

Colvend & Southwick Community Council

Local Place Plan Team

Meeting No.14 on Tuesday 30^h April 2024 at 2:30pm in Colvend Public Hall

Present: S.W.Pain (Convenor), D.Reilly, R.Morriss M.Rosindale, P.Shaw

Apology: J.Coates,

1. Minutes of the 13th Meeting

These minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting on 14nd April

2. Grant Applications

The D&G Coastal Benefit Fund issue has now been resolved with D&G Council, and the £4,500 is now in the C&SCC account. The plan is now to invite South of Scotland Community Housing to the next LPP Team meeting on 14th May to discuss how to proceed with the Housing Demand & Needs Analysis. (Subsequent note: SoSCH have agreed to attend the meeting on 14th May)

3. Incorporation of Survey 2 comments into LPP Draft

SWP indicated that with 7 exceptions, responses to all 55 of the second consultation survey questions were incorporated into the draft.

The questions that were not incorporated were:

- a. *"Should we encourage second home owners to make use of their properties to support enhanced tourism?"* It was agreed that this topic would be addressed by the SoSCH Housing Demand & Needs Assessment.
- b. *"Should the Baron's Craig be reopened/retained to benefit the local economy?"* It was felt that as the Baron's Craig is now a private home, it was not appropriate to comment on this. SWP indicated that he had had a further meeting with the Mabbs family and this re-inforced the decision not to include this. DR pointed out that so far as he was aware, the Baron's Craig had not yet applied for planning permission to de-register the property as a hotel.
- c. *"Are recycling / litter collection arrangements adequate?"* As 79% of respondents were satisfied with domestic refuse handling, this did not require a response in the plan. However in the last week, a problem has arisen with house to house collections in Quarry & Pines Roads at Kippford, and this may need to be revisited.
- d. *"Do we need more road-side signage?"* 84% of respondents were against, and so it was felt that there no need to take this any further in the draft plan.
- e. *"Is there a needs for more children's play & exercise areas?"* The team were surprised that 56% of respondents were against this and concluded that was because of the areas demograph with relatively few local children. This will not appear in the plan, but will be kept under review.
- f. *"Who should be responsible for making visitors aware of the Scottish Outdoor Code – Visitors or accommodation providers?"* There was a split response and the team

did not consider that it was a matter for the plan to tell accommodation providers what they should do.

- g. *“Are you happy to see more wind turbines or windfarms in our area?”* This is very much a NIMBY issue, with a split response, with 56% of respondents against .

The LPP Team agreed that these 7 items should not be incorporated into the current draft of the Panel design.

4. Ratification of Draft LPP Plan display panels

SWP indicated for the panels to be ready in time for the Gala, the final print files need to be with SignRight by midday on 3rd May. This would allow for them to be collected on 13th May in time for the LPP Team to review how they will be displayed at the Gala on 25th May, at the meeting on 14th May.

Amendments were suggested to the design of the panels:

- i. Remove reference to retirees in the vision statement
- ii. Correct paragraph numbering system
- iii. Remove section 5b. – It was felt that highlighting the issue of what to do with the school building if the school were to close, might make parents anxious about the schools future, and accelerate closure.

Action: SWP to amend panel files before sending to printers.

Subject to the aforementioned changes, the LPP Team approved the panel designs for printing. SWP indicated that he would circulate the final panel file copies to the Community Councillors in advance of their meeting on 2nd May, and seek their ratification.

(Subsequent note: with the exception of a minor typo in Section 6a the panel design and cost was approved by the C&SCC, and SignRight have been given the instruction to print.

5. AOB

PS indicated that John Rowland had information about the creation of a path up to the top of Bainloch hill. JR has subsequently reported that he has had discussion with Tilhill Forestry who are clearing & replanting the hill. They have indicated that they will ask the owner if a fore-break could be installed and that could be used as a route for the footpath. A reply is awaited

6. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 30th April at 2:30pm in Colvend Village Hall

Simon W. Pain

LPP Convenor

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