

**Big Local Eastern Sheppey Partnership Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**7.00 pm at 5th Sheppey Scout Hut, Dicksons Walk, Eastchurch**

**Present:**

**Partnership Members**

Paul Leacock (Chair & Leysdown Resident), Mark Brown (Vice Chair & Bay View Resident) (MB), Lynd Taylor (Warden Resident) (LT), Lee-Anne Moore (LM), Daniel Perriam (Eastchurch Resident) (DP), Malcolm Pamplin (Leysdown Resident) (MP) Pauline Wenham (Treasurer and Leysdown Resident), Ivor Gough (Eastchurch Resident) (IG), Sharon McNaboe (Warden Resident) (SM)

**Residents**

George Heath (Bay View Resident) (GH)

**Other Members**

Sean Leacock (Project Co-Ordinator) (SL), Paul Murray (Oasis Academy) (PM), Christine White (LTO) (CW), Sarah Williams (LTO) (SW), Loreley Tansley (Sheppey Coastal Protection Group) (LLT), Peter MacDonald (Sheppey Coastal Protection Group) (PMD), Sandy Hammock (Administrator) (SH)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by all members. Apologies were received from Christine Taylor and Sophie Hammock.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

These will be stated when relevant.

**3. Minutes - Accuracy**

PL requested that email addresses are kept up to date, so as to receive correspondence. MB advised that on Community Chest, the Sheppey EMU's is showing they didn't receive anything but should it not state that they were awarded money for shirts, subject to having our logo on them? SL confirmed that should have been the case and will update minutes. Subject to amendments, proposed by MP and seconded by IG, vote carried by partnership members.

**4. Matters Arising**

LT advised that unfortunately CT will no longer be available to help with the project at Beaches Children Centre. SM agreed to step in and LM has offered to help also.

**Action 1 - SL will email SM to make arrangements and will be put on October agenda.**

**5. Sheppey Coastal Protection Project**

PMD showed the partnership an Ordnance Survey map that they had got a licence for (10 copies only) of the rough line of the outer wall and also inner wall to allow the beach to be protected. The inner wall would possibly be rock gabions. They are also sourcing sand to improve the beach at Leysdown.

## 6. Reducing Worklessness

SL explained all the different projects like this that he has looked into and he attended the Apprenticeship meeting at Swale Borough Council (SBC) and after speaking to one of the organisers they explained that there are currently a lot of this type of project on the island and are not that well attended. PM explained that on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm there is an apprenticeship meeting at Oasis Academy, East site and then on 11<sup>th</sup> October there will be an opportunity for employers to come and showcase their apprenticeships they have available. PL asked if there are any suggestions we can do. PM said that it would be good to keep in contact with Rob Williamson from KCC and Emma Bartley at SBC as they know what is going on. SW pointed out that Ideas Test and Dame Kelly Holmes projects have been more creative and are well attended as they are different. SW suggests we speak to Local Trust and put this project off for this financial year. PL proposes to put this project off for this financial year, seconded by LT and vote carried by partnership members.

## 7. Project Workers Update

### a) Summer Scheme

Summer Scheme is underway and workshops include Horse Riding, Fishing, Circus Skills, Magician, Rodents and Reptiles, Warden Hawk Experience, sport, art and Inflatables. Facebook has been updated daily with photos and videos. LT asked if the press have been informed and invited, SL said he will contact John Newman from Sheerness Times Guardian and invite them along.

**Action 2 – SL to contact Local press and invite them along to Playscheme.**

### b) Street Games

MP was asked at the last meeting to look into a water feature for Leysdown Promenade. PL advised that MP researched this and that to save on costs the feature could be plumbed directly into the main water system, with the occasional cleaning and turned off during winter months. But someone would need to cover the water bill cost. For the smallest water feature would cost approximately £100,000 and PL advised we may be able to get matched funding. MP will take the proposal to Leysdown Parish Council to see if they will cover the cost of the water bill, once he has the costing for a year.

**Action 3 – MP to take proposal of Water Feature with costings for water bill to Leysdown Parish Council in September and report back to partnership in October.**

### c) Leysdown Carnival

Project map with flags pinned showing where all the projects that we have supported across Eastern Sheppey (pink flags) and money awarded (blue flags) a very useful visual aid. The main suggestion that people came back on the consultation forms we gave out at the carnival was more things for young people to do, more play areas and parks, water feature and swimming pool. Frisbees with our logo was given out once they had filled in the form. SL thanked everyone that helped out at the carnival.

### d) Working with the Older Community

SL stated that after the brainstorming meeting the three most popular activities that we raised was Community Walks, Coach Trips and Line Dancing. SL has been in contact with Geoff Rambler and emailed the partnership with details that he has sent through to organise three community walks, one in each area and also include details of these guided walks and historical interest along the walks within his book. His cost is £100 per day and would like this amount donated back into the community or to the air ambulance service. MB stated that the brainstorming was to get different ideas and these are our thoughts and not from the community and that we should approach the

older community and see if this would be of interest to them. MP said that after speaking to some of the over 60's club they have said to be interested in Line Dancing, painting and flower arranging. SL has tried to arrange a meeting with the manager at The Island Residential Home, but no date has yet been set. GH suggests we devise a form with tick boxes and a comment section asking what they would want. SL to design form and email out to partnership by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August and MP will visit groups with the form, once agreed. Feedback on the forms for next meeting.

