

Alnwick Community Partnership

18th December 2012

Present:

Martin Harrington	Town Council
Brian Watson	Housing Consultant
Pat Holt	Resident
Jabin Cussins	Cussins Ltd
Philip Angier	Local Living
Steph Linnell	George F White
David Lovie	Alnwick Civic Society
Ian McRae	Gallery Youth
Sue Patience	Gallery Youth
Bill Grisdale	Town Council
Alan Symmonds	Town Council
Gordon Castle	Town Castle
Hannah Moeini	Alnwick Community Centre
Bill Batey	Clerk Town Council
Peter Biggers	Consultant for the neighbourhood plan
John Taylor	Denwick PC
Kevin Bartlett	County Council
Charlotte Colver	County Council

The meeting was opened by Alan Symmonds, Mayor of Alnwick and Steering Group Chairman who introduced the new "Options for the Future" document.

Peter Biggers then gave an update on progress during the last 6 months that had led to the production of the document. It was noted that some of the proposals would not form part of the final statutory neighbourhood plan, but would be included in an accompanying community action plan.

The summary booklet and questionnaire was a pared down version of the issues and options papers and as well as fixed questions the questionnaire gave opportunities for people to add further comments.

Sue Patience then described how the community was to be engaged during the consultation period.:

- Using market stalls (22nd December, 25th January, 9th or 16th February)
- Leaflet in the Cryer in January to all Alnwick households, Denwick delivery by hand
- Christmas market stall
- From the first questionnaire a demographic of respondents had been produced and gaps identified. These gaps will be filled by targeted work e.g. sheltered accommodation (elderly), disability groups (Barndale), young people via the school and Gallery Youth Project
- There will also be more open meetings, radio broadcasts and the web site.

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Any other ideas to widen the consultation should be sent to Sue

There was then an opportunity for those present to look around the display boards and discuss issues with topic leads.

Peter Biggers then briefly explained the Next Steps:

- Consultation returns by 18th February 2013
- Analysis February/March
- Draft Plan (with advice from the County Council and Locality (consultants), to ensure that there is consensus on the plan and it is not controversial/in conflict with other plans
- Examination in public by an independent inspector
- Referendum

Throughout the process the web site will be used to publish all relevant documents.

Timescale:

Autumn 2013 for the publication of the draft plan
Early 2014 for the examination
Summer 2014 referendum

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