

Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting of the Leisure and Culture Working Group

Tuesday 3rd January 2012

at 6.00 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Truro

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Councillor Robert Ellis – Kenwyn Parish Council
 Councillor Ron Cooke – Kenwyn Parish Council
 Mr Mike Thomas – Cornwall Sports Partnership
 Mr Tim Webb – Technical Support, Leisure, Cornwall Council
 Dr Tony Herring – U3A
 Mr Roger Gazzard – Town Clerk, Truro City Council

APOLOGIES: 1. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Julie Seyler, Cornwall Council.

Item		Action
2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held 6 December 2011 were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Roger Gazzard informed members he had spoken to Donalad Martin regarding the Play Audit. Revisions to the document were due to be completed by the end of January.</p> <p>As Julie Seyler was unable to attend the meeting, Mr Gazzard confirmed he would speak to her to see if she would be able to attend any of the upcoming meetings. He added Julian Boast, from the Hall for Cornwall, was in the middle of a busy season, and hopefully would be attending the next meeting.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG</p>
3	<p>Current Information re Culture</p> <p>Roger Gazzard spoke about the White Paper for Culture, which was produced by Cornwall Council, and informed members it was to be adopted as policy in January, but the working group would need to relate it to the Truro and Kenwyn area.</p> <p>Councillor Cooke highlighted The Cultural Investment Board (page 10), and a Potential Investment Programme (page 14) which was due to span five years. Councillor Cooke also drew attention to the projects outlined under the Programme which he felt would be relevant to the Truro and Kenwyn area (Cemeteries, Historic Parks & Gardens and the Blue Plaque Scheme; Cornwall Visual Art Programme; Festivals and Major Events. He added the World Heritage Site, of which Kenwyn was a part of, could throw up potential blocks on planning in the area.</p> <p>It was hoped Julie Seyler would be able to provide more details about the above, and also highlight other issues affecting culture to ensure it would be protected within the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Councillor Ellis asked if Christmas events such as late night shopping, and also the Farmers' Market would fall under the heading of Leisure and Culture, and if so, was</p>	<p>RG</p> <p>RC</p> <p>-</p> <p>RE</p>

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	<p>there a way or ensuring they could be protected. Mr Gazzard felt they did fall under the remit of the working group, though they would also be included under the heading of economy. Councillor Cooke added Totally Truro relied on a sound economic base to be able to hold the events it organised.</p> <p>Mr Gazzard pointed out the White Paper had limitations, some of which were addressed on page 5, where it was mentioned natural environment, sports, libraries, and food and drink were not included. Councillor Ellis added parks, and subsequently the events held there, should also be included within the scope of the group.</p> <p>Alex Waite asked if there were any feast days in Truro, similar to those held in some Cornish villages. Mr Gazzard responded there were not, but that wasn't to say they shouldn't be encouraged.</p> <p>Mike Thomas expanded on the discussion of the White Paper, pointing out it was originally a Green Paper of a much broader scope, but had since focused on specific areas. He drew members' attention to page 10 (3.4) and Financing, where it was explained why only a narrow range was included to try and make the most of the investment provided.</p> <p>Mr Gazzard added the success and continued development of the Hall for Cornwall needed to be protected, and issues surrounding the museum, the library, and one-off events needed to be addressed, particularly the issue of the lack of monetary public support. It was mentioned events such as Mazey Day in Penzance were recently created, and it could be worthwhile investigating the creation of similar events in Truro and Kenwyn.</p> <p>Councillor Cooke also mentioned the Cathedral, and it was agreed a representative would be invited to a future meeting of the working group, as well as a representative of the museum. It was also suggested Truro's status as a Stannary Town should be examined.</p> <p>Mr Thomas suggested it might be worth contacting Julie regarding the White Paper, to obtain more details, and it would also initiate dialogue with her, which was vital, even if she was not able to attend a meeting.</p> <p>Mr Thomas also informed members he had been looking at how the Neighbourhood Plan would link together and had made enquiries about what could be added. An Open Space Assessment for Cornwall was being created, which looked at priority areas, and Stewart Wallace, the Public Space Officer, had offered to talk to the working group about open spaces and children's play areas. Jo Howard, also from Cornwall Council, had offered to fill in any gaps after that.</p>	<p>RG</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RE</p> <p>AW</p> <p>RG</p> <p>MT</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RC</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
4	<p>Councillor Rich to report on the collated evidence for Truro and Kenwyn Parishes from the Leisure documents from Cornwall Council.</p> <p>As Councillor Rich was absent from the meeting he was unable to report on the above, and as such, it was agreed the report would be added to the next agenda.</p>	-

