

Colvend & Southwick Community Council

Local Place Plan Team

Meeting No.5 (15th March 2023 3:30pm via zoom)

Present: S.W.Pain (Convenor), J.Coates, 26th February D.Reilly (Consultant)

Apologies: M.Rosindale, P.Shaw

- 1) Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting on 26th Feb. 2023
 - a) SWP summarised a meeting with Nicola Hill (D&G Council) on Tuesday 28th March
 - i) Offer of help at community consultation events:

Nicola indicated that she had recently been involved with making a presentation to the Castle Douglas Development Forum to introduce the subject of Local Place Plans. She said that she (or other representatives of D&G Council) would be happy to do the same for Colvend & Southwick.
 - ii) The LPP Report.

Although some LPP reports in other parts of Scotland have extended to over 80 pages, she suggested that around 30 pages should be our target
 - iii) Influences outside our boundaries

Regarding the comments that we had received from Jennifer Quinn about the LPP only containing subjects that were within the control of our boundaries, she commented that we could make reference to things outwith our boundaries, which are important to our residents, but we could not make firm recommendations.
 - iv) Affordable family housing.

We discussed the subject of the Tynron CC work to develop affordable housing for rent on former D&G Council owned land, and whether such a scheme could be possible in Colvend & Southwick. Nicola offered to get a check done on what D&G Council land existed in our area and whether any of it could be available to us, That check has been done by D&G Council Property Services and they have advised that the only property the council own in our community council area are the car park, burial ground and school in Colvend itself. These are not

considered to be surplus and would not be available for the community to acquire.

Nicola indicated that Mike Staples at South of Scotland Community Housing (SOSCH): mike.sosch@outlook.com carry out “housing needs assessments”, should we require one to be done.

v) Consultation:

Nicola suggested that appropriate forms of consultation could be:

- i. Drop-in sessions
- ii. Public meetings
- iii. Workshops
- iv. Stakeholder Focus Groups

v) Grant Funding

Nicola suggested that at some stage in the future it is likely that at least D&G Council grant funding applications with references to the LPP will have a much greater chance of success.

b) SWP indicated that no progress had yet been made in finding the name of an appropriate contact at Scottish forestry & Land.

c) JC confirmed receipt of the management plans from the RSPB & NTS

2) Communications

Provision & use of advertising banners:



Thanks were given to DR for the production of two roller banners. These had already been used at the Evening Talk on 3rd March, and at the Kippford Hall Defibrillator Training Event on 9th March

It was agreed that the banners should now be displayed at Colvend Shop and at Kippford (The

Anchor?)

Action: SWP to place a banner at Colvend Shop, DR to get agreement & place a banner at Kippford.

3) Evening Talk

SWP indicated that at the last Evening Talk of the winter season on 3rd March, JC proposed to the attendees that there should be a further

Evening Talk in this year's programme that explained what the LPP was and what its benefits could be. This could be around the end of March, and some refreshments could be provided. The audience present on 3rd March generally approved the idea. As a result the LPP Team decided that a further Evening Talks session should take place in Colvend Hall. The offer of Nicola Hill coming to introduce the concept of Local Place Plans was agreed and this should be supplemented by a brief input by the LPP Team about how we are proposing to consult with the community. Following the meeting and a discussion with Nicola Hill, the final Evening Talk session of the season was confirmed as Friday 31st March at 7:30pm in Colvend Public Hall. Light refreshments would be provided.

4) Our Vision

There was a discussion about what our vision as a community should be, with brainstorming of key words. The first statement in the LPP document should be the Community vision. Following that discussion, SWP did further work and has proposed a draft vision statement.

Principles of the vision. It should be:

1. Concise
2. Clear
3. Future orientated
4. Stable
5. Challenging
6. Abstract
7. Inspiring

Draft vision statement:

"The Colvend Coast is a spectacular National Scenic Area with a population demographic weighted towards the elderly. Our economy is largely based on farming, forestry and tourism. We would wish to retain the natural beauty of the area, consistent with a desire to attract a larger proportion of resident families. The attraction of the area is predominantly one associated

with outdoor pursuits. We would aim to retain our existing service facilities and make evolutionary improvements, rather than radical changes.”

Action: Consider the draft statement & come forward at the next meeting with amendments as you see fit – All

5) AOCB

Short -Term let control area - There was some discussion around the scheme in use in Edinburgh, described as a short-term let control area. This concept might help attract families to the area, but at the moment DR thought it was only applied to Edinburgh. It was felt that the chances of getting such a scheme in a small place like Colvend was relatively low. Nicola Hill's suggestion of a housing needs assessment was discussed, but at the moment it was not thought to be needed.

Call for sites – The D&G Council Planning department issue a “Call for Sites” when revising the Regional Plan. Such a scheme might be worth considering to identify sites which could be used for family friendly home development within the Local Place Plan. However, it was not clear how such sites could be limited to affordable homes, rather than high priced developments.

LPP Project progress – It was agreed that we should develop a time-line for the project to *Wahe's* help with the project planning.

Action: DR to develop a time lime for the next meeting

6) Date of next meeting

To be confirmed