

**STAVELEY WITH INGS COMMUNITY PLAN: 2020-25  
PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY PLAN GROUP**

**1 March 2021**

**Present:** Fran Richardson (chair), Mark Kidd, Sheila Adam, Anne Boyle, Mike Cambray, Yvonne Cannon, Boyd Gilmour, Wendi Lethbridge, Lesley Long, Robert Perkins, Camilla Revell, Anne Salisbury, Ian Stevens, Graham Vincent, Fran Walker.

Thanks to all those who attended.

**Apologies:** Deb Michel, John Ashford, Isobel Stoddart

**Written updates:** None this time

Items in red are written to summarise our discussions on 1 March.

Items in blue not yet discussed and we need to return to.

**We will meet on the last Thursday of each month so we can feed back to the PC which is the first Monday or Wednesday of each month.**

**Our next meetings will be on 31 March, 28 April, 26 May and 30 June, all at 7.00pm.**

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1. Communications keeping in touch - supporting active groups, helping new ones, and giving up to date information to residents and visitors	1 Grant application by PC was unsuccessful – PC has enough funding to get started with the website using the remnants of the Conversation grant.  2 Leaflet printed and distributed to all households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> issue of Community Plan Newsletter updating progress and encouraging community engagement – nearly ready to go.</li> <li>It will include a request for contact details for email distribution of regular newsletter – and identify those who need/prefer to continue to receive hard copies.</li> <li>It will advertise a launch event in Late Spring – face to face (possibly drop-in model).</li> <li>Need to check with Pete Harrison the emergency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deb/Isobel/Wendi</li> </ul>	<p>Need to progress whilst other funding streams are explored.</p> <p>Aim to use e-comms as much as possible <u>and</u> also to identify those households who need/prefer hard copies to be delivered.</p> <p>Our communications need to build on current practice eg social media, other newsletters (inc new Ings newsletter) and word of mouth.</p> <p>Need to use noticeboards more effectively.</p>

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		communications eg for flood or power cut are being addressed by the Flood Action Group. These will need to work without power/comms.		Possibility of developing the Community Plan website alongside the new SVA website.
2. Flooding and sewage – working with others to sort out the consequences of too much water Not discussed on 1 March 2022	1 PC Flood and Sewage Task Group (chaired by Arthur Capstick) engaged with UU, EA, SCRT, Natural England, LDNP, CCC.  2 Cumbria Uni student collecting data on river water as part of his dissertation.  3 SENS co-ordinating Clean Up the River Kent Campaign including short promotional video funded by anonymous donor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure on UU to develop an integrated action plan and ensure investment in the next 5 years strategy 2025-30.</li> <li>Developing citizen science framework to monitor discharges and overflows into River Kent – including manholes in the village, the WwTW, and water flow off Reston Scar and Lily Fell. Need to specify where observations are to be made, what needs to be recorded, and where to take photos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arthur/Peter with Task Group</li> <li>Task Group with SwIT and SENS</li> </ul>	Work progressing with PC leadership, working alongside SENS who are leading on the Clean Up the River Kent Campaign and flood prevention.
3. Rethinking the Abbey Care Home site – finding out what we want to replace the Abbey Care Home and striving to put it in place Not discussed on 1 March 2022	1 Proposal for The New Abbey submitted to CCC.  2 Engagement and support from SLDC and Westmorland Home Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial proposal with CCC</li> <li>Valuation by CCC as £800,000. This is unaffordable for the village.</li> <li>Pressing for asset transfer as a community good rather than purchase.</li> <li>Working up the plan to be more robust.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FranR/Deb/Robert Perkins/David Brockbank</li> </ul>	Mark reported outside the meeting from discussion with David McGowan. Employment plan policy 16 will restrict use for the Abbey.  Although the current proposal will comply, residential properties will not with the

