vehicles were seen to act as traffic calming along Queens Street but those parking too close to the junction caused a problem. If the proposed development at Grove Farm were to proceed it was felt that more parking spaces and wider roads within it must be strongly bid for, to prevent the problems experienced at Ash Plough. It was suggested if the development went ahead it might provide funding for illuminated speed signs. A meeting with the Highways Department was suggested. There was a plan to survey older people to ascertain the types of transport used; SHS had been approached to gather information on transport available for school leavers to enable them to get to 6th Form, college or work. A survey of taxi costs was underway. Hospital cars and the Borderhoppa were also available and car sharing was suggested as worthy of consideration for promotion. SC had written to the Primary School heads to discuss traffic near the school but there had been no response to date.

Finance:

a **Grant funding** – £22m was to be made available for Neighbourhood Plans and OL was to attend a workshop on this topic. Up to £8k was available but an expression of interest had to be submitted soonest. **SC to action**

b **Main expenditures**– the questionnaire would cost iro £3,000 and an email would be circulated to invite suggestions for items of expenditure **OL to action**

c. **Application timelines** – as yet unknown but information would be forthcoming following OL's workshop. As there would be great demands on available funds it was necessary to apply as soon as possible

Any Other Business:

- DD reported the NP website was active and it was suggested the Work Streams published their process and personnel (or at least the team leader) plus minutes and agendas
- It was suggested a Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter be circulated to the volunteers to keep them informed and a part of the process **DD to action**

There were no matters for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting put forward at this time

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Date of next meeting: 01 April 2015