

Minutes of the Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting 28th May 2020

Present – Edwina Hannaford, James Lundy, Justin Spreckley, Steve Beresford-Foster, Lillian Harris, Simon Barker.

In attendance – Mel Colton-Dyer

1.

Tourism – section 8. New section.

Taken from PFA research Tourism study. SBF has taken the key findings, adjusted the language and added a section on Covid19. A great deal of this relies on the Town Council having a tourism strategy which is not correct at this current time. SBF has developed a framework from the study which could be used by LTC focussing on:

Sustainable tourism

Supporting Events and Festivals

Looe Cycle Hub

Modern tourism accommodation

Protecting Hotel stock (guest houses and self-catering)

Peer to Peer accommodation (the demand for second homes was discussed under Covid19 as was AirBnB)

Refer to section 106. Some Councils are asking Airbnb to move over to social accommodation. SBF asked for feedback on this section. LH asked if, as this is a large change to the initial plan would we need to consult again. SBF stated that regulation 16 consultation of the final plan by Cornwall Council would negate this need. EH suggested running this past SECTA as a circulation for comment which was agreed. EH also briefed the group on the interviews for the Tourism Destination Marketing Manager. All candidates promoted staycations from a variety of perspectives. It was agreed that the Tourism study should be added to LTC website and widely circulated, not just to SECTA but to all businesses and residents in Looe. SBF raised cost implications, JL asked for a revision of cost implications.

EH proposed and JL seconded. All in Favour.

Action –

SBF to provide steering group on additional costs (dependent on response) and to put together a form for a survey.

CSD to add the Tourism study to website and circulate. Once agreed create a survey via Facebook with a short timescale.

2.

Polean Master Plan

Discussed Option 2 and Lavine Lonsdale plan including the cycle hub, eco business hub and the land adjacent to the Town Council (including the land to be devolved by Cornwall Council) which may add additional opportunities. SBF has added these to the new section.

JL noted that the boundary change to Lansallos. EH noted that the final agreement has not been ratified but saw no issues.

Discussion agreed with all parts of this section.

EH proposed, JL seconded. All in agreement.

Action – SBF to send the drafts to Lavine Lonsdale

3.

Outer Harbour

SBF has been in full communication with the Harbour Commission and has worked with them on this section.

Action - It was agreed that the draft should be sent to Looe Marine Conservation group and Harbour Commission (also relevant parts to West Looe Town Trust), by CSD once the Steering group has reviewed (one week deadline for feedback to SBF and CSD by steering group), with a timescale for these groups to respond within 2/3 weeks.

SBF to check if policy has changed and feedback to steering group

4.

Housing sites

There was a discussion around a variety of issues regarding the Polvellon site. It was agreed the policies that are already in place would cover this.

Action - JL to go back via planning committee to ascertain situation

The budget was discussed and the Steering group felt this was adequate with a caveat with CIL monies possibly being available.

Action - EH and JL to raise at the next Full Council meeting, Monday 1st June.

AOB

None