



**Big Local Eastern Sheppey Partnership Meeting Minutes
Monday 14th May 2018
7.00pm at Paradise Club, Leysdown**

Present:

Partnership Members

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

Residents

George Heath (Bay View) (GH), Christine Taylor (Warden) (CT), Sue Ibrahim (Leysdown) (SI), Rif Ibrahim (Leysdown) (RI), Gillian Cox (Leysdown) (GC), Mr & Mrs Carina Cruickshank (CC) (Leysdown), Colin Hadlow (Eastchurch) (CH), Barbara Brown (Leysdown) (BB), Kevin Brown (Leysdown) (KB), Derek Bailey (Leysdown) (DB), Jenny Bailey (Leysdown) (JeB), Tina Booth (Eastchurch & Swale Borough Council Councillor) (TB), Iris Coggin (Leysdown) (IC), Shirley Wood (Leysdown) (SW) & Laura Chester (Leysdown) (LC)

Other Members

Sandy Hammock (Administrator & Community Chest Officer) (SH), Sean Leacock (Project Coordinator) (SL), Jim Boot (Big Local Rep) (JB), Jo Burt (Local Trusted Organisation-Swale CVS) (JoB), Paul Murray (Oasis Academy) (PM), Kim Donahue (Consultant) (KD) & Lynne Bentley (KCC Community Warden) (LB)

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

LT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by all members. Apologies were received from Sharon McNaboe (SM)

2. Declarations of Interest and Loyalties

These will be stated when relevant.

3. Minutes - Accuracy

Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the April 2018 meeting. **PL proposed and DP seconded, vote carried, all agreed.** These can be viewed at

<http://biglocaleasternsheppey.com/meetings>

4. Matters Arising

No.	Action	Update
12	Setting up a CIO for the Dog Walking Park	SL described what the proposal of the Dog Walking Park would entail and that we had approached Leysdown Parish Council (LPC) to see if they would adopt the land on our behalf and we would fund the project, but LPC said they would be unwilling to do so. SL confirmed that we now have the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Big Local Eastern Sheppey Dog Walking Park is now set up and in place with the Charity Commission. Our next step is to contact Graham Tuff at Swale Borough Council (SBC), who is in charge of green spaces in the local area and consulting with local residents. GC asked what if the local

		residents don't want it and LT advised that we are presently doing consultations for our next 3 year plan and this project is not set in stone and we have only set up the charity so that we can start the project if we get agreement from everyone. PL advised that this concept came about a couple of years ago while he was on LPC in that any free land that is owned by SBC could potentially be developed, so by creating the dog park may stop future development. DB stated that the area is full of wildlife and dogs are already using the area. SI said that no one has asked the residents in Sea View Avenue, LT advised that we do appreciate and understand local residents fears and that local residents will be consulted and if the majority of people do not want this, then it will not happen. LC asked if it would be more cost effective to look at putting in more bins around the football pitch area in Leysdown, PL advised that we can put in more bins, but it's having someone to empty them as SBC will not do this. MP advised that dog waste and rubbish waste bins are now one bin and it is planned to have 3 more put in that area. IC asked if it would be beneficial to define the pros and cons of the dog park, LT suggested a good idea and bring to the next meeting to be discussed.
26	Defibrillators	SL advised that he has sent back the bid form to Kent Fire and Rescue Service with research, so hopefully we should receive one of the donated Defibs. LPC have agreed to put on the toilets on the promenade and confirmed they will cover the upkeep and maintenance.
32	Inventory	LT has not received a copy of the Inventory; SL & JoB have arranged a meeting and will be sorting it out before the next meeting.
35	Local Event Sub Group	LT advised that the group has been unable to meet up as yet and report back in June.
36	Training	SH advised that 6 people have registered their interest in the course, so have contacted JoB to arrange date for training and handed over to SL to coordinate with JoB.
37	Budget	Action complete.
38	Vinyl Stickers with Logo	SH has contacted H&L Graphics for quote on stickers and plaques and not had any response, so have also contacted Sheppey Graphics. Waiting for response.
41	Line Dancing at Harty Flower Festival	MP advised numbers have dwindled at the group, so may not have enough people to attend the flower festival.
42	Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme	SH advised have sent information to LM.
49	Big Local Weekender Event 29th-30th June	LT confirmed details emailed out to partnership. Action complete.
50	Noticeboard outside PW Bungalow	PW confirmed that will need planning permission to have installed.

