



**Big Local Eastern Sheppey
Annual General Minutes
Monday 20th November 2017
7.00pm at Paradise Club, Vanity Farm Holiday Park, Leysdown**

Present:

Partnership Members

Paul Leacock (Leysdown Resident), Mark Brown (Bay View Resident), Lynd Taylor (Warden Resident), Lee-Anne Moore (Warden Resident), Pauline Wenham (Leysdown Resident), Christine Taylor (Warden Resident), Sharon McNaboe (Warden Resident), Malcolm Pamplin (Leysdown Resident), Ivor Gough (Eastchurch Resident) and Daniel Perriam (Eastchurch Resident)

Residents

George Heath (Bay View), Tony Byatt (Bay View), Sunatha Nissanga (Eastchurch), Daren Pattenden (Warden), Pat Sandle (Warden), Cllr. Mini Nissanga (Eastchurch), Fred Sherwood (Leysdown), Mark (Leysdown), John (Leysdown), A. Brennan (Leysdown), R. Bunting (Bay View), Geoff Partis (Eastern Sheppey), Ruth Partis (Eastern Sheppey), Pat Brown (Bay View), Valerie Byatt (Bay View), June Heath (Bay View), Brenda Woodhall (Warden) and Kenneth Lamb (Warden)

Other Members

Paul Murray (Oasis Academy), Sandy Hammock (Administrator & Warden Resident), Jim Boot (Big Local Rep), Sarah Williams (Local Trusted Organisation - LTO), Peter Macdonald (Sheppey Coastal Protection Group) and Sean Leacock (Project Coordinator & Leysdown Resident)

Displays from Groups helped by Community Chest

Sheppey Coastal Protection Group, Warden with Leysdown WI, Tutored Art Group and Eastchurch Garden Society.

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Paul Leacock welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting. Introductions were made by all that attended.

2. Minutes of last AGM - Accuracy

Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the previous AGM meeting. **Lynd Taylor proposed and Malcolm Pamplin seconded, vote carried by partnership.** No matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Paul Leacock explained that he has been Chair since 11th March 2013 and Jim Boot started as the Big Local Rep from July 2014. Paul spoke about the summer Playscheme that has been rolled out since he has been in place. Paul stated that he has now stepped down as Chair and that another partnership member will be voted in to take that position and explained that all local residents are welcome to the partnership meetings and once you have attended three meetings you can become a partnership member and have the opportunity to run for chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Paul thanked everybody for their support for the time that he has been chair. Jim Boot then thanked Paul for all his hard work over the years.

4. Big Local Eastern Sheppey Presentation

Sean Leacock showed a video of the work that we have done over the last year. Video available to watch on YouTube - www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zt_8UNlJNg

5. Presentation of Financial Spend

Sarah Williams from Swale Community and Voluntary Services (LTO) explained that they look after the financial spend and also employ the workers on behalf of the partnership. We do not make any financial decisions as that is down to the partnership and we only advise on the spend in partnership with Jim Boot and the Local Trust. Sarah handed out the financial report for 10th April 2016 to 31st March 2017 and explained the report in more detail. These details can be found on Swale CVS website - www.swalecvs.org.uk/specialist-services/project-management/big-local-eastern-sheppey/ Sarah also explained that any financial spend that is not spent within that financial year is sent back to Local Trust to be used in future year plans. Big Local Eastern Sheppey is not a legal entity in its own right and is why they have to use an organisation that is and why they use Swale CVS. Swale CVS have their own audited accounts each year and Big Local Eastern Sheppey accounts are within that. This is available on the Charity Commissions website under Swale CVS charity number 277523.

6. Election of Officers

Jim Boot explained that due to unforeseen circumstances the election of officers has been delayed and the intention is to hold this at the partnership meeting on 11th December 2017.

7. Question and Answer Section

Pat Sandle – Jim Boot told me after attending 3 meetings you can become a member of the partnership with voting rights. Paul Leacock explained that once someone has attended three consecutive partnership meetings then they can become a partnership member. Pat Sandle said that it is difficult for some people to attend three consecutive meetings due to having other duties, Jim Boot explained that if they attend two consecutive meetings and are unable to attend the third meeting but give their apologies and then attend on the forth meeting, that this would be acceptable.

Mr A. Brennan – Like to see holiday sites get 11 ½ months? Paul Leacock explained that this is not within our control and suggested Mr Brennan contacts Swale Borough Council or local parish council.

Daren Pattenden – I would like to know how, why and when people are appointed to the board and why the accounts are so vague. Paul Leacock explained that people need to attend three consecutive meetings to become partnership members and all partnership members have name tags at the meeting and introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting, the workers are Sean Leacock and Sandy Hammock. Jim Boot and Sarah Williams explained that accounts do not need to be in full detail and are as per the recommendation of the Charity Commission. Sarah Williams explained that the Big Local account is looked after by Swale CVS and within the Swale CVS accounts and the accounts are audited independently by Kreston Reeves Accountants and this is available on the charity commissions' website. Paul Leacock invited Daren to join the partnership after attending 2 further consecutive partnership meetings but Sarah Williams explained that you do not need to be a partnership member to ask questions at a partnership meeting.

Pat Sandle – We consulted for 20 months with the public for aims to action, no one asked for more houses. Why was money spent on a further consultation pushing for housing? Paul Leacock explained that on a consultation, transport issues was highlighted and was asked for a new bus service, but we are not allowed to replace existing bus services and during his time on the partnership the area that the buses use in Leysdown for turning has come up for sale with the buses now having to travel up Wing Road in Leysdown and turn around at the top of Wing Road. If for some reason the buses could no longer travel up Wing Road then we could potentially lose this bus service in Leysdown, so the partnership made enquiries in purchasing the land that the buses use to turn around on and we was told by Swale Borough Council that if we wished to purchase the site we would have to build ten houses on it.

Cllr. Mini Nissanga – Can I have the audited accounts please? Sarah Williams explained that these are available on the Charity Commissions website. Mini said that not everyone has access to a computer, so Sarah said that if Mini gives them her address we will send out a hard copy to Mini.

Pat Sandle – Why are accounts not audited separately? Jim Boot explained that Local Trust do not require that the Big Local element is audited separately from Swale CVS accounts and if the partnership was to ask for this, then it would cost money from the Big Local budget and take away money from the local area.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm.