

COMMENTS FROM ALAN THOMPSON (COMMUNITY MONITOR) 9 Jun 2016

Comments about last night's meeting.

I now see my role in the group in a completely different way thanks to a very lively and informative meeting. In future I should sit in the background and just listen. I will be able to give input at a public meeting.

After the years I have been involved with the N.P. I am very happy to say I think we have started on the road to a very successful application for a N.P.

Briefly my observation on the meeting are:-

I am of the opinion that there should be more members from the community involved in the steering group. They are in a minority at the moment. Two members have connections with a charity and a public company, and this is how it could be seen by others, although I know they represent the community and from their input and commitment are passionate about our village, . Four members are from the P.C.

These six members have a very important role and the group will benefit from their experience and input. I am impressed by the commitment shown both now and in the past.

The community of approx 2,000 people are represented by two persons.

When I listened to the comments it appeared to me some already have strong opinions about the N.P. This included the Chairman. This was particularly prominent when discussing the workshops etc. although they did not all agree with the suggested number of workshops etc.

Maybe the new community reps could be given a time to lead a meeting.

Both community reps and one other member suggested caution with the vision document. This was different to the suggested route.

My personal opinion on this matter is the Vision document should be kept separate from the N.P.

so the community can make up their own minds, uninfluenced by the report.

A future meeting could consider reporting meetings as they happen as opposed to putting a large amount of information out in one publication. Keep the public informed as things happen.