

**Minutes - Tarsset and Greystead NDP Steering Group, meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 10 am**

**1. Introduction and apologies**

Present: John Holland (Chair), Rex Cooper (Secretary), Mary-Lou Downie, Preston Hoggan, Megan Nixon, Anne Monroe, Jenny Ludman, Kevin Tipple (NCC), Jan Ashdown (Tarsset Archive Group). Apologies were received from David Watkins.

**2 & 3. Minutes and Matters arising from meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Matters arising: actions in bold**

Item 4 (Actions 1-3).

**Megan/Rex :** Megan to forward to Rex her distillation of the verbatim responses in questionnaire re named views and Rex to re-send to the Group

**Rex:** clarify with Spence & Dower that there is no 'precious view plan' – it is a list of responses collated from community consultation

**Rex:** suggest to Spence & Dower that the named views be shown by photos.

Item 5

**Rex:** talk to Tina to clarify how she will tackle the design of conversion of redundant buildings - best to include in both sections 6 & 7?

Item 6

**Jenny:** contact Chris to ask him to offer dates for next policy writing session

1<sup>st</sup> choice Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice Fridays, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice Wednesdays.

**Note:** Group had agreed to fit consultation date around Chris's availability but community presentation date now agreed for 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**MAIN AGENDA**

**4. Updates from policy sub-groups**

**a) Heritage assets (Anne/Preston)**

There was much discussion about the way forward in this problematical area.

Anne & Preston explained the creation of 'Local Heritage Lists' in many areas of England, for which English Heritage have produced an excellent toolkit and all agreed we should

follow their methodology. The creation of a Local List would be the best protection for assets below Listed Building status. Local lists are usually led by local councils. However TAG (Tasset Archive Group) has produced comprehensive lists of the heritage assets in our area, and Preston & Anne hope to find a way forward via the Archive Group. The NCC's list, although helpful, is not as comprehensive as TAG's, and is county-wide, not Parish specific. Megan queried if NNPA/NCC would adopt our Local List?

Discussion focused on the creation of a separate Local List for Tasset & Greystead which would run parallel to the plan. However we also need to consider how to embed this within the Plan. Options are: include a policy saying locally listed buildings will be protected; include in the Plan's 'action list' issues; present as an Appendix to the Plan.

NNPA refers in their policies to protecting heritage assets, and it is NCC policy to protect locally listed buildings. Kevin also referred us to the Historic Environment Record on the Heritage Gateway site.

Mary-Lou, as a member of TAG, advised TAG would not be able to provide many people-hours with regard to future work; however TAG's invaluable past work is constantly being updated by their group.

**Community assets** (most with heritage significance): we should consider a separate policy here. There would be a presumption against residential use, but the Group can list circumstances in which this would be allowed.

#### **The Chair summarised the issues:**

It is an open question of how we link a Local Heritage List to the Plan. Will it be separate or linked in?

Way forward is for the NP Steering Group to form a partnership with TAG.

#### **Action:**

**Anne:** contact Jan Ashdown to arrange meeting with Preston & Anne to discuss creation of a Local Heritage List

#### **Jenny:**

1. Talk to Alan Hunter (English Heritage, co-ordinating heritage lists in this area) to seek his advice on how to progress
2. Explore process for adoption by NNPA/NCC of our Local List if created and how the list would be kept - usually done by local councils
3. Confirm if NNPA have a Local Heritage List

**Kevin:** ask NCC conservation team if there any Local Lists in Northumberland.

**Preston:** identify which heritage items on TAG's are within the parish and delete others on computerised maps.

**All:**

1. Consider how to embed heritage assets into Plan
2. Group to find examples in other NPs Group of how to approach community assets
3. Consider separate policy for community assets

**b) Redundant buildings in countryside**

Policy drafting ongoing (Rex/Megan/Anne)

Jenny: we need to stress that permitted development rights do not apply within NNPA.

**c) Landscape**

Awaiting Spence & Dower document before this is progressed further (Megan/Mary-Lou)

**5. Progress and integration of Spence & Dower work, and how to be utilised on policy workshop day & at community consultation event.**

It was agreed we cannot complete policy drafting until we have Spence & Dower's document. Timeline for policy drafting therefore likely to be re. 2 months. Most of S & D's document has been drafted apart from Section 7. Rex to check (see action below)

Next task is how to consult on S & D's work. They have agreed to attend the community consultation meeting. Group to ask them to discuss their input to this event once we have formalised our own plans at our next meeting.

Chris Anderson to assist on what gaps we need to fill, and timing/taking a rain-check of where we are, as well as actual policy writing.

