

28 OCTOBER 2021
STAVELEY WITH INGS COMMUNITY PLAN GROUP
NOTES FROM MEETING ON

Present

Deb Michel, Mark Kidd, Fran Richardson, John Ashford, Anne Boyle, Judith Buckley, Mike Cambray, Wendi Lethbridge, Ian Stephens, Isobel Stoddart, Fran Walker, Sheila Adam

Deb invited a brief round of introductions - Mark mentioned that there are two vacancies on the Parish Council!

Actions in Green.

Actions from last meeting still to be achieved:

1 Terms of Reference

Deb and Fran will amend as agreed and then circulate.

2 Noticeboard

Deb to discuss with Kay Colley.

3 Staveley with Ings Parish Council webpage

Updated to provide access to Community Plan.

4 Flooding and Sewage - Action Priority 2

4.1 Arthur Capstick is leading this work with monthly reports to the PC and to this group. Tim Farron is very supportive.

Notes from Flooding and Sewage Group to be circulated with minutes.

Discussions with United Utilities plus the Environment Agency and Natural England continue.

4.2 SENS is building an alliance along the River Kent, including Burnside and Kendal, to campaign to clean up the River Kent. Links also developing with University of Cumbria where a student project will investigate the water quality of the Kent over the next 5 months. There will be opportunities for local people to be involved in this and future work to monitor the river and apply for safe bathing status. The initial focus is on the Kent; but future work on the Gowan might be considered.

4.3 Agreed it would be helpful to be able to access useful phone numbers in the event of a flood.

4.4 Concerns raised by the Environment Agency about smaller bridges eg at bottom of Grassgarth Lane being undermined; they are considering putting in fast acting cement.

ACTIONS

Arthur will continue to report to the Parish Council on behalf of Flooding and Sewage Group and we will ask how to access and distribute phone numbers for contact in the event of threatened or actual flooding.

SENS will continue to report back to this group on the River Kent campaign.

Mark to make sure Flooding and Sewage Group is aware of Environment Agency concerns re small bridges.

Important to report every incident of sewage overflow to the Environment Agency - multiple reports of the same incident are fine. South Cumbria Rivers Trust also has a reporting site so please report on there too.

Mark will consider adding contact details to report sewage and flooding on the www.Staveleywithingspc.co.uk website.

5 Biodiversity - Action Priority 6

5.1 Isobel has undertaken an initial scoping exercise, which identifies potential planting sites for trees, bushes and wild flowers, subject to land ownership and agreements. There was particular enthusiasm for a community orchard on the Poor Field, as well as planting on the verge beside the Big Field.

There are a number of grants available now, including from the Woodland Trust.

Staveley WI plan to plant 100 trees for their 100th anniversary. Isobel has also contacted them primary school inviting their involvement.

ACTION

Isobel will share the first draft with Mark, liaise with Yvonne Cannon, and present preliminary ideas to the PC on 1 November.

6 Communications - Action Priority 1 - Grant, Leaflet and Launch

6.1 No news on grant application.

Agreed to explore other potential sources of funding, and perhaps also to identify a media studies student who might help.

6.2 Deb and Fran R are finalising the leaflet (attached to Deb's email) which is partly designed - please check and let Deb have any comments in the next week.

6.3 Launch - need to explain Plan and invite people to get involved. Ideally this would be a meeting "in the room" but a big meeting may not be advisable. An alternative would be to run a drop-in session with social distancing, date advertised on the leaflets which will be distributed to every household.

ACTION

Communication group to be formed to develop launch and organise leaflet distribution – volunteers from the group so far – Fran R, Fran W, Anne B, Wendi L, Isobel S, Deb M

7 Recycling area - Action Priority 15

Discussions with SLDC about the future of the recycling area at Alec Row.

SLDC now has a reasonably comprehensive roadside collection, and are concerned that a lot of the recycling at Alec Row is business not domestic.

We need to remember that the Food Share generates quite a bit of recyclable packing material on a Monday.

Concerns that the recycling area can get very untidy and there have been rats around the Gowan over the last 2 years.

Also the recycling site is used by people for unofficial "freecycling" items that might be useful for someone, too good to just throwaway.

Mark will arrange a survey to ask:

- Views about whether we want/need a recycling site
- Views about how the space might be used if recycling bins were removed eg extend the space opposite the Chippy, car club parking, e charging for cars and bikes etc etc.

ACTION

Mark to take forward survey.

8 Travel and transport - Action Priority 4

Cumbria County Council due to undertake a consultation on parking and speed limits.

This will probably be further delayed due to the move to a unitary authority, in which case this Action Priority might be moved down the Priorities.

ACTION

Mark to check with CCC when the consultation might happen.

9 Hydro scheme at Barley Bridge

John raised this in The Economy group, and is keen to explore options.

ACTION

Fran R will link John to Alasdair Muir and Alistair Kirkbride who are undertaking a small project to explore viability with regard to the fishpass weir.

10 Report to Parish Council

ACTION

This month's report will focus on - flooding/sewage (Arthur), the New Abbey (Fran R), biodiversity (Isobel), leaflet and launch (Deb) and the recycling centre (Mark).

11 Next meeting: Thursday 25 November 2021

Agreed to focus on how we can get further actions to happen.

A couple of other dates for information:

- Kind Cumbria Day: 8 November
- Fuel Poverty Awareness Day: 3 December