

Eardisland Parish Council

Meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group on
Thursday 12 June 2014 at 19.30 in Eardisland Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Richard Kirby (Chair), Caroline Marsden (Vice Chair), George Alderson, John Edwards, Barry Freeman, Maryan Hanson, Graham Simpson, Elaine Smith, Ruth Brinton-Bivand

Apologies: Hugh Vernon

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; 1 observer

Declaration of interest: Maryan Hanson owns land in the parish

1. **Strengthening and expanding the Group –**

- Ruth Brinton-Bivand offered to and was invited to join the Group
- Chris Watson has offered to read drafts and comment from an environmental point of view but does not wish to be on the group
- Noted various people have offered to help with practical issues such as distributing papers etc
- Chairman asked everyone to encourage people from outside the village to join the Group or come to the meetings as observers

2. **Identification of the task –**

- Copy of Kingsland's objectives for their NDP was handed round
- Pyons Group NDP is thought to be close to adoption stage, Clerk asked to get copy of their plan.
Update – Pyons Group website gives only a draft plan dated Dec 2013 to download. It looks like they are probably submitting their revised plan either to HC for the final 6 week consultation or for Independent Examination
- Critical success factor for Eardisland NDP process will be getting people involved and voting, need to aim for 80% target for consultation
- Issues to consider – old and new village divide, self-interest, major issues such as flooding, need for engagement and knowledge, planning for project

3. **Vision –** Vision statements from Kingsland considered and following points noted:

- Vibrant, safe, caring, good place to live and tourist destination
- Housing that young and old can afford and enjoy
- Businesses in the area so that residents can work where they live
- Local facilities are enhanced and maintained
- Vision must be realistic, specific, measurable, relevant and attainable
- Caroline, Ruth and Richard to form sub-group to look at vision

4. **Set the objectives and key themes – the “what” –** People come to Eardisland for a reason, need to build on that. Only one Eardisland

- Need to look at needs of whole parish, businesses and community
- Elaine to join sub-group looking at the vision to work on objectives generally
- Graham, Barry and Maryan to form sub-group looking at flooding and flood risk
- Suggesting worth asking if Eardisland can be moved from group 4.20 to 4.21 in the Core Strategy in relation to housing requirements to be met. However would then mean very limited development, housing for local need and affordable housing only, would be little chance of new people able to come to village in new development. Clerk pointed out that under this current final consultation on the Core Strategy this kind of change cannot be made

5. **Agree the strategy – the “how” –** It was felt the strategy would flow from the vision and objectives

6. **Involving the community –** Various ideas were considered including:

- Presentation at Church Fete on 5 July – Maryan agreed to run a stand, Clerk to supply table-top display board, flip chart board and gazebo.
Update – Clerk will need copy on vision and objectives by 1 July to put together pages for display board
 - Calendar of Parish Council meetings and magazine copy dates and delivery noted
 - Consider bimonthly stand at the Village Hall
 - SG members talking to people at Community Shop
 - Consider stand at duck race, open gardens, barbeque at Hardwick
 - Talk to people at caravan park and ask why they come to Eardisland
 - Need separate website, linking from village website as well as direct access online – no funding in grant for this but Clerk will put on agenda for next Parish Council meeting
 - Caroline will speak to Ben Woodcock about website
 - Patricia Gill (observer at the meeting) offered to liaise with the village magazine
 - Major way of involving community will be wardenship idea – each SG member taking part of the parish to go and see people to get responses for the consultation and encourage people to vote in referendum – really important to involve outlying areas
- 7. Break-out in sub-groups to work if needed** – 3 sub-groups agreed will work before next meeting – see 4 for members
- 8. Feedback from sub-groups or summary of progress** – Work agreed so far noted
- 9. Date of next meeting** – Open meeting Thursday 10 July 2014
- Noted that all meetings are open to the public
 - Ruth will do availability calendar for 1st and 3rd Thursdays for next meeting

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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