

## Minutes of Totnes Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November Totnes Civic Hall bar area, 7pm - 9pm

**Present** – Robert Vint, Mary Coughlan-Clarke, Andy Garner, John Green, Jacqi Hodgson, Mary Popham, Peter Rees, Tony Whitty, (Roger Porkess for Item 3 brought forward to beginning of meeting)

**Apologies** – Chris Balch

**Chair** - Paul Bennett

Task/Issues	Detail
<p><b>Representation by Roger Porkess concerning Wind Turbine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dartington &amp; Totnes had been successful in obtain a grant to undertake consultation on renewable Energy with RegenSW.</li> <li>• Following desk top research on topology and wind, a set of maps was produced for consultation. A joint paper setting out statements for consultation was also produced.</li> <li>• Roger Porkess set out his concerns on the green and orange maps identifying scope for heights of potential turbines. He had particular concerns regarding the areas adjacent to his dwelling in Higher Bowden but additional concerns.</li> <li>• It was made clear that the NP was clarifying the technical and feasibility position across the various parish boundaries and also testing these against the views of the public who attended the workshop. Any future consideration of turbines would be subject to the designated planning process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b> - The results of the workshop consultation would be considered by the Steering Group in developing draft policy and Roger Porkess's views would be noted for this.</p>
<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved</li> </ul> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plymouth 2014 work on Market square to be posted</li> <li>• <b>Action</b> Mary CC to review energy policy work provided by Mary Popham and environment policy work</li> <li>• <b>Action: Robert</b> to circulate details of Park &amp; Ride review work on Follaton, KEVICC, Brutus Bridge &amp; sewage works</li> <li>• <b>Action: Tony</b> to provide TC minutes recalling reference to Dartington and Berry Pomeroy comments in JLP response</li> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Housing paper to be updated by Chris Balch for draft JLP and posted on website</li> </ul>
<p><b>Co-ordinators report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received by the group</li> <li>• Theme papers to be published on Website</li> <li>• SG members informed that South Hams planners had confirmed that the 2014 date had been secured by South Hams as start date for the plan which meant that much development already brought forward in the town was counted.</li> </ul>

<b>Vision, objectives, consultation &amp; next stage</b>	<p>Consultation programme completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Consultation report completed,</li> <li>• Response positive on Vision and Objectives</li> <li>• NEXT STAGE, Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> Nov with Tom Jones, South Hams Planner to discuss plan development with James Shorten, Chris Balch, Mary Coughlan-Clarke .</li> <li>• Noted ATMOS referendum and need to clarify that this was about Dairy Crest not T3</li> <li>• Town character assessment to capture setting alongside work already available on conservation.</li> <li>• Need for a Market Square Master Plan. Important to use the work that had been produced in the past to enhance and protect the space.</li> <li>• <b>Action- Publish V&amp;O consultation report on website</b></li> <li>• <b>Action- next stage of NP to be drafted</b></li> <li>• <b>Action – SG members to provide material/links for Town character assessment including Setting</b></li> </ul>
<b>Joint Local Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back on SH meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Nov led by Lindsay Ward with Harberton and Dartington NP representatives and supported by Graham Swiss. Winsland site not supported by Totnes or SH as has severe constraints</li> <li>• The latest topic paper and consultation report from JLP website was discussed. There were two more sites in Dartington, one of which, Beacon Park was significant. Concerns about traffic and risk to Totnes economy to be registered. Noted that solar farms still not connected</li> <li>• Further response to comment of absence of Totnes location to areas of AONB whereas Kingsbridge , Dartmouth mentioned</li> <li>• Report back on positive meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Nov with Central Area Action Group.</li> <li>• RV raised concerns about capacity of Berry Pomeroy to complete NP process and need to have a co-ordinated approach</li> <li>• Good progress of relationship with Tom Jones further meeting arranged, need to explore options for T3 as real risk at referendum if left in. Need to properly define this area .</li> <li>• Dartington producing design guidelines for sites in Dartington  <b>Action: Anna Ward to take Harberton issues back to Dartington</b>  <b>Action: Totnes NP to submit response re Beacon Park and AONB re Totnes</b>  <b>Action: discuss any support that could be offered to Berry Pomeroy</b>  <b>Action: revisit T3 numbers, 37 ATMOS not counted, NDO</b></li> </ul>
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staverton starting their NP process</li> </ul>

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<b>Date of next meeting</b>	December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 7pm, Guildhall

