

Project Development Group
Presentation to Full Council Meeting

Purpose of group

To consider development opportunities to benefit the residents of North Tawton including, but not limited to, the following:

- Build affordable dwellings for rent
- Provision of car parking for residents/visitors
- Bringing employment & retail into the town
- Planting trees
- Provision of growing space for residents
- Recreational areas including for dog walking

Tasks of the Working Party

- Identify suitable opportunities
- Assessment of opportunities
- Determine limit of spend
- Identify sources of income
- Allocate tasks to individual/small groups of Councillors (and others – see above) as appropriate

Timescale of the Working Party

- The Working Party to meet on a monthly basis over a 12 month period.
- The Working Party to produce a report for Full Council, within the 12 months, listing at least one opportunity/proposal for development or have a clear plan as to how such a development can be achieved

Rational for Project Development proposals

- For the benefit of the town/community
- To raise income – particularly as precept reduces
- Availability & suitability of land
- Demonstrable need in relation to Housing/employment premises
- Viability of a project
- Compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan policies

Progress so far

- Agreed protocol for contacting land owners/developers
- Identified potential funding sources
- Researching possibility of developing a Community Land Trust
- Met with Alex Rehaag, WD Affordable Housing Officer to discuss housing need survey
- Identified possible development sites

Ideas so far

- The Depot site – offering to work with Hembury Homes to explore the management of the green space including the allotments

- Employment & Medical Centre land at Batheway
- Lakeway Church