

NDP Steering Group

Meeting notes 13 Nov 2017

Thanks to those of you who got in touch with apologies, thanks to those stalwarts who have been faithfully working on this for all these months/years/lifetimes ? and thanks to those who came for only the first or second time yesterday and gave a fresh perspective.

In attendance:

Greg, Nicky, David, Shila, Freya, David Haydock, Michelle and Gerry Norman, Rob Prince, Cory Burr, Mark.

Apologies:

Martin, Gwen, Carol, Bob, Jackie.

Intros and general recap

We discussed the NDP purpose and progress to date, reflecting on why we took a break over the summer and more recent activity. We reviewed the minutes from the May meeting.

ACTION We now need to complete the full grant application for our last pot of money (£3700) to use towards further support from Jeff and the team at Place studios. We expressed appreciation for the quality of their help so far. Shila will lead this asap and the money needs to be spent by March 2018.

ACTION Following discussion about port developments and the imminent review of the Stroud Local Plan we need to revisit when we are aiming to submit our NDP by. We believe there are two submission cycles-Feb and Aug. We think we can prepare a stand alone Community Design Statement asap that could be used to influence the Local Plan. Greg and Martin to advise.

Community design statement

David explained progress so far. With help from Bob and Martin and guidance from Jeff, this element of our NDP is nearly complete and could form our most compelling content.

ACTION The group to continue to develop and share again at the

next meeting.

Local green spaces

Freya has been working with Jeff to agree which of the green spaces within our settlement boundary could qualify as Local Green Spaces and receive protected status.

ACTION She is determining next steps to finish this task.

Play spaces and facilities

Related to the activity above Freya has also been mapping play spaces and general community facilities. This is nearly complete.

ACTION Freya has surveys that need to be completed on site in order to build the evidence needed. David H and Greg offered to do site visits so Freya will circulate the surveys.

Business and tourism

Our business survey generated very few returns (14 out of 147) but the group felt it was really important this sector was effectively represented, along with a tourism policy.

ACTION Rush offered to target invites to their business network brunch for Jan 23rd 8am - 9.30am. They will promote and consider how to frame the invite to help it be compelling. We agreed we would plan this further at the next meeting-particularly key speakers and evidence needed to turn this into an effective policy.

ACTION Rob asked for a summary of what the NDP is and could achieve - sent.

Next meetings
- Dec 4th 7-9pm
- Jan 8th 7-9pm.