

LDF WORKING PARTY

Nicholson Room, Copeland Centre, 4.30pm Wednesday 06 June 2017

Members present:

Cllr John Bowman (JB) (Deputy Chair)
 Cllr John Dirom (JD)
 Cllr Allan Holiday (AH)
 Cllr Michael McVeigh (MM)
 Cllr John Kane
 Cllr Brian O’Kane (BO’K)
 Cllr Graham Sunderland (GS)

Officers present:

Chris Hoban (CH)
 Graeme Singleton (GDS)
 Jane Taylor (JT)
 Peter Kempsey (PK) from Countryside Consultants
 Sonia Kempsey (SK) from Countryside Consultants

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1.	Apologies for absence Cllr David Riley (DR)	
2.	Appointment of Deputy Chair Cllr John Bowman (JB) was Appointed	
3.	Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items No declarations of interest were declared.	
4.	Minutes of the meeting held 26 April 2017 Minutes agreed as an accurate record.	
5.	<p>Draft Conservation Area Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document JT introduced the background to this piece of work as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional shopfronts have replaced with modern windows and doors which is affecting the heritage value of the conservations areas in Copeland and there is currently limited policy and guidance to change this through the planning system • The Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) has a budget to provide longer term and wide reaching benefits, and the production of a borough wide conservation area design guide • This design guide can be used to encourage higher quality developments in the borough’s conservation areas <p>A discussion then followed around examples of how the design guide would be used and implemented. It was suggested that there could be a ‘carrot and stick’ approach whereby the design guide promotes the qualities the Council wants to see, with carrots such as the THI bringing in funding to support the works that property owners might want to do. In addition to this the Council has recently appointed an Enforcement Officer who will be able to take action against inappropriate development.</p> <p>There was also a discussion around the possibility of using Article 4 directions</p>	

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	<p>to limit the permitted development rights in conservation areas and provide greater control by requiring more proposals to seek planning permission.</p> <p>Members then discussed a number of specific examples of buildings and potential new development sites that could be improved once the conservation area design guide is adopted.</p> <p>It was agreed that this is a positive document that can enhance the borough's conservation areas.</p> <p>Members approved Draft Conservation Area Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document</p>	
6.	<p>Village Survey 2017 GDS introduces the Village Survey 2017 Document to members.</p> <p>Members discussed the method on how we conducted the survey and asked about the population figures around Frizington, Gilgarren and Lamplugh. Members also asked what is Thornhill classified as.</p> <p>It was agreed that all Members of the Council should be given the opportunity to feed into the final report, and that they are given 3-weeksto give feedback regarding the village survey.</p>	
7.	<p>Copeland Local Plan Development Scheme CH introduces the Local Plan Development Scheme which was recommended for approval which members approved.</p>	
8.	<p>Date and time of next meeting To be confirmed.</p>	ALL