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No need for direct action at the moment.</li> <li>Grant application for preparatory work to be submitted to SLDC.</li> <li>Hope to have a meeting soon with CCC officers.</li> </ul>		exception of affordable or extra care housing.
4. Getting around safely and easily – working with partners to help us get around, stress-free and safely, without destroying our environment Not discussed specifically on 1 March 2022, although relevant to the discussion of AP11	<p>1 CCC pilot survey in 2019. No action by CCC since then, until pressure from Stan Collins persuaded CCC to release basic data analysis from survey.</p> <p>2 1<sup>st</sup> street audit was undertaken on 23 January.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC will amend and present new proposals – included <i>extending 20 mph speed limits</i>. Need to ensure that this includes Moor Howe Lane.</li> <li>At the PC meeting, Councillors suggested the need for more extensive 20 mph areas around Ings village.</li> <li>Further street audits to be planned and publicised over the next few weeks. These will take account of risks to people with prams and mobility aids, and those with sensory impairment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark</li> <li>Mark</li> <li>Alistair/Isobel</li> </ul>	<p>Need to involve some car users too so issues about traffic and parking are reflected.</p> <p>Scope for working with businesses to support active travel options for their staff and reduce the need for parking for those coming to work in Staveley.</p>
5. Creating welcoming and attractive villages, with spaces to meet up to chat and walk safely	Staveley with Ings PC and SENS have agreed early priorities for Active Travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links to (4) and 14</li> <li>PC to be invited to endorse the Staveley with Ings Travel and Transport Statement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alistair/Isobel/SENS</li> <li>Mark/Arthur</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC to review litter pick stand when installed at Jack's Corner.</li> </ul>		
<p>6. Becoming a nature friendly place that encourages a variety of plants and wildlife</p> <p>Note refers to PC meeting on 7 February 2022</p> <p>Not discussed on 1 March 2022</p>	<p>SENS has developed a draft Biodiversity Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed at PC meeting on 7 February and agreed that further discussion was needed off line.</li> <li>If proposals agreed, need to clarify land ownership.</li> <li>Work underway with CDEC to establish programmes for children and young people.</li> <li>The damson orchard might serve as a community orchard to test the concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isobel/Yvonne</li> <li>Mark/Isobel</li> <li>Isobel</li> <li>Anne S/Isobel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links to proposals at AP2 re the Clean River Kent Campaign.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Taking really positive action on climate change together</p> <p>Not discussed on 1 March 2022</p>	<p>1 John Ashford and Graham Vincent keen to pursue home insulation and micro generation.</p> <p>2 EV chargers also a priority.</p> <p>3 Fran and John are looking at spaces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss with SENS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John/Graham/Fran</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Supporting community groups to bounce-back from Covid disruption</p> <p>Not discussed on 1 March 2022</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee mornings restarted, but Stick and Wheel not.</li> <li>Staveley Parish magazine now merged with other parishes + no What's On in Staveley makes</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This wasn't discussed. This will be carried over as a focus for the next meeting.</li> </ul>

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		<p>communication more difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to (1).</li> </ul>		
<p>9. Encourage neighbourly action to support those who need a little extra help Not discussed on 1 March 2022</p>	<p>1 Actions underway to alleviate food poverty and reduce food waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Share now has 43 sign ups</li> <li>• Emergency food cupboard set up in Stop'n'Go bus shelter providing emergency food and sanitary products. It has been used well – food has been taken and donated.</li> </ul> <p>2 Proposal to provide practical support for people returning home from hospital under discussion with UHMB and community team.</p> <p>3 DBS checks completed on a further 7 SwIT volunteers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin Ranshaw has provided 2 contacts at UHMB FT who might advise. Sheila has made contact with MBHT who has responded positively. Waiting for more detailed response.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne S + Team</li> <li>• Deb + Rota</li> <li>• Sheila</li> </ul>	
<p>10. Promoting growing and marketing of local produce Not discussed on 1 March 2022</p>	<p>1 The Big Onion has become a Community Interest Company with a renewed focus on locally grown food</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to support The Big Onion – check with Camilla re include as one of the projects at Community Plan Launch Event in NY?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camilla/Deb/FranR</li> <li>• Mark/Isobel</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify location for a community orchard</li> </ul>		
11. Helping local businesses continue to thrive	<p>1 This was the main item on the agenda on 1 March 2022.</p> <p>2 Robert and Ian set the scene. In their view there were already many networks within the local business community.</p> <p>3 If business is to thrive, then we will need visitors to continue to come to the villages.</p> <p>4 This inevitably raises the question of parking (AP4) – and a sense of frustration among businesses that it is taking too long to begin to improve parking specifically and traffic management more generally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serious plans for Active Travel need to be developed, prioritised and implemented eg to make walking and cycling around the villages easier, safer and more enjoyable – building on the PC position statement on travel and transport, and the early work led by SENS</li> <li>Robert said that local businesses offer schemes whereby they enable their staff to invest in bikes (500 staff work in the MY and many park there)</li> <li>A number of possible actions wrt parking were discussed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some short-term parking in village centres</li> <li>Residents’ permits</li> <li>Buying the old cricket pitch for parking</li> <li>Better use of Alex Row</li> <li>Using the lorry bays near the level crossing for car parking</li> <li>Residents with car parking spaces renting these out for visitors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isobel and Alistair with support from PC</li> <li>Businesses + any further action needed?</li> <li>Proposal to initiate an open discussion which reviews all the possible options and which owns the problems and the hard choices which may need to be taken</li> </ul> <p>As part of this it would be helpful to build a better understanding across the community of the differences between the private sector and the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This felt like a good discussion, and perhaps indicates a way of taking the issue of parking forward.</li> <li>Need to consider how we take this forward, and what resources will be needed.</li> </ul>