**Action 4 – SL to design older community form and email to partnership by 16/8/17 and will feedback at September meeting.**

## **8. CLT Update**

PL passed round consultation survey and leaflet forms and stated that the last paragraph needs to be changed to include times and dates of the proposed consultations and SL to be local contact. Every household in the area will get these forms. LT has agreed to deliver them at cost. MB raised his concern on asking for financial information, LT said that this issue was raised and discussed in length at the CLT Steering Group meeting and Tessa advised that with other forms asking for this information there has been an average 30% return and for possible other funding we need this information. SW raised her concern that she is still not sure what the CLT is all about, being from an outside perspective, information has been very vague and if it is a legal requirement to have this information, then it should be in there. PL said that consultation events across local area with consultation form to help answer questions have been proposed for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September. Saddlebrook site – 16<sup>th</sup> morning, Sunnymead (Eastchurch) 16<sup>th</sup> afternoon and Leysdown Boot fair 17<sup>th</sup> morning. LT advised that he will be delivering the survey forms during the first two weeks of September. LM proposes that we get the survey out for September and do the events across Eastern Sheppey, Majority of 8 and 1 against. PL proposes £1000 for distribution costs (printing free), SW advised that we must ensure that Big Lottery Logo is on every page. IG seconded and vote carried by partnership members. (LT & LM were unable to vote). Email will be sent round to the partnership asking for volunteers to be at the consultation events.

## **9. Duke of Edinburgh Awards Programme.**

SL stated that he has been approached by IG about us helping the Explorer Scouts do DofE with us. IG explained that Explorers Scouts use to do this through Oasis Academy, but the academy no longer supports DofE and as we are lacking in numbers we could help support one another by possibly liaising together. PL asked how many from our area goes to Explorers, which currently there is none, but SL said that they could look to do there volunteering within Eastern Sheppey. SW advised that SH as DofE Coordinator, should arrange to meet with the district scout commander and IG to discuss further.

**Action 5 – SH to arrange to meet with IG and District Scout Commander**

## **10. LTO Update**

SW advised that August expenditure so far is £6520 and an income of £375 from the Playscheme. Underspend from year 2 programme was sent back to Local Trust on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Staff costs for Playscheme will be included in September. Community Chest money has not yet been paid out as no signed Terms and Conditions have been received to pay out the money. PL stated that Dog Walking Park will not happen this year so SW will report back to Local Trust.

## 11. AOB

a) SH has been asked by someone working at Eastchurch Primary School that is giving 1-1 support for a local resident starting at the school with Downs Syndrome. They would like basic things as the school have not got the money and would like us to help fund a programme which costs £422.00 or possibly just purchase the book at a cost of £100. PM states that KCC should be funding this, the partnership agreed that we are unable to fund as is down to the Local Authority.

**Action 6 - SH to go back and advise that unfortunately it is down to the school and local authority to fund.**

b) Website - MB advised that Lewis will have the website up and running in 4-6 weeks with a little bit of training. The website is live, but just not advertised to the public yet.

**Action 7 – MB to provide Website update by October meeting.**

c) Community Chest – MB raised concern on the resident panel for the last community chest and that we also told Warden WI that they need to be more self-sufficient and the Scouts be more cautious on replacing tents. MB also asked when we had stopped covering rent costs, PL advised this was discussed at the last meeting but was not minuted then, SL advised it was discussed but not agreed. SW raised issue in the meeting/minutes of community chest and is meeting with SL & SH on 12<sup>th</sup> September to look at the process of community chest. PL asked who agreed to open community chests again, SW advised that it was agreed last year to run the community chest 4 times per year, so therefore it should be open every three months once the previous community chest has been ratified and had opened the community chest. MB had asked for these details in previous minutes, but it could not be found and had not been agreed by the partnership.

Community chest was agreed to be continued as had already been opened and a vote to confirm this at the next partnership meeting.

**Action 8 – Community Chest procedures to be agreed at September meeting.**

d) Public Consultation – PL advised that is still has not been done and money has been set aside for this and we cannot do next year's plan without it. JB had sent around a draft, but no further action has been taken.

**Action 9 – Update on Public Consultation at September meeting.**

e) Logo – PL advised this has been going on since November 2016. SL advised the last communication was that it was back with the marketing people. SW advised that SL should go back and contact Recognition Express for an update.

**Action 10 – SL to contact Recognition Express for an update on Logo.**

f) Activity Club – IG raised concern that the club age had been lowered to cover those in Year 6 at school which now encroaches on their catchment area for cubs. SH advised that this was done due to their being a need in the area from children in Year 6 asking if they could attend. PL advised that this should be put in the agenda to be discussed.

**Action 11 – Agenda item to be discussed in more detail at September meeting.**

**Meeting closed at 9.18pm.**

**Next Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Venue 5<sup>th</sup> Sheppey Scout Hut, Eastchurch**