

Preparing a Kenn Neighbourhood Plan – does the parish need one?

Please come along to the next council meeting on 4th July 16 to have your say and/or get involved.

Background details of Neighbourhood Plans, the requirements, processes etc can be found at:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/neighbourhood-planning> also go to;

<http://locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide/>

Timescale: a Neighbourhood Plan takes about 18 months to complete.

North Somerset Council assistance: as the plan is being developed their input is less, but they would provide information and detailed plans at the parish level and some officer time. If the plan reaches the level of an Inspector's Examination and Referendum they assist with organising this.

Kenn's input: The first task is to define the actual area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Following this to apply to North Somerset Council to progress the proposal.
- If given the go-ahead, then to advertise to set up a Steering Group made of Kenn residents.
- In preparing a plan local consultations must take place and changes made as a result of this.
- The final plan is then written up and submitted to North Somerset Council, if they consider it meets the criteria they will then assist with completing the process, which includes organising the Inspector's Examination and Referendum

Should the Neighbourhood Plan come through all these processes North Somerset Council will accept it as part of the planning process.

Costs For each Neighbourhood Plan the cost is different, due to the extent of detail included. There is a grant up to £8000 available.

As you can see the process is time consuming and involves the whole community – not just the Parish Council. Some residents have suggested Kenn would benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will be discussing this at their next meeting and are requesting to hear from residents who would like to be involved.

(1) The Parish Recycling Scheme has 3 different levels to be able to access funding,

Bronze – These activities are designed to provide information on waste and recycling in your area and kick-start community engagement.

Silver – Activities show an active engagement with recycling and waste minimisation. North Somerset Council can provide support for a range of ideas and activities. These might include; educational events/school visits, electrical waste amnesty events, 'Give and Take' days, recycling container deliveries.

Gold – the activities which fall into the Gold award standard are those that demonstrate you have really gone the extra mile. Whilst support will still be available, Gold level ideas should be primarily parish driven. Gold standard activities should be new, innovative and legacy building, with impacts lasting beyond the end of the campaign.

(2) Blood Pressure Tests – the new gym at The Hand Stadium have offered to hold a free event.

An event is planned for September to provide more information on (1) and give people an opportunity to take part in (2).

MEETINGS FOR 2016

The Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

4 July – Council Meeting
5 September – Council Meeting
7 November - Council Meeting

Agendas will be on noticeboards 3 days before a meeting.

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