Gwithian Village and Towans Area Neighbourhood Planning; Public Consultation Meeting.

Friday 27th April, Gwithian Church Hall, 7:30pm

Recent national changes in the planning system and the development of a Core Strategy for Cornwall will change the way planning and development happens in our community. These changes also offer the opportunity for Communities to develop Neighbourhood Plans.

What is Neighbourhood Planning? - It is a new way for people to decide the future of the places where they live and work. Communities will be able to establish planning policies for the development and use of land, choose where new homes, shops and offices should be built, and have their say on what those new buildings should look like

Why consider a Neighbourhood Plan? - To improve the quality of the places we live and work, by coming up with a vision for its future. This is our chance to think about what we care about in our local area and what kind of place we want to create. Because you know best about your neighbourhood; you are the local experts. Why let other people decide what happens to where you live?

For the development of a Neighbourhood plan to be truly successful, we need the help and support of all sections of the community, people with a wide variety of skills and knowledge – and enthusiasm. The success of the Parish Plan, which engaged many local residents, shows that we have the skills and enthusiasm within the parish to make neighbourhood planning a success. ***We need your help to develop the plan.***

Aims of the meeting;

- Your parish councillors will explain the changes to the planning system and how they are likely to affect our community;
- They will also outline some of the opportunities that have arisen through the Localism agenda and ideas that have been put forward for improving the protection and management of the Towans area, for example;
    - Extension of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to the remaining Towans area;
    - Employment of a Towans Ranger;
    - Taking on the management of the Car Park and Toilet block from Cornwall Council;
    - Replacement of toilet block and construction of sustainable Towans visitor centre;

There will be plenty of time available for all to ask questions and put forward your views about what you have heard or any other ideas you may have. If you cannot attend this public meeting but still want to contribute to the development of the plan please contact us.

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