

Minutes of Meeting 18 of Crosthwaite & Lyth Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group 22nd April 2020 at 4pm by Zoom

Present: Simon Johnson, Alan Gerrard, Dorothy Grace, Graham Paine.
There has been no communication from Robert.

1. **Apologies** None.

2. **Approval of Minutes for previous Meeting**

11th Feb 2020 – approved. To be loaded onto the local website.

3. **Response to further questions from Paula Allen (LDNPA)**

Simon had asked about housing need: what is the order of priority between distinctive area and NP when planning is considered?

It was agreed that from her reply, it was clear that any NDP will have to be in line with planning policies, but this is nothing new.

The other questions were not really addressed. It was decided to park it and revisit it when appropriate.

4. **Parish Housing Needs Survey**

The PC has approved the budget submitted to its meeting on 7th April 2020. Simon is working with Martin French to secure a suitable grant; an application has been submitted for fiscal year 20/21, along with an explanation of the underspend on the fiscal year 19/20 grant.

Housing Need Survey will be necessary; it needs to be carried out as soon as it is feasible, once a grant has been secured to finance it. Megan Henderson at Eden will be asked to carry it out, though the SG would like to modify the questions used in the South Lakes 2016 survey.

The questions from the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust Survey of 2007 survey would form the basis of locally-focused questions, and would be married up with Eden's standard questionnaire.

Action: Simon to contact Megan at Eden for an appropriate standard questionnaire, providing there is no charge associated with this.

Action: Alan has already looked at the old survey, and a lot of it is still relevant. He will discuss some questions he has with Megan if she is happy to do that.

Alan has approached South Lakes Rivers Trust about protecting and improving the biodiversity of the River Gilpin and its tributaries: what to avoid and how this all relates to planning. They are willing to help when we are at a suitable stage.

Simon asked Tony Marshall but his data are related more to Whitbarrow than the wider parish.

Action: Dorothy will approach Cumbria Wildlife Trust re any data for this parish's biodiversity, designations etc.

Action: Graham will start work on adding in local information to Louise's document, and **Simon** will continue to find good vantage points for photos.

Action: Simon will revisit a grant for technical support for the NDP.

Government guidelines stipulate that any NDP cannot now be submitted for approval by referendum by local parishioners until May 2021; however, any plan that is almost finished should be treated as in place by local Planning Authority, though this is at the discretion of the planning authority.

In a recent planning application, which was rejected, the rejection was partially based on the 2007 Parish Plan. It was agreed that the PC would be approached and asked to inform the Planning Authority not to use that Parish Plan because it is out of date, and no longer correct in terms of housing needs.

In addition, the Planning Authority stated in its conclusion that there had been very little development in Crosthwaite in the last 20 years, the implication being that other villages in the Central and South District had seen continued development over this period. The SG will therefore ask the PC to seek justification for this view from the planning authority.

Action: Simon to draft request to the PC.

5. Date of next meeting – tbc