

Subject: Fairbourne Communication Task Group Meeting

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Date: 3rd December 2014

Location: Gwynedd Council Offices, Dolgellau

Present: Lisa Marshall (GC)
Peter Cole (FFC)
Phil Parker (FFC)
Hugh Harrison (FFC)

Apologies: Louise Pennington (NRW)
Louise Hughes (GC)
Huw Williams (GC)

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Item No	Action	By who	Date
1	Apologies were received from Louise Pennington, Louise Hughes and Huw Williams.		
2 2a	Outstanding actions from previous minutes are: Revision of letter to Estate Agents (see minutes dated 25.05.14, 11.06.14 and 25.07.14 respectively). We are still to resolve the 60 years residual value for mortgages issue. LM advised that RICS had been contacted through the Property Values, Insurance & Planning Task/Finish Group and that they may be able to help. If this is not the case, then we may need to engage with some of the larger lenders in relation to discussing with them why they have concerns about lending on properties in Fairbourne. This is a matter to be discussed within the aforementioned Task/Finish Group as opposed to the Communications Group.	LM	Asap
3	LM explained that she had concerns that organisations who support vulnerable people across Gwynedd may be unaware of the SMP2. She stated that a piece of work would be undertaken to ensure we are inclusive in our communication with these organisations in order that they are able to plan accordingly going into the future.	LM	Ongoing
4	SMP2 website: LM stated that we are close to completing the SMP2 website which would contain a link to the Fairbourne website. FFC stated they would also put the link on their own website.		
5	LM stated that she had delivered a presentation about Fairbourne to the Wales Coastal Monitoring Centre in		

	<p>early November. This presentation provoked great interest and thought and LM was approached by colleagues in Bridgend, Ceredigion and Isle of Anglesey Councils to possibly meet separately with a view to gaining lessons learned and best practice from the Fairbourne: Moving Forward project.</p>		
6	<p>Feedback from the Information Event: 31 people attended the event with 88% of those attending feeling 'more informed' upon departure. Those who attended arrived with specific questions and felt they had them answered satisfactorily upon departure.</p> <p>LM received many enquiries about the publicised 'Buy to Let' scheme and feedback/comments were very positive, eg, individuals asking when they could have their house valued. LM explained that the scheme was in embryonic stages at the moment and funding had not been secured to run the project, which would be a feasibility study in the first instance.</p> <p>Many questions were also raised about Care packages and how individuals would go on to pay for care if they fell outside of the means-tested entitlement and they were unable to sell their house and raise funds to pay for their care. This issue is being resolved through CAB and Gwynedd Council. A response will be published once one is available.</p> <p>No post-event feedback was required by FFC.</p>		
7	<p>Ideas for future events: It was discussed that due to the lower-than-expected turn-out for the most recent event on 28th November 2015, that the question would be asked of Fairbourne residents at the next FFC meeting 'how would they like to be informed'. PC committed to revert with any outcome at the next meeting.</p>	PC	Next meeting
8	<p>Engaging with remote residents: LM stated that the project needs to do more to engage with residents who are unable to leave their home to attend such events. LM stated she would speak with Mantell Gwynedd to identify whether any help would be available to support this task but also, approach Arthog Community Council to ascertain whether they could fund such a project.</p>	LM	Asap
9	<p>Future formats for Task/Finish Groups: A discussion was held regarding the subject matter. One option discussed was that a single 'workgroup' be formed where all</p>	LM	Complete

	<p>matters arising from the previous Task/Finish groups could be discussed and resolved. This would remove the need to have five separate meetings each month in Dolgellau and all matters could be covered by using a 'timed-agenda' approach, thus removing the need for individuals to attend the whole meeting with the aim of making best use of individuals' time. It was agreed this would be discussed at the Project Board to obtain agreement or otherwise.</p> <p>(This action has subsequently been approved).</p>		
10	<p>Date of next meeting: Date to be agreed, at Dolgellau council offices.</p>		