

Minutes: Tasset and Greystead NDP Steering Group meeting held on 30th July 2013

Present: Darrell Jackson (Chair), Rex Cooper (Secretary), Megan Nixon, Anne Munroe, Preston Hoggan, Gerry Gregory, Jenny Ludman (representing NNPA)

Apologies: David English (NCC), Richard Powell (NCC)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting.

2. Actions from the previous meeting

Jenny provided a draft copy of an MOU supplied by Tammy to Rex.

There were no other specific actions other than the requirement to bring along ideas for "themes".

3. Questionnaire results

It was agreed that it should be fairly simple for Leslie to provide pie charts or similar for all the tables analysed as part of the questionnaire analysis, and that Rex would ask her to do this.

**Action: Rex to request pie charts for all tables in the results chart**

There was some discussion about the specific comments in the questionnaire results, and whether they should all be published. It was agreed to publish all comments uncensored. There would however be a sentence at the beginning, stating that individual names had been removed. There was some discussion regarding whether reference to specific sites/land should be removed. It was felt that they shouldn't be. Therefore the full list of comments will be put on the website as an appendix to the questionnaire results.

4. Themes

There was some discussion regarding themes as a result of the questionnaire analysis, and the distillation of comments by Richard. The main theme arising which ran through all the other themes was that of design. It was felt that good design policies would need to be supported by some sort of Design Guide that was specific to Tasset and Greystead. This applied to built design, but also to landscape design, and protection of significant views/sightlines.

The need for affordable housing was raised but it was felt there are already strong policies on this in the NNPA Core Strategy documents, and it was felt that there would be little additional benefit of the NDP pursuing this as a theme.

Jenny said she would produce a document which provided an analysis of how current planning policies were being applied in decision making in the area, both delegated, committee and at appeal.

**Action: Jenny to produce a policy analysis**

There was some discussion with regard to architects, and a number of practices were discussed. There was also some discussion with regard to whether pro-bono work could be done, given the lack of resources of the group. It was concluded that the most important thing was to have a really good

quality, robust design guide, and this would inevitably cost money. It was agreed that the best option would be to put together a tender document of some kind, with the option for architects to have an informal discussion with the group to inform them about what the design guide will need to achieve.

**Action: Rex to draft a letter to send to architects**

5. Parish Council meeting

Darrell informed the group that the next PC meeting would be on 21st Aug. In Darrell's absence, Preston agreed to feed back to Parish Council on progress with the NDP.

**Action: Preston to feed back to Parish Council on 21st Aug**

6. Budget

The group asked Jenny if she could get an update on the current budget for the NDP, so the group would have an idea of what finances they would have for architectural and landscape consultants.

**Action: Jenny to provide budget update in advance of next meeting**

6. Date of next meeting

Jenny gave her apologies in advance of the next meeting.

Darrell also gave apologies - he will not be at the next few meetings as he is sailing around the world (until October)

**13th August, 9:30am, Tarsset Village Hall**