



Big Local Eastern Sheppey Monday 12th December Meeting Minutes

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) and Daniel Perriam (Eastchurch Resident) Malcolm Pamplin (Leysdown Resident)

Residents: Sandy Hammock (DofE Co-Ordinator and Warden Resident) (SH), George Heath (Bay View Resident) (GH), Sunatha Nissanga (Eastchurch Resident), Christine Taylor (Warden Resident), Padmini Nissanga (SBC Councillor)

Other Members: Jim Boot (Big Local Rep), Sean Leacock (Project Co-Ordinator), Sarah Williams (Swale CVS/LTO)

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies

Paul Leacock welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by all.

2. Declaration of Interest

To be identified throughout the meeting

3. Chairman's remarks

PL explained that there were two people from the ANNUAL General meeting who wanted to become vice chair and each had the same number of votes; PL as chair had the deciding vote and had taken time to consider both options. After much thought, he chose Mark Brown as the vice chair for the coming year. LT was thanked for his time and effort taken to apply for the position.

4. Membership update

SL presented Malcolm Pamplin with the documents to become a fully-fledged voting partnership member. MP duly signed them and returned them to SL. Malcolm was welcomed to the partnership by the chair.

5. Minutes of last meeting (agreed via email)

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed for accuracy.

6. Matters Arising (actions outstanding)

Agreed via email

7. Project Worker Report

Agreed via email

8. LTO Update

Agreed via email

9. Community Chest

The group looked at the summary of applications and discussed them individually. All partnership members who had a COI were asked to leave the room.

Organisation	Decision	Amount
Eastchurch Parish Council	No	N/A
5 th Sheppey Scouts	Yes	£980.00
Warden Bay Over 50's club	No	N/A
Leysdown Village Hall	Yes	£1000
Sheppey Matters	Yes	(50%) £312.50

10. Coastal Project

Peter Macdonald was in attendance to discuss the coastal project and the costings. A partnership member requested a secret vote and voting sheets were handed out. The partnership voted in favour of the project receiving the funding for the coastal project. A total of £14k will be contributed to this project.

11. Bus Depot

The partnership agreed to pay for a survey to be undertaken. A subcommittee would need to be set up and a project plan put in place. The estate agent currently has not received any bids as it appears that people/organisations are waiting for the covenant to be removed. PN said that the project needs more detail, currently planning permissions will be stopped due to legal issues. PN to come back to the partnership regarding legal issues following a cabinet meeting and planners. JB said that there were three ways that we could consider taking the project on:

1. on our own
2. Work with a housing Association
3. Homes and Communities Agency
4. Set up a community land trust (this is a harder route but worth it)

LT proposed that we go ahead with the evaluation, MP seconded it. PL asked that the budget for the evaluation comes out of the partnership development or communications fund.

12. Tackling Worklessness

SL showed the group a video where Swale Community Leisure (SCL) demonstrates their success working with the Dame Kelly Homes Foundation. PL proposed the project, IG seconded. SM to be the champion due to her experience with young people and in particular those not in employment, education and training (NEET's) £15k spend agreed for this project.

13. Early Years Provision

SL passed round a proposal from Beaches Children's Centre for their family time/school readiness programme. LM, SL and SW had attended a meeting with the centre manager to discuss what is needed and a clear need was identified for children to take part in a school readiness programme. CT has asked to volunteer with this project. This project was agreed. Total cost: £2,111.00

14. Any other business

1.MB asked that we observe a protocol regarding communications, in particular emails; if it is an email to all, then reply to all so that everyone can be involved in the conversation.

2. JB asked that partnership members be courteous on emails.

3. PW asked about the article regarding the AGM in the newspaper. SW had spoken to Matt Ramsden regarding John Nurdens piece stating that it was inaccurate and that a retraction should be made. Matt Ramsden to respond to SW on John Nurdens return from holiday.

PL closed the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9th January 2017