

Record of meeting of Newenden CLT Steering Group

White Hart Public House, Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7 pm

Present:

Ellen Hannavy-Cousen	Richard Gould
Raymond Chitty	Derek Urquhart
Brian Livesey	Caroline Anderson-Jones

Guest:

Tessa O'Sullivan (Action with Communities in Rural Kent)

No apologies were received. Martin Norris and John Tapley were not present

Discussions and decisions:

- The minutes of the meeting on 3rd May 2017 were agreed.
- There were no declarations of interest by committee members
- There was a discussion of our draft Housing Needs Survey (HNS) with Tessa O'Sullivan. It was agreed that our draft met many of our needs, but would benefit from some amalgamation with Tessa's template HNS.
- It was agreed that our HNS would have more credibility if conducted independently by Tessa's organisation, and would almost certainly be accepted by Ashford Council if submitted in support of future planning applications. It would also be likely to improve submission rates if local people knew the surveys were going to an independent organisation rather than to members of the committee, who are all local residents.
- It was agreed that the amalgamated HNS needed to be clearer in defining what a household was and differentiating between the varied housing needs that people currently living in one home might have.
- Tessa stated that that after delivery of the HNS to local residents and businesses, there would be a three week window for respondents to return them to her. Her report of the findings would be completed 2-3 weeks after that.
- Tessa will ascertain if Ashford Council will finance the HNS in Newenden under the terms of an existing agreement. If not, the cost will be in the region of £600. She will update Ray concerning this.
- Ray agreed to continue to act as liaison between the CLT and Tessa. **(Action for Ray)**

- Ellen and Derek agreed to work on the draft HNS and incorporate the relevant elements of Tessa's template - for discussion at our next meeting. (**Action for Ellen and Derek**)
- The committee were informed that Icklesham have apparently recently established a CLT with a view to building 25 new homes. Richard agreed to carry out some initial research to ascertain what stage of development they are at and whether we might be able to garner any useful information or learning from them. (**Action for Richard**)

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Next meeting: Thursday 15th June 2017, 7 pm at the White Hart