

Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Annual report 2014-2015

November 2014 Fowey Town Council decided to withdraw from the Castledore Neighbourhood Plan and seek re-designation in December 2014.

The purpose of our Neighbourhood Plan is to:

- To create local planning policies for Fowey Parish which development proposals need to adhere to;
- To protect against inappropriate and speculative development and to provide greater control over development;
- To bring forward action on facilities and improvements, which are needed by the town and parish of Fowey.

As well as three Fowey Town councillors, we quickly got a small group of local residents and a local landowner involved in our steering group and set about writing our terms of reference.

We next applied for a grant from “Locality” and received £2,570.00 to be spent by the end of the financial year. With this funding in place, we began our programme of “community engagement.” It is an essential part of the Neighbourhood Plan process that the local community and all key stakeholders are involved, this is vital for its success and ultimate support through the referendum.

January 2015 We published our first newsletter which explained what a Neighbourhood Plan was and also asking for volunteers.

February 2015, The steering group next planned our launch exhibition for February 7th in Fowey Town Hall. This exhibition had a remarkable set of old photos which had been transferred to slides showing old Fowey from the turn of the 19th Century with a set of slides taken at similar spots to show the new Fowey in the 21st Century. We asked people for their views and opinions in an initial questionnaire and also asked people to put their “first impressions” onto “post it” notes. There was an excellent turn out on a cold afternoon.

The “initial questionnaire” was included in the Fowey News and was distributed to the parish. The results of the questionnaire was summarised and placed onto our new Fowey Neighbourhood website. Feb 25 we met up with residents of Polkerris to talk about their involvement in the Fowey parish Neighbourhood Plan.

During March and April 2015, we have been in touch with some of our key stakeholders, the Chamber of Commerce and the Fowey Harbour Authority, so they can understand the N Plan process and discuss how they can be involved.

