

NDP second meeting 7th June 2017

Present: Cllr Lloyd & Marsden (Leads for Mawnan Parish Council) 2 members of Mawnan PC and 23 members of the public.

Cllr Marsden introduced the meeting, explaining the format for the evening.

Initial returns of skills forms was limited (8), but had enabled a discussion on the potential lead(s) for the steering group.

The benefits of a NDP for Mawnan are becoming more obvious with each planning application or potential development site in the parish. Meudon Farm currently has a significant number of homes (1826) logged against the SHLAA (strategic housing land area assessment 2012) documents for building by 2030. An NDP could affect style, size and infrastructure needs on this site, so could be pivotal.

Q: how was this meeting advertised – some people only here through word of mouth. Clerk gave info on location of posters, to check the parish website & Mawnan diary, social media contact and apologised for any issues with the invite email possibly not getting through to everyone who volunteered.

Cllr Marsden explained Mawnan Parish Council is committed to this process and as such will be supporting the NDP group. Initially the parish clerk will attend steering group meetings to take minutes; Cllrs Lloyd & Marsden will act as liaisons between the NDP group & Parish council; Cllr Sadler will be an advisor drawing on his local background and history both within Mawnan PC and as Leader of Kerrier District Council.

2004 & 2012 version of the NDP drafts have now been located and will be used as source materials.

A steering group of about 8 members, plus Cllrs Marsden, Lloyds, Sadler & the parish clerk was hoped to be formed to start the process. Once formed, they will then begin to sort out the structure for the working groups and progress the NDP. So far all steering groups seem to be similar in nature, but all slightly different. It is the job of the steering group to work out what is important to Mawnan Parish.

Tonight's meeting was looking to fill the first seats on the Steering group – Treasurer; Administrator & 2 co-chairs.

All group positions are not fixed so anyone taking up a post could feel free to step down at any point along the process.

Q: what level of commitment will be expected if it takes 2 years to complete the NDP? The level of individual commitment was flexible and should not be more than a couple of hours a week depending on project/ working group. Community involvement along the whole process needed to be clearly evidenced. Questions such as 'what & why an NDP?' prove that we are getting this information out into the community

Q: how much clout would an NDP hold? The first document that developers in future would be referring to would be any existing NDP; then the Cornwall Local Plan, so it does hold significant weight. Falmouth has recently had a student development halted at planning since it goes against their draft NDP, whereas The Roseland seem to have a delegated decision allowed that went against both their NDP & parish council recommendation. A recent development at Mt Hawke has been influenced by their NDP and has influenced dwelling design, access, open space provision & pollution mitigation – all thanks to their NDP.

For the Steering Group, 2 co-chairs names were put forward – one with a civil service background and one with a commercial lien.

Mike Redfern has lived at Bareppa for a little over a year and had come from the Fire Service. Terry Damer worked for newspapers (here and in Asia) working on their PR & development issues before retiring to Mawnan 3 years ago.

Peter Stokes was nominated to work as the Treasurer, with Cathy Tregear providing professional assistance. This should not be too onerous as initially there would be very little funds available. A grant of £7000 would be called upon once an areas designation was made, whilst the Parish Council would initially fund the day to day running costs as part of it's commitment to the plan.

Dennis Mcquillan volunteered to be NDP administrator – he has a history in the military and would be working to make sure that everything runs smoothly. This would involve making sure everyone was aware of meetings and evidencing community interactions and keeping all of the groups on the same track. Whilst the clerk was starting this off it was hoped she would be able to step back and hand much of it over to Dennis as soon as possible.

Jackie Whibly & Mick Hartley also both volunteered to join the steering committee – it seemed silly not to make use of the legal knowledge that was on offer!

It was agreed to reissue the skills forms in the hope the few obvious skills gaps would be filled. Anyone who hadn't completed a form was able to collect one on the night or they would be added to the parish website. You did not have to pick what area you would like to work on and were quite welcome to begin the journey to an NDP with us and leave at any time. Likewise, anyone who hadn't been to a meeting yet would also be welcomed at any point.

A meeting of the steering group as soon as possible was to be arranged to allow them to get to know each other and begin the process of considering what working groups needed to be formed. This would then be presented to the next full group meeting. They would also consider the range of policies that either exist already or would need to be created and try to people up some of the working groups based on the skills forms. This of course relies on an appropriate number of volunteers!

Q: how would people outside the main village find out about the meetings? Posting something in the West Briton, or getting something read out on Radio Cornwall was an option but this relied on people having access to these two. Other than the notices in the board & the emails it was hoped the more people involved spoke up the more the word would get out.

Cllr Marsden & the Co-chairs thanked everyone for their attendance tonight.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.