

# Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan

## Meeting of the Education Working Group

Tuesday 29 November 2011  
at 6.15 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Truro

### Minutes

**ATTENDEES:** Councillor Mrs Cox – Truro City Council  
Councillor Lou Temel – Kenwyn Parish Council  
Councillor Tom Stubbs – Truro City Council  
Paul Renowden – Cornwall Council  
Carol Kimberley – Cornwall Council  
Mr Roger Gazzard – Town Clerk, Truro City Council

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Dyer (Kenwyn Parish Council), Councillor Robinson and Elizabeth Fletcher (Cornwall Council)

Item		Action
1	<b>Chairman</b>  It was agreed that Roger Gazzard be appointed Chairman for this meeting.	-
3	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held 8 October 2011 were approved as a correct record.  A carry forward action is to check the map position of Trennick House and Mount Pleasant developments.	RG
4	<b>Additional Members of the Working Group.</b>  RG reported that despite invitations from Sarah Newton MP no response had been received from: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Threemilestone School</li><li>• Richard Lander School</li><li>• Truro Sixth form college</li><li>• Cornwall College</li><li>• Tremough University</li></ul>	
5	<b>Current Situation – Review of schools infrastructure report from last Meeting</b>  The Chairman introduced Paul Renowden who has a responsibility for school maintenance programmes for Cornwall Council. Paul circulated a confidential document summarising the Pupil capacity of the schools in the area compared to numbers on role, for the current year and estimated for the next three years. The document also provided a breakdown in terms of cost and nature of backlog maintenance. He explained that backlog maintenance ceased to be a responsibility of Cornwall Council when schools became academies or PFI. All the schools in the area apart from Treyew and Threemilestone had plans to become academies or were PFI funded. However, Cornwall Council was still able to expand the school, if practicable, if it was an academy.	-

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	<p>The current assumption on school place requirements for new developments is one primary and one secondary place per nine houses.</p> <p>He outlined a problem of capital funding where major developments took place under the current S106 contribution requirements. Using Langarth housing proposal as an example, this will require a new junior school as a Travel Plan for the development will not permit use of a school on the other side of the A390 i.e. Threemilestone. Therefore, a new school is in negotiation with the developer. Unfortunately the current position is the developer is required to pay £1,800 on each open market property and nothing for affordable, low cost, and social housing. On 1,000 open market properties this would generate some £1.8m against an estimated school build cost of £6m. There is also a timing issue as the S106 monies are not paid upfront, whereas the school would be needed once occupation of some of the houses took place.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Carol Kimberley who is the Early Years Improvement officer for Cornwall Council. Early years stretches from pre-birth to end of the reception year. She explained that Cornwall Council had two duties: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure provision is good quality</li> <li>• To manage the market</li> </ul> <p>In terms of quality this was improving from 50% of settings having a good or excellent Ofsted rating in 2008 to a current figure of 80%.</p> <p>There are a variety of pre-school settings ranging from maintained nursery schools to private supplied settings. Currently there was a surplus of twenty five available places in central Truro.</p> <p>The new government initiative to extend the fifteen hours funding per week to two year olds will not have any significant effect on capacity. Currently countywide there are only five hundred children which qualify.</p> <p>Some issues which are important when planning large developments are sufficient outdoor space for young children to play safely and wide walkways to allow for double buggies,</p>	
6	<p><b>Action Plan</b></p> <p>Consideration was postponed to the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 20 December 2011 at 6.15 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Truro</p>	-

The Meeting closed at 7.15 pm

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CHAIRMAN

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