5. Membership Officer

No new members that can currently join the partnership.

6. Complaint from Partner ref: Big Local Rep

PL advised that back at the meeting in December 2017, he raised an issue with what JB had done, but as he was not present JB was unable to respond. PL asked for Action 33 to be cancelled as it has not been fully documented. PL has today spoken with Renaisi who manages a national network of around 70 Big Local Reps including JB and put in a formal complaint to try and resolve the issues amicably. JB advised that the Renaisi CEO will be looking into the complaint and a response will be brought back to the partnership in due course after liaising with Local Trust.

Action 51 - Waiting for response back from Local Trust and Renaisi

7. Complaints Procedure

JB advised that following a meeting last month with LT & PL to update the procedure in line with Local Trust. The first change is that whoever receives the complaint should notify the Chair at the earliest opportunity, ideally within 24 hours unless over the weekend or holiday and the chair must be fully involved with the response. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted and we will not take any action and any complaints or concerns about partnership members that is nothing to do with Big Local Eastern Sheppey will not require a response. LT asked for this to go out with the minutes and will be voted on at the next meeting. JB to send the complaint procedure document to SH.

8. Public Consultation/New Plan

KD asked how many have filled in the survey and what residents have attended the focus groups. This information will help to draft up the new 3 year plan. KD advised that the information is being attained by the online survey, focus groups and face to face outreach work. KB advised that he had not heard about Big Local Eastern Sheppey (BLES), LT explained what BLES is all about. KD informed that we are only half way through the consultation process and planning on writing up the new plan and sending to Local Trust by the end of June. KD went through current information received so far, which consists of 100 online surveys, but pointed out that as the survey is still ongoing, these details are likely to change – More responses received from Warden and Leysdown and less from Eastchurch, 6% said they have never heard of BLES, 28% said that they knew about BLES quite well. The top project that people are happy supporting is the Playscheme with 82% supportive then Big Local Activity Club 81% supportive, Supporting Local Schools 81% supportive, Working with the Elderly 77% supportive, Training Courses 77% supportive, Helping people get back to work 76% supportive, Early Years Speech & language course 70% supportive, Street Games 65% supportive, Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme 62% supportive, Community Chest 54% supportive, Dog Walking Park 53% supportive with 18% not supportive and 29% neutral, Leysdown promenade water feature (potential project) 42% supportive with 32% not supportive, Local benches 41% supportive and 20% not supportive. SI stated that can see good work going on but it is not immediately clear what BLES can and cannot do with the funding, KD advised that this does come up a lot at the focus groups but we cannot fund projects or activities which the state has a legal obligation to provide. KD said that we also need to become better with our communication and it has been discussed with the partnership to look at this. PM told everyone about a meeting BLES had with him and Steve Chalke, who is the founder of the Oasis Charity and that Steve Chalke wants the Oasis Academy to enhance Community Learning at the school and is looking at ways BLES and other community groups across the island can help the school with this. BB asked if leaflets can be put in Doctor Surgeries, KD said that we can do some outreach there as KD feels that leaflets do not really work, as most people seem them as rubbish.

9. Project Updates

- a) Community Chest – SH informed now open until 29th May, had 13 enquiries and received two application forms back so far. Monitoring is ongoing and has spoken to Leysdown Allotment Association as they may be giving funds back due to change. SH wanted clarification from the partnership that they wanted funds back or could they use funds

towards something else. **IG proposed that they give funds back and apply again if need further funds, LM seconded, vote carried.** To be ratified at next meeting.

