

Tarset and Greystead NDP Steering Group, minutes of meeting held on 2nd December 2014 at 10 am

1. Introduction and apologies

Present: Darrell Jackson (Chair), Mary-Lou Downie, John Holland, David Watkins, Megan Nixon, Anne Monroe, Jenny Ludman. Apologies were received from David English and Kevin Tipple (NCC),

2. Minutes and Matters arising from meeting of 25th November 2014

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved with approved with one omission on page 1: Anne Monroe was present at this meeting. **[Mary-Lou]**

3. Matters arising: actions in bold

Item 3.

Darrell checking if PC payment to Spence & Dower has been made. **[Darrell]**

Following a meeting with Alex McLelland, Darrell is to attend the Forestry Commission meeting on 1st December & report back on possibility of forming Local Access Group to develop walking/cycling.

[Darrell]

Item 5

John & Preston to reword TG4 and TG5 **[John/Preston]**

Item 6 - Maps

Sidwood boundary:

Preston & David have defined the most popular recreational areas (Sidwood itself is a much bigger area than the area of important recreational use for the community). Preston is meeting Neville Geddes (Forestry Commission) on Tuesday 9th. **[Preston]**

FC's Plan for the area seem to be working along similar lines to the Steering Group. FC regards narrow strip by river as an area of 'continuous cover', and 'beyond economic value'. This term to be defined, but presumably means this area is not for felling. David reported that funds from Windfarm developers are being used to thin the rhododendrons and allow rarer species to grow.

David proposed and all agreed that all the Steering Group needs to do here is to identify the area at Sidwood wanted for our community use policy. Right of access and current paths here to be retained/maintained.

[David/Preston]

The furthest bastles on the trail are in the NDP area, but not in the defined Sidwood recreation area. However they should be protected under the bastles policy.

Jenny has asked Ed to alter references in Plan to letters A-E **[Jenny/Ed]**

Item 7 - Selection of suitable photos.

Simon Fraser has said we can have set of his 'This is Tarset' photos, and his work for Windblow (which has superb panorama).

Megan to consult Jan Ashdown re permission to use of TAG 'This is Tarset' set. **[Megan]**

MAIN AGENDA

4. Tasset & Greystead Landscape & Design Assessment

All to read and comment on before next week's meeting which is final deadline for comments. Only major inaccuracies to be changed, then document to be signed off. [All]

Matter requiring alteration noted to date:

p. 54 Gatehouse bastles are labelled incorrectly. [S & D]

Jenny concerned that some material in S & D document is not compatible with the NDP (e.g. clusters, development boundaries). The current wording of their Introduction, especially last paragraph, does not reflect accurately the document's status and all agreed it must be changed. Last paragraph to explain: this is a 'design & characterisation study which was used to inform the development of the NDP....and is a key part of the evidence base'. The S & D document is not a guide for developers; to be clarified. [S & D]

Anne forward extract from Minutes to Darrell. Darrell then to talk to Spence & Dower, stressing it is essential to alter this. He will explain Tuesday 9th is the final deadline for any changes the Group needs to ask Spence & Dower to make. Darrell may adjust his Introduction to the NDP to take cognisance of this. [Darrell/Anne]

5 Photos – selection of suitable photos

After discussion, it was agreed on John's suggestion that each member of the Steering Group will identify photographs for inclusion in the Plan from the policies they worked on, and make a 'hit list' for next Tuesday with suggestions of what photos are available. [All]

Photos can then be selected collectively to cover each item on the list. Choices will be from: Simon Fraser, Spence & Dower (Landscape & Design Assessment), Malcolm Brodie, etc.

David Watkins to ask Kate Hersey if he can photograph Unison Colour as example of appropriate rural business [David]

Megan to take Gibshiel wind turbine photo [Megan]

6. Updated maps

In general everyone felt the maps were much improved.

The following points still need adjustment. [Jenny/Ed – all points below]

Map 1

Keep 'Landscape Character' areas as a separate map, but retain an enlarged version of the Key on Map 1 as a reference to these character areas.

NNP symbol to be darker: weight of line to equate to line on map.

Map to have numbers referring to the Listed Buildings & Monuments.

Map 2 – Lanehead and Greenhaugh

Agree to remove key view symbols and blue arrows. Retain the Gateway View symbol.

Consider amending TG4 to refer to key views near outliers.

After discussion, it was agreed to leave the title of this map as it is; it is an inset map from main A2 map, so title does work.

Move central 'outlier' symbol nearer to outliers down slope; at present it appears to relate only to 'outliers' near road.

Map 3 – Greenhaugh

Gardener's Cottage garage is not on the map, so NNPA not working off an up-to-date map.

Symbol on bastle trail to match line on map.

Map to be larger scale – change scale back.

