

Minutes of e-Meeting 24 of Crosthwaite & Lyth Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group 7th October 2020 at 2pm

Present: Simon Johnson (Chair), Lisa Bibby, Alan Gerrard, Dorothy Grace, Graham Paine, Robert Sykes.

1. **Apologies:** None

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

Minutes for 14th August 2020 and 22nd September both approved.

3. **Feedback from Parish Council meeting 6th Oct**

Any communication from the SG to the community should be sent to Roger Smith, PC Chair, for approval; if he is unwilling to approve a communication then it will go to the full PC for consideration.

The PC will pause their engagement with Castle & Coast Housing Association until after the Housing Needs Assessment has been completed and the results are available. The SG will propose that it also has a discussion with C&C once the HNA results are known and there are specific topics to consider.

4. **Communications**

The HNA questionnaires have already started arriving through the post, a little sooner than expected; therefore, the following communications have been made to raise awareness and encourage everyone to complete it:

- post to the Crosthwaite & Lyth and Lyth & Winster Valleys Facebook pages;
- post to Crosthwaite School's FB page;
- post to the Crosthwaite & Lyth website;
- A3 posters distributed to noticeboards around the parish.

Another post nearer the closing date for consultation will be posted on the same sites. Other social media options are also being considered, with advice from someone working professionally in this field.

Action: Dorothy to submit reminder posts to the two local FB pages

Action: Lisa to submit to the school's FB page

5. **Review of the Secondary Data Report**

This document, produced by Megan Henderson in preparation for the HNA analysis, pulls together statistics for the parish drawn from national data and Land Registry, plus a range of datasets from SLDC and other relevant sources.

The SG reviewed the document in detail, discussing the content and raising questions for Megan. There were some issues around definitions, and an acknowledgement that Census 2011 data were rather old now (though no alternative is available).

The analysis and discussion indicated that the parish is quite dissimilar from other areas in respect of housing, working population, household income and age profile. Therefore, some of the assumptions made in key charts concerning finance/income were less applicable to this area, and might result in skewed results. It also became clear that the focus was on

affordability rather than suitability, and that suitability is not adequately addressed by the secondary data document.

After much discussion it was agreed that three of the SG (Simon, Alan and Lisa) will e-meet with Megan to discuss the points and questions on behalf of the SG.

6. Date of next meeting

Tba after the conversation with Megan Henderson