

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan

Community Engagement at Russell Inn, Polruan, 29th March 2019

- Cllr Roger Talling, Mr John Pollard and Cllr Pat Moore in attendance
- We mounted a display which showed maps, and questions we have used before at the street stalls at Whitecross Produce Market. Post-its and postcard card questions were available for those who wanted to record comments
- The Local Landscape Character Assessment A3 display booklets were available and were of interest to people, including young, who had not seen them before
- Copies of the Summary Report of the Residents Survey were available and several people took these away
- Maps of the possible Settlement Boundaries were on display and were discussed. The upshot seems to be that people are not much bothered by these
- The relationship between the draft NDP and the LLCA report was talked about and how the policies are underpinned and where they come from. We need to get on with both of these. It would be good to have both of these to hand for the Annual Meeting

Post-it comments included:

- If houses were built can it be guaranteed they won't become second homes? *We were able to allay this one by explaining how the Housing Association works and also a Community Land Trust*
- There are already too many second homes. *There is little we can do about this as there is an open market out there*
- People asked what is happening at Lady Ram's House, the Peak, Brawn Point, and Football Field next to Vevery. *We explained the situation at Furze Park which is the building of a one-for-one house – when the replacement house is built the original is demolished and there will be no further development. The Peak and Brawn Point are protected. The football field is owned by the National Trust and is in their protection*
- Traffic calming measures were proposed for the top of Polruan, maybe the installation of speed bumps. *We may need to revisit making an application under the Highways Scheme*
- The possibility of relocating the Doctors' surgery at the top of the village was raised. This would be easier to access and easier to get to. It was pointed that the downside of this could be to reduce people going to the bottom of the village. *This is a recurring theme*
- Townsend Farm was mentioned several times with people suggesting that it could have several new uses. *We explained that having been in touch with the owner we understand it is his intention to convert into a retirement home for himself and his daughter. People were not averse to this, wishing the site to be rehabilitated*

The Post-card Questions asked people to tell us what they would hate to lose from the Lanteglos Landscape and included:

- The boats in Toms' Yard being fixed
- Would hate to lose the local character of the Parish
- Any more countryside, views, woodlands.
- Shame to cover the countryside with houses when lots in Polruan are 2nd homes

Thoughts:

Thank you to everyone concerned and Robin for supplying the pasties. This was an informal gathering with a mix of people, older and younger. The young are concerned about where they will live and also where they work. The idea of work units being developed was raised although people didn't really specify where these might be. They did realise that people setting up working at home is also feasible. They liked the idea of small development, recognising that this also means work for locals.

The next time we have an opportunity to talk to residents is at the Annual Parish Meeting when we have a number of the influential members of the Parish present. A short presentation could be made. I recall that the 2018 meeting was one of the most positive meetings I have attended and hope the 2019 is equally as useful.

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