

Colvend & Southwick Community Council

Local Place Plan Team

Meeting No.4 (26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 11am via zoom)

Present: S.W.Pain (Convenor), J.Coates, M.Rosindale, P.Shaw, D.Reilly (Consultant)

**1) Actions arising from the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February**

- a. SWP confirmed that the offer of £6,000 grant from the Community Led Vision fund had been accepted
- b. DR confirmed that free standing banner posters were being ordered to highlight the fact that an LPP is being prepared. He has ordered 3 professional photographs from Keith Kirk. MR pointed out that for future advertising, he can provide photographs at no charge. The banners will not be available for the defibrillator training session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, but PS asked if they could be available to display at the C&SCC meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- c. SWP confirmed that J.Stanning is happy to use of the [colvendconnect@gmail.com](mailto:colvendconnect@gmail.com) address to capture individual residents comments. This email address is incorporated into the banners.
- d. SWP confirmed that there is a website page dedicated to the LPP. Currently it provides links to information non the D&G website and has a facility to post comments.
- e. No progress yet on review of the formats of other LPPs that have already been completed to recommend what sort of format the LPP report should be in. PS indicated that an LPP is being prepared in Castle Douglas, and that they had already had a community meeting attended by Nicola Hill & others from the D&G Council. **Action SWP to contact N Hill to find out how she can support our consultation.**
- f. No responses yet on attempts to contact NTS, RSPB and Scottish Forestry and Land. DR pointed out that SF&L have a nominated contact for planning matters. **Action: SWP to follow up Planning Contact at SF&L**

**2) Key Areas**

This item continued the unfinished business of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Key Area 4b:** SWP pointed out that enforcement of parking was a big issue at both Rockcliffe and Sandyhills, and should be included.

**Key Area 5 – Housing:** There was considerable discussion about the need for provision for affordable housing. DR pointed out that for developments of 5 or more houses, 20% must be of an affordable design. MR indicated that the development by K.Gibson at Kippford did now include some affordable housing. It was pointed out that other than those, virtually all the properties being built are small developments of 1 or 2 properties. PS mentioned that at Tynron, the local CC had developed low cost properties for rental on land that had been gifted by the D&G Council.

**Action: SWP to ask D&G Council if any land is available within our boundaries.**

**Key Area 6 – Economy & employment.** It was agreed that the future of the school, housing and the economy were all interlinked. All felt that it was very important to retain a viable shop in Colvend and this directly impacts the future of the Information Centre. There were differing views about the economy, with MR of the view that the future economy was reliant on tourism, SWP keen to see the development of home based employment and PS suggesting more manufacturing. This discussion is to be continued.

### **3) Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at 2:30 pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in Colvend Hall. Could attendees please indicate if they are available to help set up the hall for the evening talk on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Note: The evening talk is at 7:30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the topic has changed, because of the unavailability of the speakers on "Saving the Red Squirrels". The talk will now be by Simon Pain with the title "It's just nuts" – telling the story of the attempts to make artificial fibre in Dumfries from peanuts.

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