AGENDA ITEM 7a

TAVISTOCK PLAN PUBLIC MEETING WITH STEERING GROUP NOTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY 2022 6.30pm

TAVISTOCK TOWN HALL

Steering group attendees

Ursula Mann Cllr & Chair Peter Squire Cllr Stuart Honey, Secretary Dr. Sharon Gedye (SFHEA) Richard Martin Janna Sanders Sue Spackman Ian Wright

Steering group apologies

James Ellis Cllr Kit Harbottle

Guest speaker: Victoria Grimburg – Devon Communities Together (DCT)

Public attendees: 24

A public meeting with the steering group was held to announce the findings of the residents survey carried out in Tavistock between early March and the beginning of May 2022.

As well as a briefing from the steering group, there was an opportunity for informal discussion/Q&A with the attendees after the formal presentation section.

1/ Presentation of Survey results

The work on the survey – with input from the local community - was undertaken by Victoria Grimburg and team from <u>Devon Communities Together</u> (DCT). She gave a brief introduction on the report and was available to talk to attendees informally later in the meeting. The steering group thank Victoria for all the hard work put into devising and delivering such a comprehensive survey within the time period set. We greatly appreciate her enthusiasm for the project and for the town – we look forward to her next visit.

Results of **Community Survey Report July 2022** read and download from the website <u>https://tavistockplan.info/plan-documents/</u>

In addition to the survey results, DCT has submitted detailed data information based on the 2021 Census that will be added to, as the results are made available and analysed, pertaining to Tavistock. This provides valuable context to ongoing development of the neighbourhood plan. **Initial Data Review for Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan Community Consultation 2022** read and download from our website https://tavistockplan.info/plan-documents/

2/ Communication

The local community is always regularly informed about the latest developments of TNDP via:

- Website
- Local media (local press print and online)
- Social Media Facebook, Twitter
- Email newsletter sent out to subscription database
- In person meetings and public consultation days calendar of events will be posted on website <u>here</u>
- Posters and maps available at meetings to assist in visual explanation of our work devised and created by steering group (Richard Martin) and use of pop up stands for display at events.

3/ Project Manager/planner

Stuart Todd of <u>Stuart Todd Associates</u> has been appointed.

This will be funded by Locality Grant which we will apply for and is available for all communities undertaking neighbourhood development planning.

Stuart will begin work in September 2022. He will be on hand to advise and guide but it will be the steering group and community who will be driving forward the plan.

4/ Next steps

With the project due to start work in the autumn, the steering group still has space for **four** additional steering group members.

The neighbourhood planning process will be long, and people may feel they wish to support different aspects of the evidence gathering and policy review work for particular projects, within the plan as a whole. Therefore, people may join in periodically. A wide range of skills will be called upon at various times in the coming months – and help large or small always will be welcomed. Policy work priorities will be informed by the results of the survey. Expertise in affordable housing and town planning are especially requested at this time.

5/ Next meetings

Steering Group: Wednesday 14th September 2022 Wednesday 5th October 2022 (venue: Tavistock Town Council)

Public Meeting: Wednesday 19th October 2022 (venue: TBC)

Formal meeting adjourned at 6.50pm, followed by 40 minutes informal discussion with attendees.