

## **Belford Neighbourhood Plan Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Bell View Resource Centre West Street Belford 2 pm

**Attendees :** Chairman County Councillor J Woodman

Vice-Chairman Mrs. B Stanton

Ian Graham Steering Group member

David English Northumberland County Council

Mrs I Hunter Parish Clerk

**Minutes:** The meeting agreed the minutes from the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

**Feedback from Public meetings:** The meeting considered the information previously circulated by the Vice Chairman and agreed the following important issues for the Belford plan area:

- Affordable Housing
- Employment
- Sustainability

The meeting agreed possible policies could cover:

- A boundary for preferred future development
- Should future development be within a reasonable walking distance to the centre of Belford?
- Development within the countryside – diversification of farm buildings?
- Preferred area for commercial development.
- Should a policy be included to cover the Conservation Area of Belford

**Community Points:** The meeting agreed the following 3 points were Community points

- Transport, including bicycle use and pedestrians (perhaps new developments should include cycle paths)
- Youth provisions
- Improvement of A1.

**Questionnaire:** The meeting agreed that the following could be part of the questionnaire:

- Do you want a Conservation Area policy?
- Do you want guidance notes for the Conservation Area?
- Community Value of Assets - Do you wish a list of specific buildings to be created to protect certain buildings within the plan area?
- Do you wish Green Open Spaces protected?
- Where would you like to see land allocated as preferred land for employment?
- Would you support houses in the High Street to be returned into retail?

**Website:** The Vice-Chairman informed the meeting that the website is progressing. She went on to say Mr G O’Connell has suggested “Belforward “ as a catchword, the meeting agreed they required a catchphrase which could include “Belforward”, the Vice Chairman agreed to contact Mr. O’Connell again. The Chairman has been in contact with Belford Middle School to see if the children will design a logo. The meeting agreed the Belford colours are blue & green.

**Next meeting:** To look at NCC Core Strategy Policies & AONB Policies. Also consider what else could be included within an action plan i.e. cycling & tourism.

Date of next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 2pm in Bell View Belford