



St Agnes Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan News

The third meeting of the steering group was held at Blackwater Village Hall on 30th June. Minutes available on the website: www.stagnesndp.org, the St Agnes Parish NDP Facebook page, St Agnes Library and Parish Rooms, Porthtowan, Mount Hawke and Blackwater Post Offices.

At the meeting the following progress was made:-

- The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group were discussed.
- A start has been made on analysing the preliminary questionnaires that accompanied the NDP ballot papers. This should be completed by the next meeting.
- It was decided to consider becoming a Community Interest Company (CIC)
- A start has been made in investigating the funding and grants that may be available.
- It is hoped that a project plan can be prepared and presented to the Parish Council in August.
- The area the NDP will cover will need to be designated. This will have to be considered carefully as some parts of the Parish (e.g. Blackwater and Porthtowan) are split over more than one parish.
- Next meeting: 7pm, 29th July at Porthtowan Village Hall. All welcome.

You may have heard the Chancellor's plans to introduce a "new 'zonal' system, which will give automatic planning permission on all suitable brownfield sites, removing unnecessary delays to redevelopment." This concerned many who believed it might include our historic mining sites. Fortunately, it has now been confirmed that they will not be included.

However, it is felt, that this is a clear indication that the Government is intent on relaxing the Planning Laws so that, in future, planning policy will favour development taking place.

This, we believe, is yet more evidence of the importance of setting up our NDP which is considered by the Cornwall Council to be the most effective way of controlling development.

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