

Minutes of

Stradbroke Neighbourhood Planning Committee

Date: 02 Jun15

Time: 20.00hrs

Venue: Stradbroke Community Centre, Stradbroke

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

In attendance: Carol Smy (Clerk)

Apologies: Jacqueline Holmes; Dennis and Jane Merritt

Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 15 were approved unanimously

Matters arising from the minutes:

- There were none

Work Streams:

- Amenities – it was pointed out that with impending increases in the number of houses in Stradbroke there was a requirement for assessing the capacity for growth of amenity facilities of all types eg surgery, schools, play areas. It was pointed out that the play areas would not be adequate for future growth if that were in the region of 10/20%. This was an area for residents' input at the Festifull.
- Business, Employment and Digital Connectivity– nothing to report
- Education – a meeting had been held which centred on the education survey via Survey Monkey. This was concentrating on adult learning. It was felt the term was not attractive and people did not react enthusiastically but the group was trying to think more in terms of a wider definition of the term 'adult education /learning' to encompass skills (vocational and craft), recreational learning. Information boards were planned for Festifull to make residents aware of what was already available and to stimulate enthusiasm and interest in having more suggestions put forward.
- Heritage and Environment – no meetings had been held to date. It was suggested new members for that stream might revitalise it. It was also suggested that a 'volunteer meeting' might bring forward some new people who can take the stream forward.

- Housing – there had no meeting as landowners were still to be contacted. It was important to have the views of various landowners in the village prior to Festifull. Nick stones was in the process of contacting Jacqueline Holmes (SC would follow this up). It was suggested a list of those who had submitted land bids to MSDC would be a useful resource. **SC to action**
- Traffic and transport – SC had contacted Cllr McGregor for information on sharing mobile speed warning signs with other villages but was still to receive a response. Such signs cost in the region of £2,500/3,000but it was not known if that covered power connection and other works. Data from the traffic surveys had been circulated and would form part of the Festifull information table. It had been shown that mean speeds were only marginally greater than 30mph.

Finance:

Grant funding – Locality had more funding on offer this year than last. Another grant had not been applied for at this time as there was, again, a time restriction on spending: funds granted must be spent before 31 December 2015. This would be kept under review.

Festifull:

- Festifull takes place too late in the month for the July edition of the magazine and there will be no august publication so it was suggested a pre-Festifull article be submitted for July
- Rota to be compiled for manning of the stalls (education was covered) **OL to action**
- Copies of various Neighbourhood Plans available on the day for interest and information
- Digital connectivity plans to be displayed **OL to liaise with RT**
- 'Road Map' of the NP and a Project Plan should be on display to give people an idea of progress and stimulate interest **OL to action**
- **Work Streams**
 - **Education:** display boards to be borrowed from the church; may include amenities information/questions
 - **Transport:** graphs/data from traffic surveys; encourage input on speeding/congestion/parking
 - **Heritage & Environment:** it was hoped to compile information to source ideas
 - **Housing:** information sharing

Any Other Business:

- A brainstorming session with all work stream members on the early autumn to collate all information prior to compiling the next questionnaire. David Spenser's expertise to be sought at some stage.
- Concern was raised at the seeming lack of progress on the next questionnaire but it was agreed that all/any data gleaned at Festifull would be vital to the composition questions.

- It was agreed to hold an informal meeting at 8pm in the Community Centre on Monday 22 June to co-ordinate the plans for Festifull.

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 21.05hrs

Date of next meeting: TBC

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