

Minutes of Totnes Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Wednesday, 17th May, Totnes Guildhall, 7pm – 8.30pm

Present – Andy Garner, Peter Rees, Chris Balch, John Green, Mary Coughlan-Clarke, Jill Tomalin, Robert Vint , Jacqi Hodgson

Apologies- Carol Whitty, Tony Whitty, Mary Popham, John Birch

Chair - Paul Bennett, **Observers**- Paul Wesley, Richard Szczepura, Member of Public

Task/Issues	Detail
Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved • Matters arising:
Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Comments by all steering group members by end of next Wednesday. Paul Wesley - raised issue on Design and poor design issues. Request for examples which could be used in consultation</p> <p>VIABILITY</p> <p>South Hams (SHs) is pursuing its new Affordable Homes Strategy connecting with Community land trusts, SHs could buy land. Currently, 2 members of staff, initial concept to build, in 2 years. Minimum of 10 houses. 6 or 8 projects. Some landowners could donate land. No sites in Totnes as yet. £1.8 m is available to support Community led Housing Schemes.</p> <p>ECONOMY.</p> <p>Peter asked for figures in the report to be reviewed and do they include retail? Andy made the point about markets, the need to reinforce and improve these as part of the culture and benefit to the economy of the Town. The availability of sufficient car parking is a key part of this.</p> <p>Paul Wesley commented on the need to look at links between festivals and markets, Christmas and Sunday markets and the need to improve the attractiveness of the market area e.g. cleanliness, upgraded street furniture etc</p> <p>NP Policy needs to separate the current link to broader education between the economy and KEVICC. The different elements are Statutory Education (KEVICC) , and Vocational Training and Life Long Learning. The latter includes Language schools, cultural programmes, eco and health & wellbeing courses. Language schools also provide additional income to</p>

	<p>households in the town through local provision of accommodation. Jill Tomalin commented on KEVICC which did not have significant levels of vocational education training,</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT Discussion on air quality policies, Landscape policies. Robert and Jacqi commented that there was a major opportunity in this promoting Wild life corridors including the DART as a linear park;It was emphasized that Flooding Prevention Scheme provided opportunities for improvements for the Riverside</p> <p>TRANSPORT Peter commented on Transport. Developments should not happen without corresponding infrastructure support. There is nothing within the Joint Local Plan to suggest the provision of this. Compared to Tavistock where extensive work is provided for in the JLP. This needs to be addressed but there is no capital this year or for the foreseeable future allocated to Totnes.</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO PUBLIC REALM There needs to be low speed streets, forgiving streets, squares, traffic calming, Issue of gateways and interchanges. River gateway, Steamer quay, Long marsh, link to Riverside. Traffic Forum , charging points and separate section on Gateways need to form part of the NP.</p>
<p>High Street and Economy Report</p>	<p>Andy supporting the report on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Paul Wesley commented on no shortage of demand for shops as witnessed by the low level of voids. Chris to look at the policies within the JLP and consider whether there is more that we need to do.</p> <p>Andy Garner: Business recycling waste particularly batteries.</p> <p>Does any one have information on people relocating from the Market to High street. Jill Tomalin has a list, could this be updated from the 2007 response?</p> <p>Robert: number of people running Arts and Crafts businesses?</p> <p>Over 100, people in town working from Home- need to assess numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 list of Market traders and see if can be updated of those moving to High Street. - JT • Recycling Issues – Contact Transition Town Group-MCC • Numbers of people working from home Estimate-MCC • Chris to review economy policies for High Street

<p>Joint Local Plan</p>	<p>Joint local plan update. The NP Response to the JLP to go on website. Dartington NP to meet with Tom Jones to discuss the housing allocation for its Parish. SG members felt a joint meeting between Totnes NP and Dartington might be useful Contact Anna Lund, Kate Wilson to see if they are happy for us to join a local meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dartington SH follow up with Kate Wilson/Anna Lund – MCC • SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) process to be clarified by SHDC- MCC
<p>Paignton NP</p>	<p>Mary gave notes on growth on planned growth, Paignton absorbing 48% of growth though only 33% of pop , Paul says no real growth in reality, very optimistic economic viewpoint, lots of houses empty. Commercial developers not likely to carry on building if they can't sell and likely to be a commuter town.</p> <p>460 houses proposed at Collaton St Mary though all but 42 are without planning, on Green field site and in last 3 yrs of the plan</p> <p>Chris Balch raised need to Design footpath from Paignton to Totnes. Increase housing likely to exacerbate traffic congestion unless directed towards Torbay/Exeter. Jacqi raised the issue of contribution to community bus services. Rather than bikes and bus vouchers. Could we have a policy for contribution for community bus service. Need to keep a watching brief.</p> <p>Paul: Parkers Barn - Richard Jackson, DCC confirmed that no access strip was being retained for a second access into the Linden Homes development. Sale had been agreed but not clear whether a formal contract had been concluded.</p> <p>Action : to investigate Parkers barn further PB/MCC</p>
<p>Co-ordinator Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary CC provided the co-ordinators report and Red/Amber /Green report on plan progress.
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None – Consultation Plan for next meeting

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Date of next meeting	June 21 st (now 28 th) 2017, 7pm, Staverton Room, The Mansion