

## **Minutes of Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Wednesday November 1 2017**

**Fowey Town Hall meeting room 2 p.m.**

**Present:** Ruth Finlay Chairman, Heather Hunt, Chris Wharton, Andrew Gardner, Cora Woodside.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Tony Ryde, Richard Rashleigh,

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

Pecuniary, non-Registerable Dispensations – none.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Not yet available.

## **4 Review of General Development Policies**

RF said there had been some confusion about these at the previous meeting. These must support the National Planning Policy Framework and the Cornwall Local Plan as well as the views of parish residents. The fundamentals of any development were: 1 that it must be a sustainable development 2. It must be within the envelope or settlement boundary of Fowey Parish. 3. There will be no development in the AONB. Everything outside the boundary is in the AONB and must be treated accordingly. At the start of the document for the 'Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan' would be information and principals that would run throughout the Plan.

RF said Cornwall Council had produced an excellent 80-page design guide for the whole county which means we do not have to produce our own. CW queried whether need for sites for vital public services such as a new hospital or school could become a problem in future if those sites within the boundary were allocated for residential development.

The Rewritten Quality of Life policies were discussed and the importance of infrastructure; The primary school would be oversubscribed within two years; NHS lists of local dentists are full, the secondary school does have places. The town population is now 2,880, of which 35 per cent were over 65.

The group approved the Quality of Life section of the NP.

A discussion on transport included RF's recommendation that a park and ride should be encouraged.

## **5. Review of Environment Policies.**

HH had to leave at 3.15 p.m.

RF said hopefully protection for our beautiful marine harbour is embodied in Policy 2.

RF suggested that in nominating protected views in Fowey photographs to illustrate these should be included in the appendix of the NP. There was concern that Polkerris residents should also nominate those views that should be protected in the hamlet.

RF also said the renewables policies had yet to be written. There was a discussion about the possibility of requiring all newbuilds in the parish to be equipped with solar electricity panels.

## **6. AOB**

RF said that by February she hoped the NP would be ready for consultation.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 @7pm in the Town Hall.