

Minutes TDNP Steering Group

Wednesday 11th January 2023, 6.30pm

Tavistock Town Council Chamber

Steering Group Members Attending

Ursula Mann, Chair and Cllr

Pete Squire, Cllr

Stuart Honey, Secretary

Dr. Sharon Gedye (SFHEA)

Kit Harbottle

Sue Spackman

Ian Wright

Other attendees virtually

Kate Royston Chair and Cllr Gulworthy Parish Council

Stuart Todd, Project Manager

Apologies

Janna Sanders

Phil Peers, Cllr

1/ Feedback and comments on Visions, Aims and Objectives for each topic

Valuable session with Project Manager, Stuart Todd; extensive discussion, useful feedback and advice for each topic leader. Suggested amendments will be made for v3 of Vision, Aims, Objectives; then will be ready to be presented and discussed with interested groups and individuals in the wider community with request for feedback and involvement (see below).

Stuart Todd provided clear guidance and advice, assisting us to put together the VAO statements for each topic

- Provide clearly documented evidence - essential, so as to be applied to any part of the plan.
- Work towards developing realistic policies likely to be implemented
- Point us to other successful neighbourhood plans for examples of how to put together our plan
- Identify bodies and organisations and key contacts who could provide useful advice and insight.

2/ Housing Needs Analysis and Town Profile documents

- Feedback from the group, WDBC, and suggested edits/along with providing additional evidence/questions to be prepared by 23/01/23 – Ursula Mann will prepare a master document.
- Meeting with Aecom virtually 26/01/23 Ursula and Sue

3/ Topic updates

Housing (UM)

- Community Land Trust information session - will be arranged e.g a visit to Chagford and other places around Devon
- Additional evidence from Help to Buy list for Tavistock over last 6 mths, continuing to engage with estate agencies and others.

Community Facilities (IW)

- Reach out to BID, Visitor Centre (A-Z info guide prepared for new residents and visitors), Lions, WDBC, Town Council, Mount Kelly College for lists of local assets they own/ that are used by the local community; sports clubs, churches TASS – land use made of existing facilities

Heritage (SS)

- Getting in contact with WDBC Conservation Officer and with Historic England;
- Meeting the History Society - list of important buildings from local historian, Alex Mettler; use the Parish Online mapping to get involvement from the public.

Business (SH)

- Tavistock Chamber of Commerce; 16/02/23 breakfast presentation
- Working with Janna Sanders from BID to reach out to members;
- Contact Mount Kelly College that has expressed interest in getting involved - a large economic impact in Tavistock.

Environment (SG)

- Devon Wildlife Trust; Devon Nature Recovery Network; Tavistock Community Gardening; Plymouth Biodiversity Network; South West Water; other groups e.g. bats and mammals
- Utilise Parish Online mapping for local community engagement
- Devon Biodiversity Research Centre Data <https://www.dbrc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plans/> £120 +VAT report on Tavistock Plan Area – *expense unanimously approved* as part of evidence gathering.

Transport (KH)

- Meeting set with Gemma Brewster Active Travel officer WDBC - grant money potentially available
- Phil Peers interested in being part of evidence gathering, including cycle ways
- Support from BID
- Cllr Mandy Ewings WDBC for local parking data

4/ AOB

Gathering evidence and working on drafting of policies will be focused activities during the election time period 'purdah' when there will be no public meetings.

Next Public meeting 'community conversation' on 22nd February 2023, 6:30pm Tavistock Town Hall - details will be sent out closer to the time.

We are delighted to welcome Kate Royston as a volunteer utilising her expertise on energy and policy making as general support for SG members as policies are put together in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned 8.20pm

Next Steering Group Meeting: Wednesday February 8th 2023, 6:30 pm, Town Council Chamber

