

Agenda Item 17 – Jan Meeting

NP Referendum Actions

The referendum is scheduled for Thursday February 12th.

Transport to the Polling Station

I have obtained a quotation from Cuckmere buses for a shuttle during the light hours (10-3). The quotation for £200 is attached and the shuttle will call at stops the residents will be familiar with from their scheduled services. Additional transport may be required for those with significant mobility issues, but the RA has offered to provide transport if needed.

Cllr Attendance

We have 2 sessions booked at the Village Hall for residents to view the plan and take a copy on loan or purchase them at £18 (cost price). The sessions are 6.30 to 9 pm on Tuesday 27th January and 2-4.30 pm Friday 6th February.

I will request that the EDFRA take the session Friday 6th Feb. I will make arrangements for any purchased copies of the NP. We have ordered 50 copies which have now arrived

Cllr Fowler has offered to attend the 27th Jan Session. I will attend myself if we are short. Cllrs Seeley and Bustard have agreed to attend as counting observers on the day. We need more councillor involvement on both occasions.

As we are subject to Purdah rules, we can give factual information such as “our share of CIL will increase from 15% to 25%” or “the NP will form part of the planning decision process”. A statement such as “we are not permitted to influence your vote, but we can give you the facts” would fit the bill.

Publicity

I will liaise with the non-councillor members of the Steering Group to produce information to go out with the Parish Magazine. I would suggest a circular specifically from the council giving details of proxy and postal voting and the Shuttle (if approved) with a note reiterating our purdah restrictions and our commitment to a high turnout.

Distribution of Bound Copies

It would be very helpful for loaned NP copies if we had a central contact in the village to administer this. As residents would normally need the plan for 2-3 days, we should start distribution as soon as possible. I suggest reserving 15-20 bound copies for sale at the open sessions if required. I will provide a receipt book and a couple of bags of £2 coins.

Proposals:

- a) To consider the hire of a shuttle bus on Polling day.
- b) To arrange additional Cllr attendance at the session on 27th Jan and to compile a schedule of attendance for polling day. Select a central contact for NP copies if possible.
- c) To produce a factsheet for the referendum day as above
- d) To arrange a central contact for plan distribution

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