Map 4 – Lanehead

Jenny to ask Ed to add contours.

Add dotted circles around 4 main housing groups, as this relates to the draft Policy; make it clear this is not a boundary line.

Key to reflect different colours for 'outliers' and colour used to differentiate from that used for Listed Buildings.

Map appears to cite Tasset Castle as a Listed Building as well as a monument. This must be incorrect as nothing is showing above ground. Jenny to check.

Cycle route is shown differently on the map than on the Key.

Remove key view symbols from Lanehead map. This map currently excludes a development boundary.

Item 7 – Finish date for Jenny's work

Jenny has done more work than estimated in preparing the draft plan, but has now virtually finished Stage 1 (pre consultation phase) of her work. (Stage 2 = consultation phase).

Anne's edited comments have been incorporated.

It was agreed the finish date for Jenny's work on the draft Plan will be 16 December in time for PC meeting on 17 December. [Jenny]

The following remains to be done by Jenny (& others where shown): [Jenny]

Add Preston's and John's policy updates on Lanehead/Grenhaugh when completed and reinforce references between policy & map. [John/Preston/Jenny]

Add Megan's update on 'form'.

Add History section when finalised by Anne [Anne/Jenny]

Finish adding links to local and national planning policy

Add map of Sidwood

Action by Steering Group:

Read Jenny's draft and make observations by Tuesday 9th December [Steering Group]

Payment for Jenny's work for NNPA and Steering Group:

Jenny to send her monthly invoices for her NNPA work direct to NNPA now. Jenny not yet invoiced us for the draft Plan. Darrell to tell Emily NNPA invoice is on the way. **[Darrell]**

Informal examination of draft Plan:

Jenny has spoken to Peter Biggers, examiner, about an informal assessment. His charge is £300 per day. He estimates one day to read and one day in discussion with Steering Group, NNPA and NCC.

PC will not receive a formal submission of the final draft for the Plan at their next meeting on 17th December, as it has yet to reach that stage, but will be sent the latest draft, so as to discuss/agree progression to informal examination. David to forward draft Plan to PC when ready) **David]**

Funding of informal examination:

Funding levels to be checked with NNPA. **[Preston]**

Future known calls on funding:

(1) Spence & Dower: balance of £524 owing on completion.

(2) Pre-submission consultation:

Ways of distributing this were discussed.

- (a) Copies can be sent via email/viewed online on Tarsnet website, then people can print their own if wished. Copies would also be made available in several places in the Parish.
- (b) The alternative is to distribute to all 149 households. Darrell to ask Malcolm Brodie for a 'ball-park' figure to print approx. 150 copies (not on high quality paper), ie one per household with two response forms per household. (There will be a feedback form for each policy with a simple yes/no answer; and comments?)

Statutory consultees will also need an email copy of the draft Plan.

David English has pointed out that we can still make changes to the Plan at a later stage.

Item 8 – work required for, and timetable for completion of, draft Policy document

Steering Group to add after Jenny has completed items on page 4:

Photos **[All]**

Maps **[All]**

Introduction: written by Darrell; to be emailed to the Group. **[Darrell]**

Introduction to clarify the link to the Spence & Dower document. **[Darrell]**

Strategic environmental assessment: Jenny confirms, as David English has previously advised, that a SEA is very unlikely to be called for.

9 – Selection of new Chair/Secretary to cover DJ's absence.

It was agreed that Preston would kindly take on the role of Chair and point of contact. Other matters to be delegated among the Group as necessary; it felt at this stage that a Secretary was not required.

Megan/Mary-Lou/Anne agreed to continue with the Minutes. Darrell to be kept in circulation loop.

5. AOB

1. *Tarset News* piece has been written and submitted.

2. Cycle routes.

Darrell has been talking to a Bellingham cycle tourism group including Ian Bell, Kielder Bikes and Bob Hodgson.

Situation is as follows:

Reivers Cycle Route & Border County Ride are waymarked

Coast to Coast – is just waymarked, not owned by anyone. Most of it is on actual roads, not off-road, which is one reason it has never been very successful.

Currently attempts are being made to develop cycle routes out of Bellingham as part of ‘Sandstone Way’ – Berwick to Hexham route. This is attracting much attention on chat forums. Aim is to attract those coming through Rothbury, Bellingham etc to return to the areas and do other routes. Sidwood has also been mentioned but it is important that routes there do not spoil existing paths.

North Tyne railway is an obvious candidate for use in this way.

3. Tree preservation orders. Not done through Neighbourhood Plan. Can apply for these at any time. To be put on Community Action List. **[Megan?/David?]**

4. The Steering Group unanimously recorded its thanks to Darrell for chairing the Group so successfully for so long, and wished him Bon Voyage!

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th December, Tarset Village Hall, 10 am.