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		<p>All have drawbacks – there are no easy solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheaper bus and rail travel would be extremely helpful</li> <li>Graham raised the possibility of building a link with Kendal Chamber of Commerce and the Growth Hub</li> </ul>	<p>public sector in terms of “how to get things done”</p> <p>This would also inform our response to the Highways Consultation (AP4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham to invite a speaker to a future meeting Ilan to check whether a local business might also speak from their perspective</li> </ul>	
<p>At the meeting on 27 January 2022 Judith raised some important points about links with farm businesses in the Parish, and how they are promoted. It was recognised that many people are more familiar with the businesses in the village than with local landowners and tenant farmers. She is concerned that the farming community are disconnected from the Community Plan and may not have received the leaflet about it. It’s a very uncertain time for farming as the EU subsidies come to an end and it’s not yet clear how the new arrangements such as ELMS will work. Judith explained that local farmers meet alternate Thursdays in Ings. She had to send apologies to this meeting so this issue needs to be picked up at a future meeting.</p>				
<p>12. Understanding the role of visitors in our community and economy</p> <p>Not discussed on 1 March 2022, although noted that there are a range of views about the extent to which we want to continue to encourage visitors to come to the parish</p>	<p><b>Issues identified (thanks Ian for your email contribution)</b></p> <p>Staveley is getting busier and more popular with visitors, not only those from outside the county but also more popular with people/families from Kendal, Windermere and other parts of Westmorland and Cumberland. Information and orientation for visitors is limited or out of date. Parking</p>	<p>The new Westmorland and Furness Authority might be an opportunity for a fresh start. I think a starting point is to ask the Community (more surveys!) What role do we want visitors to contribute to our Community, or more pointedly what role do we want visitor economy dependent businesses to contribute to Staveley and</p>	<p>Ilan/PC/other members of the group</p>	<p>Thanks to Ian for this contribution – it needs to be discussed at our next meeting.</p>

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	is chaotic and there is growing conflict between walkers, cyclists, horses and motor vehicles. Dog fouling, littering and fly tipping is increasing and there is little if any coordination on managing the future of visitors between the authorities.	Ings? From a visitor perspective, the feedback from 20/21 is that visitor complaints/dissatisfaction are rising, food/drink choice and quality is in decline and public transport is not a realistic or cost effective alternative to private transport. Should Kentmere be put forward for one of the LDNP pilot traffic management projects? So, lots of issues and lots to discuss. Perhaps the PC should invite the LDNP and CT to talk about their future plans as a starting point.		
13. Actively engaging with our key services - these include the Primary School, Pharmacy, and GP Surgery Not discussed on 1 March 2022	1 Contact made by SENS with Laura Eddy, Green Lead at Staveley Primary School – proposals for a project with CDEC underway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links to (6).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isobel/FranR</li> </ul>	
14. Developing the play area, recreation ground and Pavilion for young and old to use Not discussed on 1 March 2022 except to note that fund raising has now reached an amazing £100,000	<p>1 Recent successful fundraising venture with local businesses. A total of 55/83 businesses contributed, and the funds raised now stand at £100,000.</p> <p>2 Work on the playground to begin in April with reopening planned for May.</p> <p>3 SVA has agreed to scope and cost a pump track facility.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert and SPPAG</li> </ul>	

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15. Improving Alex Row Car Park and reassess recycling facilities Not discussed on 1 March 2022	1 Initial discussion with SLDC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC decided that the views of the community were clear in the consultation on the Community Plan, so no need for survey.</li> <li>PC to write to SLDC and ask them to reduce the number of recycling bins.</li> <li>Need to discuss options for any space which is freed up, perhaps together with the adjacent riverside grassy area. The street audit will also inform this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark</li> <li>This Group initially with recommendation to PC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further discussion about how to make best use of this central village space. Responses to the Community Plan talked about making it a “really lovely space”.</li> </ul>
16. Keeping what we value and developing what we need through the planning process Not discussed on 1 March 2022	Discuss next time how to involve more people in planning decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to focus on this at a future meeting.</li> </ul>

Topics to cover in next PC meeting on 7 March 2022:

- Communications (1)
- Helping local businesses to continue to thrive (11)
- The Staveley Playground – to note that an amazing £100,000 has been raised so far (14)

Possible topics for our next meeting:

- Launch (1)
- Biodiversity update (6)
- Farming (11)
- Visitors (12)