

DOBWALLS AND TREWIDLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting held at Trewidland Village Hall, Trewidland on Monday 7th November 2016, commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs J Dunn, M Mackie, D Finch, T Kitto and H Francis

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk

There were 20 members of the public present.

Cllr Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting

Cllr Mackie gave a Power Point Presentation on 'What is a Neighbourhood Plan', 'Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan' and the objectives of preparing a NDP for Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish.

It was pointed out that, apart from planning, how many houses are needed and where, it was an opportunity to discuss other issues in the Parish, for example education, health, economy and the local environment. It is about developing a vision for the future of the Parish and will set out objectives, strategy and policies.

A councillor from St Keyne Parish said that the Parish Council had decided that it wants to go ahead with a Plan and has identified parts of the Looe Valley, in Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish, that would link well with St Keyne. Trewidland School provides education for the children of St Keyne and the school would like to see an increase in numbers of pupils, which could be because of new houses being built in that Parish.

Cllr Mackie discussed the merits of having a Steering Group and smaller Topics Groups to develop the NDP. A form was passed around for people to include their details and to come forward if they wished to support the NDP by being part of one of the groups.

Discussion then followed regarding the placement of future developments. Cllr Dunn explained that the NDP would identify the needs of the Parish from public consultations and from the questionnaires that will be circulated to every household within the Parish.

Cllr Dunn said that to proceed, a strong level of support and commitment from the public would have to be demonstrated and he asked interested parties to contact the Clerk or Cllr Mackie. A Straw Poll was taken and it was unanimous that Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish should develop a NDP. Three members of the public indicated that they will attend the final meeting on the 5th December, when a Steering Group will be formed.

Cllr Francis said that a Neighbourhood Plan will be an opportunity to influence the planning decisions of the Parish.

There will be a similar meeting on November 21st in the Dobwalls United Church Schoolroom, Dobwalls, commencing at 7.00pm, to give those residents, who have not been able to come to the previous meetings, a chance to attend and see the Presentation.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm