

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) www.planliskeard.co.uk
Open Spaces working party meeting, 04.02.2015

Present: David, Tristram, Lorna, James, Jenny, Julia, Malcolm (notes)

Apologies: Jasmine, Samantha

1. The scope of the task.

Timescale – to be completed within two / three months. Steve Besford-Foster will coordinate the reports of the four groups and integrate ideas into the fuller plan which will go out to public consultation in the summer. Local referendum to be held later in the year, before going to Inspector for approval.

We will need to meet with other groups to ensure consistency of approach, and also with the Town Centre Partnership and the wider population.

Liskeard Secondary School asked to provide input, but no response yet.

We need to have a core group, but others could come and help for specific sessions.

Lorna and Domini to book room for meetings. Notes of meetings to be a rotating task.

2. Developing Vision and Objectives.

This part of the NP must be based on evidence and consultations; the characteristics of the neighbourhood and environment; and the known constraints. It must accord with the proposals set out in the (probably soon to be adopted) Cornwall Local Plan, specifically geographically network area PP15 (ours – web search Liskeard Looe PP15 will find it); also the Liskeard Transport Strategy set out in the Cornwall Council Town Transport Strategies programme (web search Liskeard Transport Strategy); and wider UK and EU legislations and policy.

3. General discussion.

Maps were studied to identify the parish boundary.

The line of the old Minions railway line from Moorswater to the Moor, where it passes through Highwood (Duchy Woodlands), is a World Heritage site, and Cornwall Council is therefore required to have an arrangement plan for its conservation.

The west and north sides of Liskeard, part of the areas leading up to the St Cleer parish, are designated as areas of great landscape value; therefore planning needs to take this into account.

In using the term conservation in the NP, we also need to emphasise enhancement as well as protection.

Liskeard Town Centre is defined as a conservation area.

Cornwall Council has a heritage programme (web search Cornwall Council heritage) which includes several towns, but not yet Liskeard, although the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project has been funded.

The raw data gathered during the NP consultation process is available. Over 600 responses were analysed by Professor Lynne Butel, Plymouth University, who concluded that there was strong and positive support for the Liskeard NP, with clarity of what was good and needed, and “a strong feeling that the key strengths of the town should be identified and secured for the future”. The responses of particular interest

for the Open Spaces working party are those on Transport, Environment, and Green Spaces & Leisure.

3. We will need to map and properly identify:

Green Spaces, links, including all footpaths, and heritage.

Natural green areas – maybe a paragraph each. Need to define purpose: “For each green space this..... needs to happen.”

Green infrastructure, biodiversity. This to include road verges.

Liskeard is central to the enjoyment of the surrounding countryside, therefore investigation of the quiet lanes concept so that walking and cycling around the town to access the wider countryside is made as safe as possible.

Civic spaces in the town for enhancement

The themes of the consultation responses.

We’ll also need to meet up with those working in the other three groups to ensure meaningful overlaps and approaches.

Also, positively liaise and share information with the neighbouring parishes.

4. Next meeting: was to have been 9th February, but now postponed, and a new date to be decided – see David’s email.

At that meeting, we’ll need to:

Decide who does what.

Need to be clear about vision with an overarching statement on aims and objectives - wording needs to be clear and accessible to all. (Tristram will look at this, and also the specifications of open space allocation in new developments.) Themes to include: enhance the idea of localism, healthy living, access and enjoyment of the outdoors, education, inclusion for all ages.

By next meeting, all to at least quickly browse those website contents mentioned above, if not already done so!

Thanks Tristram for already e-mailing thoughts to everyone – this is really helpful.