



**Big Local Eastern Sheppey Partnership Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**7.00 pm at 5th Sheppey Scout Hut, Dicksons Walk, Eastchurch**

**Present:**

**Partnership Members**

Paul Leacock (Chair & Leysdown Resident), Lynd Taylor (Warden Resident) (LT), Christine Taylor (CT), Lee-Anne Moore (LM), Daniel Perriam (Eastchurch Resident) (DP), Malcolm Pamplin (Leysdown Resident) (MP) Pauline Wenham (Treasurer & Leysdown Resident), Ivor Gough (Eastchurch Resident) (IG)

**Residents**

George Heath (Bay View Resident) (GH) Anthony Read (Eastchurch Resident) (AR)

**Other Members**

Jim Boot (Big Local Rep) (JB), Sean Leacock (Project Co-Ordinator) (SL), Paul Murray (Oasis Academy) (PM)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by all members. Apologies were received from Mark Brown, Sharon McNaboe, Sophie Hammock, Sandy Hammock and Sarah Williams.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

These will be stated when relevant.

**3. Minutes - Accuracy**

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

**4. Administrator/Secretary/Community engagement post**

The interview panel explained about how the post was recruited and how they reached their decision. Originally there were 7 applicants, however, this was shortened to 3, due to those not being interested or failing to respond back to emails/telephone calls. The panel then arranged a date for the interviews to take place, however, one of the applicants informed us that they were away and unable to attend. The panel decided that everyone on the shortlist should have the opportunity of an interview and arranged a second date. The other applicant rang on the morning of their interview and informed us that she would be unable to attend due to personal reasons.

The interviews were taken very seriously and scores were calculated for each of the interviewees. Sandy Hammock was outstanding and had immense knowledge of what was required to succeed in the role, whilst the other interviewee was very confident, however, lacked knowledge of Big Local Eastern Sheppey and its purpose.

PW proposed that we hire Sandy Hammock on a 3 month probationary period, MP seconded this and all were in favour.

PL informed the group that we should look at asking Sandy Hammock to start as soon as possible due to the amount of consultation work that we need to achieve over the summer period.

**Sandy Hammock to start as soon as possible, on a 3 month probationary period.**

## **5. Project Worker Update**

### **Reducing Worklessness**

SL explained the difficulties we have had of trying to recruit for our previous programme and the Partnership agreed not to explore the idea of the Creative Job Club being delivered by Ideas Test.

PM mentioned that there was going to be an Apprenticeship meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> July and SL should look at attending.

**Partnership agreed for SL to attend.**

### **Community Chest**

**IG declared an interest and left the room.**

The round was closed and the 8 applications were assessed by the local resident panel consisting of Cerri Gough, Diane Leacock and Sandy Hammock. The applications are as follows:

Leysdown Village Hall requested 750 for a Smoking Shelter/Bench for Leysdown Village Hall. The panel believed that Big Local Eastern Sheppey should be looking at improving the lives of local residents and not encouraging smoking. **Partnership agreed fully.**

Leysdown Events Organisation requested £386.40 for First Aid Provision at Leysdown Carnival. The Panel believed that this was imperative for the area and the biggest event in Eastern Sheppey must be first aid covered. **Partnership agreed fully.**

Swale Your Way requested £1500 to allow services across the whole island to access a minibus. The panel believed that the group didn't contribute enough to Eastern Sheppey to justify spending £1500. **Partnership agreed fully.**

5<sup>th</sup> Sheppey Scout Group requested £750 to enhance the scouting program. The tents and drink dispensers to be used at camp and the racking to improve the storage at the scout hut. The panel believe that the scouts should be more self sufficient and work out when they would need to start fundraising for tents that need to be replaced. **Partnership agreed that the scouts should be more cautious and look to replace their own tents, however, should receive the full amount.**

Warden with Leysdown WI requested £500 for Rent/Craft days/ Speakers and educational visits to continue to use the money to try and involve the whole community with their work. Panel decided that they should try and be more self-sufficient. They agreed to the speakers and educational visits but not the rent. **Partnership agreed fully.**

Sheppey EMU's requested £700 for Radios, Uniforms and First Aid Training so they can continue to support events across Sheppey. The Panel agreed to the uniforms, but must advertise the new BLES logo. However, rejected the first aid training and radios because of the lack of events they are supporting in Eastern Sheppey. **Partnership agreed fully.**

Friends of Eastchurch School requested £750. The school would like to create a reflection space outdoors which will encourage the children to find a quiet and calm place to relax. Panel agreed with the application and believed that without BLES the school wouldn't be able to achieve this and therefore approves it. **Partnership agreed fully.**

Tutored Arts Group requested £750 to help pay for tutors and hall hire and equipment once a month. The panel believed that the group needs to be more self sufficient. Therefore rent is refused, however, tutor costs agreed. **Partnership agreed fully.**

### **Summer Scheme**

Planning for the Summer Scheme is underway and the members of staff and workshop will begin to be contacted.

PL asked about payment in advance, and SL informed the Partnership that he looked into the possibilities of charging in advance, however, there were too many issues with that method, especially if someone books a place and then we have to start look at refunding people.

### **Street Games**

Following on from the consultation on Social Media, the majority of people that voted have asked for a Water Feature on Leysdown Promenade. LT proposed that we look at the costing's of this project, seconded by PW, agreed by all and also to postpone any street games markings until there is an update on the Water Feature.

### **Beaches Children Centre**

SL informed the Partnership that there will still be enough funds for Beaches Children Centre to deliver the same project again and asked the Partnership how they would like to spend the rest of the funds. The Partnership agreed that once the results and success have been calculated then we may look at extending the programme. Christine Taylor agreed that she will be able to volunteer her time in assisting.

### **Training**

The Partnership was asked the sort of training programme they would like delivered considering the poor uptake we have had so far. MP asked for a computer course in Excel and PL stated that if you can get enough people then we create the course (around 10-12).

### **MP to find enough people to fill a computer course**

### **Working with the Older Community**

Following on from the brainstorming Session, SL distributed copies of the document and asked for the group to prioritise the list, which will create three projects for SL to begin to look to deliver.

## **6. LTO Update**

PL handed out the expenditure to date for the previous month, on behalf of SW.

## **7. Defibrillators**

MP has now received full diagrams and instructions from a couple of organisations that supply Defibrillators. The total cost to install an Outdoor unit, including an alarm and Heater would be £485 (inc VAT).

**SL to contact the three parish council to ascertain whether or not they will accept responsibility once these have been installed. Otherwise we will inform the local paper and let them know that we have tried.**

## **10. AOB**

IG mentioned that the 5<sup>th</sup> Sheppey Scouts Annual General Meeting is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.  
PW mentioned that she has been looking at the various different notice boards and the costs behind this, however, didn't know what size and where to put them.  
TR mentioned that he could ask them prison to make them

**TR to ask the prison to produce 3 notice boards and SL to ask the Parish Councils about notice board locations.**

PL stated that the AGM will be in November again and we will be looking for a venue shortly. However, he will not be standing for any office position this year.

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

**Next Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August venue 5<sup>th</sup> Sheppey Scout Hut**