**Action:**

**Rex to talk to Spence & Dower and:**

- Obtain progress update/completion date, and ask when Section 7 will be finalised
- Ask if S & D are waiting for anything further from the Group.
- Invite them to spend re 1 hour with the Group at our next meeting or when they have completed Section 7.
- Confirm they can make date of community consultation (25<sup>th</sup> June, see below)

**Jenny:** send Chris Anderson S & D's latest draft and ask him about any potential gaps.

**6. Community event**

After discussion, it was agreed the event will run from 6.00 to 8.30 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

This will be the last major feedback session; the next consultation will be to present the draft Plan.

### **Format: presentations to be made from 6.30-7.30**

1. Introduction by member(s) of the Group – will stress the importance of Spence & Dower to the Plan. Also Parish Council role.
2. Presentation by Spence & Dower
3. Policy update
4. Question & answer session

We should not present finished policies at the consultation, but policy intentions: the examiner would expect us to consult, not present, at this stage. It is important to have a narrative. This will explain the data gathered, what we've achieved since then, Spence & Dower's input, the current policies we are looking at creating and the timeline for completion. Kevin stressed that the Group must be clear on what it expects to achieve as outcomes.

### **Presentation:**

The consultation will be on the lines of: 'This is what we are proposing. What do you think?' There will be around 6 boards for each part of the document, with bullet-points/synopsis wording for each policy, e.g.: 'This policy will aim to explore x, y, z. Do you agree? Is there anything missing?' We must ask open questions, e.g.: 'We've decided not to allocate specific sites for development. Do you agree?' At end: 'Are there any other questions?'

Boards and A3 printing will be required. NNPA to be asked to provide

S & D maps will be put up around the room.

Pie charts on the community questionnaire feed-back to be shown as back-up to the draft policy areas.

People will need time to browse before & after the presentation. It was agreed to put an online response sheet on the Tarsset community website as beforehand, well as response sheets available at the event. Megan to ask Mark to add to Tarsset Home Page. The online sheet must correspond exactly to the one available in the Hall.

### **Action:**

#### **1. Next week's meeting will have on Agenda:**

- **Identify & draft questions to be asked**
- **Firm up structure of event including Spence & Dower input**

**The meeting will pick up on all action listed above: sourcing boards and printing from NNPA, Spence & Dower maps, pie charts etc**

#### **2. Megan to progress Tarsset website response sheet via Mark**

### **7. Jan Ashdown presentation on eco-museums**

Jan outlined her background in community projects. Her work with TAG and Tarsset 2050 relates to the eco-museum concept.

Eco-museums are a way of eliding history and geography. They began in France in the 1970s and are now world-wide, although England has only one: Flodden (history-based). There are 3 in Scotland: Kilmartin (archaeology based), Easedale (folk life) & Staffin (Isle of Skye), which is the nearest to a pure eco-museum and hence the best model for T & G.

A Tarsset eco-museum would stretch up to Liddesdale and down to Hexham. However Tarsset would be the core area. It could focus on Middle March/Reivers and would include Battle of Otterburn site, Bellingham Heritage Centre and hill farming. Creating an eco-museum need not involve anything new: Professor Peter Davis, the main authority on eco-museums (Newcastle University) confirms Tarsset already has most of the components needed.

Although there would be a visitor footprint, eco-museums centre on the local community and are managed by the community, so are essentially democratic. A Tarsset eco-museum sits well with NNPA's remit to extend access. Jan considers eco-museums offer protection in regard to managing change, and John Holland was impressed by their contribution to a sustainable future.

Jan stressed the eco-museum concept would not add to the Group's workload, but hoped the Group would support the concept. The Group felt it could not introduce this as a new area of the Plan. However, it noted the many parallels between eco-museums and its own work, and felt that, with only a small amount of re-writing, the Plan could reflect support of this idea. It would form part of the 'vision' area of the plan, and all agreed it would sit comfortably in the Action Plan for T & G.

**Action: Jan** to map out ideas and let the Group have something on paper to work with.

## **8. AOB**

1. Tarsset News deadline is 31 May. However, because of production issues, the consultation may have taken place by the time the next issue appears.

**Action: Anne** to draft update on progress for Tarsset News.

2. Jenny Ludman's attendance at meetings. Tony Gates has asked Jenny to do this for 3 months. She does not know what the situation will be beyond this.

**Action: Rex** to ask Tony Gates to extend Jenny's contract

## **9. Dates of next meetings –all at 10 am, Village Hall**

3<sup>rd</sup> June - Chair nomination: John Holland

10<sup>th</sup> June

**18<sup>th</sup> June - NOT 17<sup>th</sup>**

24<sup>th</sup> June – for consultation on 25th