

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

MONTHLY REPORT - DEC 2016

The Steering Group met on Nov 21 – minutes of that meeting are attached to covering email.

It approved a budget showing a total spend of approx. £9765 and a detailed project plan – both also attached to covering email. It is now in the process of applying for the first tranche of funding from Locality. The application will be for £2000 to cover expenditure up to the end of the financial year (Locality will not accept applications into the following year).

The group's main task at present is to prepare for a public engagement event set for Jan 22. This will be a drop-in day to explain what the Plan is about and to get parishioners views on the themes and direction the Plan should take to create a vision for the future of the parish for the next 15 – 20 years.

The NPSG want to hold this event at Anram as it feels that a venue other than one of the village halls will create more interest and hopefully a better turnout.

The NPSG seeks the council's approval to use Anram for this event.

The next task after that will be to produce a household survey/questionnaire to go to every household in the parish – that is scheduled for distribution in March.

I went to a talk given by the leader of the Thame Neighbourhood Plan – one of the first in the country to go to referendum and one that the Steering Group has identified as a good model to follow. It was a very informative talk and my notes, which are appended, give a good overview of the practical problems and pitfalls involved.

The next NPSG meeting is on Dec 13 at the Pavilion when the group will make detailed plans for the January 22 public event.

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