

## Minutes of the Kingswear Neighbourhood Plan Group

**Date** Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2018      **Time** 1030am      **Place** Lower Village Hall

### Members attending

Lucy Payne, Eileen Parkes , David Mcilrath, Brian Essex, Alison Edwards, Liz Essex

### Apologies

Suzie Stevens, , Jan Henshall, Richard Whittaker.

### Declaration of Interest

None

### Minutes

The minutes of Nov 15th were signed as correct

### Topics Discussed

Arrangements for appointing a consultant

Grant due diligence has been completed and a grant received by KPC from Locality Vision Objectives and introduction for the NP

Housing allocation by the Local Plan

Business Hub

Footpaths

### Actions

Actions	By whom
Eileen and Lucy had applied for a grant of £3600 from Locality and the meeting confirmed that there was a consensus in support of the application by email.	All
The vision was revised and objectives reviewed. Changes to be written up and circulated by Eileen	Eileen
Eileen to confirm that we meet with another consultant on 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 1.30- 2pm who will deliver a report on the NP for £500.	Eileen
Eileen to contact Locality to get agreement that we use £500 of the grant on receiving a report from the consultant.	Eileen
Eileen to write up the introduction and circulate it to Members	Eileen
David's business proposal was put to KPC and approved and Eileen to email David the names and emails of the business hub working group who volunteered in the recent council meeting.	Eileen
Meeting with the Peninsular Access Group on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Eileen and Brian
Information to be sent to prospective consultant to be reviewed by Eileen	Eileen
Eileen to request guidance from the consultant concerning interpretation of the allocation of 10 houses to Kingswear by the	Eileen

Development Plan.	
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**Next Meeting****Date** 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**Time** 1330**Venue** Lower Village Hall**Minutes approved** .....**Date** .....**Proposal by David McIlrath for Business Development in Kingswear**

The inhabitants of Kingswear are predominately retired and a significant number of houses are holiday lets or second homes. Both of the later contribute to the economy of the area, but a more balanced population in terms of age group and residency would help to protect the viability of the village school, pubs, stores, playing fields and church, and help to prevent their possible future closure.

One argument is that affordable housing would attract a younger population. This may be part of the solution. However another way to help might be by adding good quality jobs in the immediate area. Creating jobs so that families are able to live here.

If the Parish Council were to be proactive in attracting younger population to the village by offering incentives for business start –ups especially in the environmentally clean HI Tech, Internet, and AI-based businesses, then progress could be made to rebalance the village.

The Kingswear Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in its Economic Development section received positive responses to the questions of having small commercial units in suitable locations, live work units and allowing change of use to existing unused premises.

Kingswear already has high speed broadband, a pleasant working environment and a possible source of experienced business mentorship from the retire village community. By providing initially a small business hub (for example the lower floor of the modernise Royal Dart would have been ideal) a moderate start could be made by the Parish Council.