



Big Local Eastern Sheppey Partnership Meeting Minutes
Monday 10th April 2017
7.00 pm at 5th Sheppey Scout Hut, Dicksons Walk, Eastchurch

Present:

Partnership Members

Paul Leacock (Chair & Leysdown Resident) (PL), Mark Brown (Vice Chair & Bay View Resident) (MB), Lee-Anne Moore (Warden Resident) (LM) and Daniel Perriam (Eastchurch Resident) (DP), Malcolm Pamplin (Leysdown Resident) (MP) Pauline Wenham (Treasurer & Leysdown Resident), Sophie Hammock (Warden Resident) (SoH), Sandy Hammock (DofE Co-Ordinator and Warden Resident) (SH), Sharon McNaboe (Warden Resident) (SM)

Residents

George Heath (Bay View Resident) (GH) Gill Smith (Eastchurch Resident) (GS)

Other Members

Jim Boot (Big Local Rep) (JB), Sean Leacock (Project Co-Ordinator) (SL), Sarah Williams (Swale CVS/LTO) (SW),

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by all members. Apologies were received from Partnership Member Ivor Gough, Paul Murray, Christine Taylor and Lynd Taylor.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

These will be stated when relevant

3. MINUTES - ACCURACY

Were agreed to be accurate, proposed by MP and seconded by PW, vote carried by partnership members.

4. Review update from Local Trust

The assessor stated that the review was very positive, that he learnt a lot more about the area, and believed that Eastern Sheppey is a very strong committed group and they should continue on their successes. One action that was suggested is that a detailed action plan is created and distributed amongst the local community.

SW stated that the offer letter has been received from Local Trust, the budget has been agreed and an additional £5,000 has been allocated for planning and reviewing.

MP brought to the Partnerships attention that he thought we would be changing the budget heading for the Project Co-ordinator as it appeared to be misleading to the local community. SW will change this to 'Staffing Costs'.

JB also shared with the Partnership the comments from Local Trust about our Annual Review. It was very creative, engaging, balanced and encouraged us to continue to use our expertise in social media.

5. Secretary Role

SH declared an interest because she would be interested in the position, should it become available.

The Secretary will be responsible for setting up a new FB page, creating and distributing the agendas, and showing an accurate representation of the monthly meetings, general admin and administration of Community Chest. It is estimated 400 hours a year.

SL has already put a job specification together; however, this needs to be amended and will be sent out to the Partnership for approval.

6. Project Worker Update

Reducing Worklessness

The first 7 weeks of the Reducing Worklessness programme is now complete. 4 people from Eastern Sheppey started the course, 3 of those acquired jobs on the course, with 1 leaving with compassionate reasons. 1 of the 12 from the rest of the island has now also secured employment in Eastern Sheppey.

The Celebration event was held on Friday night and it was a great opportunity to meet everyone involved and it showcased the different things that we did throughout the course. SL thanked LM, MB, PW, GH and JB for attending the event.

The programme will now continue over the next 12 months and SL/Swallows Leisure Centre and one of the Athletes will be meeting up with the young people to make sure that they are still in Employment, Education, Training or volunteering.

MB stated that he believed that this was an expensive project, considering that we only managed to secure 3 residents from Eastern Sheppey. LM/PW both believed that this completely worthwhile and the investment from BLES was reasonable, considering that 3 people from Eastern Sheppey have now secured employment and are no longer claiming unemployed benefits.

Additional Village Seating

Eastchurch Parish Council has submitted an application for the additional funding for village seating that we set aside from last years budget. They have supplied two quotes to replace the damaged bench in Dicksons Field, however, no preference was stated.

PL asked for SL to go back to Eastchurch Parish Council and find out the preferred quote and get the funding awarded.

Eastchurch Parish Council has also written to us with regards some funding. They are looking to raise £400 towards the Observance Event, due to funding being cut from the RN Liaison officer.

Partnership discussed the request from Eastchurch Parish Council and decided that they would not be awarded. EPC asked if they could use £400 from their bench funding for other purposes. This was refused.

Easter Playscheme

Our Big Local Eastern Sheppey Playscheme started today and is extremely highly prescribed, there are currently no places available left and a shortlist has been created for any cancellations on the day.

We have hired a 52 seater coach and will be picking the children up from Eastchurch Primary School, across both of the sites. In total we will be taking 45 children per day to Lower Grange Farm, which is a big scouting complex. They will be doing such activities as; Zorbing, Archery, Caving, Pedal Karting, Frizbee golf, climbing and much more.

CLT Network

We have been allocated two more sessions with Lorraine, SL will get into contact about our next steps.

Following on from our newspaper article we have also received 2 local residents that would like to get involved with this project.

PL met with Local MP Gordon Henderson, who is supportive of BLES adopting the land for community purposes. GH will also be in contact with PL with regards to further information about the potential Dog Park in Leysdown.

PI also stated that he has visited Leysdown Parish council and will attend both Eastchurch and Warden's meetings about our project and ask if they have any feedback.

Community Chest

We have not advertised a Community Chest round since December 2016. PL proposed that we open the funding to local community groups. Seconded by LM. The maximum amount of money that can be applied for is £750 (Proposed by MB, seconded by MP).

Website

The website is ready to become live and SL would like to create a group to proof read the site before it becomes active and in the public domain. MB/LM and PL all volunteered their time and a meeting will be conducted in the next couple of weeks.

7 LTO Update

SW distributed budget details and brought the Partnership up to date with the current expenditure.

8. Logo

The Partnership discussed the difficulties of advertisement with such a multi-coloured logo, this makes it expensive to print. SL to create a couple of designs to be approved by the Partnership.

11 AOB

SH brought it to the Partnership's attention that the Majority of Schools throughout Kent has been advised that their funding may no longer be available. The schools will have to become their own DofE Centre, which will cost in the region of £1000. However, this will not affect BLES.

GH mentioned that the Paradise Club may be a suitable for a BLES Pantomime. He also brought it to the Partnership attention that the local Schools do not currently have defibrillators of their own.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next Meeting on Monday 8th May venue 5th Sheppey Scout Hut