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<p>seemed to suggest travel was reducing, and therefore people were looking to their immediate local area for leisure and culture provision.</p>	
<p>Councillor Cooke also asked Mr Waite if he had a list of contact information for all of the youth agencies in Cornwall. Mr Waite replied he had around twenty or so, but the list was constantly changing. Along with his own list, which he would be forwarding to Mr Gazzard, he also suggested accessing the Family Information Service list.</p>	<p>RC AW</p>
<p>Older People</p>	
<p>Dr Herring provided an overview of the U3A and pointed out there were 875 members across Truro and Falmouth with an age range of 50-95, and over 80 different types of activities available which included sports activities (table tennis, croquet, badminton etc), lectures (philosophy, history, science), musical events (singing, choir etc), and three monthly meetings.</p>	<p>TH</p>
<p>Dr Herring reported the main issue he found was finding suitable venues. In Truro, the U3A used The British Legion, The Conservative Club, The Railway Club, and the Town Hall but members felt the parking was particularly bad in Truro, whereas there was plenty of free available parking at Perranwell Village Hall. Dr Herring also mentioned the U3A used Richard Lander after school hours, but there was no parking during the day, no direct bus route, and the nearest bus stop required a walk through a field to reach the site. Dr Herring felt if the facilities were more appropriate then a greater number of members would attend each activity.</p>	<p>TH</p>
<p>Dr Herring spoke more about the running of the U3A, and informed members it was self-supporting, charging a nominal membership fee per year, which paid for venue charges and provided monthly newsletters which were sent directly to members' addresses.</p>	<p>TH</p>
<p>Mr Gazzard asked if there were any facilities missing the U3A would like. Dr Herring responded a hall for lectures, with parking, would be the most welcome, as the meetings held in the Town Hall usually attracted only around 50 people though many more expressed interest in attending. Dr Herring stated some members used the Park and Ride but many others did not, and found the lack of parking the main barrier to attendance. Highlighting the difference with Perranwell, Dr Herring mentioned over 200 people attended the Christmas concert, and upwards of 120 attended normal meetings there.</p>	<p>RG TH</p>
<p>Mr Gazzard asked the best way to consult Truro members of the U3A, and Dr Herring responded the newsletter would be the best avenue, mentioning he added a small piece to the January newsletter about the Neighbourhood Plan, asking for comments to be put forward to the group. It was confirmed that if a questionnaire was to be included, the submission deadline would be the 15th of the month, with a view for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.</p>	<p>RG TH</p>
<p>Members agreed that as the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would need to go to consultation it would be an excellent way of reaching older people to gain their views.</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Ellis asked how the U3A found local facilities such as hospitals and surgeries. Dr Herring responded the current issue was with Lander Medical Centre as it was situated up a hill. It was agreed the Health and Wellbeing working group would be better able to address this issue.</p> <p>Other possible venues for meetings were discussed, including Penair school, but the issue of parking and accessibility once again proved to be biggest barrier.</p>	RE TH
6	<p>Action Plan</p> <p>The following summarised points to be actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Gazzard to contact Julie Seyler regarding the White Paper and to invite her to future meetings. • Roger Gazzard to invite Julian Boast, a representative of Truro Cathedral, and the Royal Cornwall Museum to a future meeting. • Mike Thomas to invite Stewart Wallace to a future meeting. • Roger Gazzard to speak to Juliet Rose to initiate contact between Juliet and Alex Waite so they may create a questionnaire for distribution to young people. • Alex Waite to provide Roger Gazzard with a list of young people services. 	RG RG MT RG AW
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The group agreed on the following dates, all to be held at 6pm in the Municipal Building, Boscawen Street:</p> <p>Tuesday 24th January 2012 Tuesday 7th February 2012 Tuesday 28th February 2012 Tuesday 20th March 2012</p>	

The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm

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 CHAIRMAN