

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council - Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for the Parish Council meeting on 17 April 2023

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 06 March 2023, accompanied by a Report presented to that meeting on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan, were posted on the website.

Following that meeting, further feedback from individual Members of the Working Group was provided to Louise Kirkup of Kirkwells Planning Consultants which enabled her to prepare a revised Draft 3. LK then attended a formal meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on the 29th of March at which she presented revised plan Version 3. The Minutes of that meeting have been posted on the website and show that the Working Group discussed a number of items of detail and amendments with LK, which she undertook to incorporate in a further iteration of the Plan as version 4.

It was agreed that LK would provide base-maps of the Parish from which several maps would be prepared locally, including an overall policies map, one showing at cluster communities, and a further one identifying a green spaces and gateway views for inclusion in draft Version 4.

Following the discussion, the following next steps were anticipated:

- LK will incorporate all comments into a revised V4 and include the mapping requirements mentioned;
- Once V4 is prepared it will be sent to LDNPA with a request for a meeting to discuss the content. It is likely that this will be in late April and LK undertook to be present.
- The draft will be amended further to take account of LDNPA comments and will become the Draft Plan (Regulation 14 version).
- This will then go out to a formal 6-week formal consultation period to include all statutory bodies / agencies as well as local consultation.
- Grant aid will be applied for to cover costs associated with the consultation exercise.
- Following consultation, the plan will be submitted formally to LDNPA with a Consultation Statement.
- It will then go to examination and ultimately a referendum.
- This process is likely to take many months to complete.

The Secretary then outlined the current funding situation whereby a total of £3,780.00 has been spent (all to Kirkwells for consultancy costs) out of a grant award of £5,630, leaving a figure of £1,850.00 to be repaid to Groundworks UK in respect of unspent grant for the year 2022-23.

In conclusion, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group now understand and are disappointed that LDNPA policies mean that the Neighbourhood Plan as currently drafted will not be able to deliver the genuine and permanently affordable housing that the Parish needs.

The next meeting of the Working Group is likely to be with LDNPA – the date will be confirmed and publicised but this will not be a public meeting.

Martin Curry
Secretary to the NPWG
17 April 2023.