

Ardentinny Community Event

Village Hall, Ardentinny

Saturday, 16 November, 2013

Introduction.

On the 16th of November an event was held for the community of Ardentinny arranged with the Community Council. The aim was to raise awareness within the community of the preparation of the new local development plan (LDP) and to provide an opportunity for the community to have a say in the shaping of the document and planning for the future of the community.

The event was an informal “drop in” session which members of the community were invited to give their views on maps using pens and “post-its”. National Park Forward Planning Staff were on hand to answer any questions which attendees raised.



The event was well attended in which approximately 25 people attended. It is felt that once the community had listed some ideas on the maps then constructive debate started to occur between those attending. Ideas placed on map means that there is a focus to what should happen and where.

Overall the event was seen as a success as now the Forward Planning team has a number of comments as to how the local community see their area in the future.

Some of the key areas which people commented on was the role of housing in the village and whether or not new housing is needed, and if it is, should there be affordable or sheltered housing. It was highlighted that the road network and the limit of shops, employment, schools or other facilities in the village restricted the opportunities for anything but small scale new development.

Visitors were also debated regarding on the management of people who visit the area and the services which are in place for them. There was concerns over the way in which camping in managed in the village and a number of residents thought that signage could be a lot better. A full list of the comments are listed below.

The next stage is for the Forward Planning team to consider these comments and make changes (if required) to the development strategy which is in the current Adopted Local Plan. This will then be published in the Main Issues Report which will be published for consultation in March/April 2014. The next page shows the comments that were placed on each of the maps word for word.

Comments recorded

	Area	Comment
Map	Barnacabber	Hotel/Deer Park 4* facility plans to expand
	Ardentinny	Enforce no camping and no overnight parking - Signs - No fires Access restriction Road from village hall to picnic area to be upgraded and riverside path Some housing that could be rented and/or used as self catering accommodation - Over supply already Passing place required on road to Stronchullin Improvements to the roads would help businesses
Map 2	Carrick Castle Blairmore	Misleading signage between Carrick and Shepherd's Point Cycle Track from Blairmore to Ardentinny
Map 3	Ardentinny	A shop would be good Permanent access to slipway Road condition/capacity limits development Should settlement boundary be amended? (at southern edge) Road capacity too narrow P.O. 3 - 5pm Mondays 11/12 houses) 4 + 2 houses) North of Ardentinny 2 houses) Caravan Park)
Map 4	Ardentinny	Keep toilets open No more village houses converted to holiday homes Very active community Vibrant 2 nd generation - residents - children Small scale well located housing is positive. Larger proposals would not be appropriate The village is a micro-climate. Careful balance. Home delivery from the Co-op
Map 5	Ardentinny	Sustainable tourism civic space Pitch and Putt course Upgrade shore path Notice board needed to show village amenities Replace telephone box with original red one Sheltered housing - close to road, bus route and centre of the village Signs/Paths Should be a passing place if possible Defibrillator? Signs could access paths Housing ok, but must reflect what is already there (should blend in) Road won't sustain more cars No houses until amenities in place - pavements, lights, schools etc. - Disagree Consider wildlife diversity in plan. We have a good population of red squirrels and pine marten don't disturb them. Booklet of information of walks for whole area, (Glen, etc.) Relocate recycling bins - Why? Assisted living housing, 4 - 6 units (one or other sites) - Agree Better signage throughout for walkers No houses here (north of Ardentinny)