- b) Big Local Activity Club – SH said that still well attended with on average of 11-15 young people attending each week. Job advertised to find a replacement for SL is still ongoing and we have received 6 online applications but have requested them to send on a CV, but none received as yet. SL suggested that asking for a CV may be too much and possibly an application pack may be more suitable. **LM proposed that we devise an application pack that can be sent out, DP seconded, vote carried.** LT advised SH that DP can help until a replacement can be found, SH to discuss this with DP.
- c) Rural Kent Coffee Project – Pop up Café attended in Eastchurch by the Scout Hut and will be there again on 15th June & 30th July from 10.30am – 12.30pm, should have been there on 18th May, but due to the Eastchurch Observance event, this date has been cancelled, if successful, then it will move around the area.
- d) Local By-election – UKIP had negative feedback on their leaflets and we put a response on our website and social media regarding their comments. LT also pointed out that BLES is not and does not support any political party.
- e) Newsletter – SL handed out a draft copy of the newsletter he had created and wanted any feedback from the partnership and what they would like done with the newsletter. PL suggested that we have dates against each project, TB pointed out that date for Eastchurch Parish Council meeting was wrong, SL to amend. **LM proposes that we have a link to the survey, with closing date and get printed to deliver one to each household in Eastern Sheppey within two weeks, PW seconded, vote carried.**
- f) Easter Playscheme – We raised £429 and this has been put into the BLES account. 143 families in Eastern Sheppey have benefitted. Going forward we may look into taking a deposit.
- g) Website – Is very successful, over 100 new visits this month. Have contacted Lewis to put on the old website link, that we now have a new website.
- h) Beaches Children Centre – We are still funding the Speech & Language course but will not be starting until August.

10. Local Trusted Organisation (LTO) Update including finance

JoB confirmed that had met with SL & JB to discuss the budget and handed out a copy of the budget to date and balance sheet. SH said that action 31 is still outstanding regarding PL wanting full breakdown of 2016-2017 accounts, JoB will arrange to send this information to PL.

11. Working with the Elderly Community (MP Advised)

- a) Quiz Night – Been organised twice and well attended.
- b) Line Dancing will be moved to Wednesday evenings at Leysdown Village Hall, SL confirmed he has spoken to the current group. **PL proposes 12 more sessions are funded at a cost of £1200, LM seconded, vote carried.**
- c) Trips to Dobbie's in Gillingham, Swanley Market and a possibly trip to bingo at Kings in Sheerness.
- d) Community Walks – going to suggest Geoff Rambler arranges a couple of short walks over flat ground.
- e) Free Shopping Trips are still being used.
- f) Befriender Service is also available.

IG asked about an Over 60's club in Eastchurch, CT is interested in organising this. LT advised it will be put to the consultation. LM & PL asked if we can set a date for the next Quiz Night and put in the newsletter, PL will look into this and contact Paul Day.

9.03pm KD left the meeting

12. Community Land Trust

This was initially looked into due to the bus turning circle and to stop them turning around in Sea View Avenue by driving up Wing Road. When we looked at the plans with SBC, we were told that it would have to have 10 units on the land. TB advised that it is not on the local plan to have 10 units. LT confirmed that this was what they were told at the meeting with SBC, as initially BLES wanted to put something else on the land. SI asked if you are going to put 10 homes on the land how will the bus be able to turn around, LT said it is possible. PL advised that if we were to purchase the land, BLES would not have the funding to build, so we would need to apply for funding to action this, we are only currently looking at building the foundation for the project. JeB asked will the busses continue to drive up into Sea View Avenue, LT said that he will discuss this outside the BLES meeting.

13. List of Clubs in area

Moved to meeting in June.

14. Any Other Business (AOB)

- a) DB – Would like to congratulate everyone on the good work done.
- b) PL – Jan '17 it was agreed to be a paperless meeting, but as so many people had turned up tonight, can we go back to ensuring we have enough copies for everyone, all agreed.
Action 52 – Ensure enough copies of all paperwork for meetings.
- c) TB – Eastchurch Parish Council meetings are always 4th Tuesday of each month.
- d) PM – Nov 9th an event at Oasis Academy, Poetry Competition, that all schools on the Island are invited to be involved with, to help with the commemoration of the First World war. At the meeting this morning with Steve Chalke, **LT proposed that we give £500 towards this event, LM seconded, vote carried.** PL asked which budget these funds will come from, JB advised can be taken from the Supporting Schools fund.
- e) PW – Stained Glass Window from the old St Clement Church, that has been salvaged, can we purchase this and get framed properly and donate to Eastchurch Primary School, St Clement Site. GH advised that when the window was removed, it was suggested that this does not go to any religious premises; LM asked what the picture depict, SL to research this, find out more information and bring to the next meeting.
Action 53 – SL to research the Stained Glass Window and present this information at the next meeting
- f) PW – Bird Hides, can we fund some hides for the local area, LT asked to be looked at the next meeting as an agenda item.
Action 54 – Bird Hides as an agenda item for next meeting.
- g) JB – BLES Partnership members may receive an email from Local Trust to complete a survey, does have paper copies if required.

Meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Next Meeting is Monday 11th June 2018.