

St. Agnes NDP - Small Group Meetings

St. Agnes Women's Institute 19th April 2016

The meeting was held at the WI Hall, Churchtown, St. Agnes, approximately 30 people attended.

The group received the NDP introductory presentation "St. Agnes Parish – The Story so far" from Roger Radcliffe following which a discussion took place in which the following points were raised.

1. Has any thought been given as to where the people in the new houses will work?
2. More people are starting micro-businesses, a hub (like Krowji at Redruth) would really help those people who work from home or who want to rent small spaces but rather than a unit like the ones at Wheal Kitty. It would provide support and help people to share ideas.
3. What about school places? How will we cope?
4. Transport needs into the surrounding areas must be considered (and in relation to schools).
5. Doctors, Dentists, infrastructure generally, will need upgrading.
6. The sewerage system will need to be upgraded.
7. It was interesting to note the number of empty homes in the 1841 census, how many were empty in the 2011 census? Do we have a problem with second homes?
8. We must be careful in saying 'no' to second homes; it could have the knock-on effect of making all property in St. Agnes even more expensive.
9. Tourism is very important to our local economy but St. Agnes needs to be a year-round village (parish).
10. Meeting the housing needs of older people 'downsizing' is a potential issue. How about providing room in the plan for a Macarthy & Stone type development in St. Agnes? (White's Close was cited as an example).

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