

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**

**BIG PLAN II PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 1930 HOURS**

Present: Councillors M Bishop  
A Dodwell (substituting for D Bowater)  
G Rolfe  
A Shadbolt  
P Snelling – Vice Chair

Also in attendance: P M P Kingsnorth (Town Clerk)  
S Sandiford (Committee Officer)  
T Quinn (TACTIC Manager)  
J Head (TACTIC Team Leader)  
D Ramsay (Make a Difference)

Members of the Public: 0

**42/BP APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor B Spurr, Councillor D Bowater (substituted by Councillor A Dodwell), K Gandhi of Central Bedfordshire Council and Lucinda Neall of Pages Park Youth Scheme.

**43/BP DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. No declarations were made.

**44/BP DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

**45/BP PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**46/BP MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Big Plan II Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 11 December 2012.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Big Plan II Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 11 December 2012 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.**

**47/BP HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

The Sub-Committee received a document detailing the planned developments, policies and proposals relating to Health and Social Care contained within Big Plan II (see Appendix A).

**RESOLVED to note the planned developments and proposals for Health and Social Care contained within Big Plan II.**

It had been hoped that the NHS Locality Manager for Leighton-Linslade would be able to attend the meeting to give an update on recent developments in the health service. It was understood that the new Clinical Commissioning Group would be working to determine local health needs and commission according to those needs.

The Sub-Committee questioned how and when the local health needs would be determined and expressed concerns as to whether the provision of local health services would keep pace with the anticipated housing growth to the south and east of the town. It was unclear whether, following expansion of various GP practice premises, local doctors were now able to offer increased services such as minor surgery.

**RESOLVED to write to the new Clinical Commissioning Group Locality Manager to request clarification on the current provision of local health services and plans for future development in line with planned housing growth.**

**48/BP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Sub-Committee received a document detailing the planned developments, policies and proposals relating to Children and Young People contained within Big Plan II (see Appendix B).

**RESOLVED to note the planned developments and proposals for Children and Young People contained within Big Plan II.**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Teenage Advice and Information Centre run by the Town Council had recently celebrated its tenth anniversary with a successful open event. The Centre continued to promote a safe and healthy environment for young people and was well known locally, with young people hearing about the Centre by word of mouth and referrals also being made by the two Upper Schools and by local GPs.

The Centre hoped to establish a "TACTIC Youth Forum" and, once up and running, it was hoped to expand this to the wider community. Other planned projects included a music course for young people neither in education nor employment, starting up a teenage parents' group and opening a Saturday Youth Café.

Longer term aspirations included setting up a summer scheme or holiday project scheme for teenagers and looking into the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. It was possible that further funding would be required, possibly from the Big Plan Projects budget, in order to implement these future projects.

The Sub-Committee was then advised about projects being run at the Vandyke Youth Club, including open access “chill out” evenings, more structured project nights and a group mentoring project, in conjunction with 4YP, for students referred from the two upper schools to focus on topics such as self awareness and anger management over a twelve-week course.

Although the youth club provided a service to the whole town, it was noted that the majority of young people attending came from the local Vandyke area. Local schools had been approached for assemblies or workshops but take-up had been slow.

Aspirations were being developed for future projects and one particular issue was the condition of the outside play area. The surface of the tarmac was uneven and broken up and the play area was, therefore, rarely used. Resurfacing would enable the young people to play sports on the outside area.

It was suggested that Amey be approached with regard to resurfacing the tarmac play area at the Youth Club.

It was noted that there were two local representatives on the CBC Youth Parliament and suggested that they attend a future meeting to share ideas and give input.

The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2030 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2013.

Chair

23 APRIL 2013

## APPENDIX A

### Health and Social Care

	Category	Comment February 2013	Priority	Cost	Viability
	<b>Planned Developments</b>				
1	NHS Bedfordhre has stated that it is a Top 5 Priority to establish a Health Facility in Leighton-Linslade.	<p>New CCG locality structure will determine local health needs and commission according to those needs, by promoting the health care closer to patient's homes.</p> <p>Further information requested from new CCG on current and planned local health services.</p>			
	<b>Proposals</b>				
2	Secure a community hospital. Increase the number and capacity of GP Surgeries to keep apace with the town's growing population.	<p>Leighton Buzzard Locality starting the next 3-5 year planning discussions for its growing population.</p> <p>Keen to establish the impact of the new homes and how we plan for additional primary care practitioners in the area.</p>			

## APPENDIX B

### Children and Young People

	Category	Comment December 2012	Priority	Cost	Viability
	<b>Planned Developments</b>				
1	The Council is considering facilities within its parks and it is hoped that a youth orientated facility will be created in Mentmore Park.	Skate park in Parson's Close to be refurbished. Goal end facility to be installed at Mentmore Road Park. Investigating potential grants for an outdoor gym. Splash & Play park opened 2011 and Children's literary trail opened 2012. Facilities (eg family trail, mountain bike trail) implemented at Rushmere Park. LLTC play area refurbishment programme for Danes Way 2013-2014.	Ongoing improvement of facilities – further grants for funding to be investigated.		
2	The Town Council is working with Central Bedfordshire Council on expanding adventure play facilities for teenagers within the Parish.	LLTC liaising with CBC on its Leisure Strategy. Outdoor equipment added to Tiddenfoot Waterside Park in 2012.			
	<b>Policies</b>				
3	Provide a secure and healthy environment, giving children and young people the freedom, confidence and opportunity to develop and grow.	Youth Parliament Teenage Advice & Information Centre			
4	Provide a range of opportunities for children and young people to influence things that matter to them.	Improved play facilities and areas including proposed Skatepark refurbishment. Tactic.			
5	Encourage the provision of a range of activities for children and young people.	Community grants provided to a number of organisations including Scouts, Girl Guides and youth clubs. LLTC pavilions used for youth activities eg Pages Park Youth Club.			
6	Identify young people's needs and	Youth Parliament, TACTIC. Engagement			

	provide opportunities to progress projects and influence opinion.		with skateboarders regarding the refurbishment of the skate park at Parson's Close Recreation Ground.			
	<b>Proposals</b>					
7	Councillors remain supportive of the proposal to establish a Youth Pub within the Parish and it is working with local licencees to effect this proposal.		No current plans or budget.			
8	Should future funding become available, Vandyke Road Youth Centre would like to build an extension to include a purpose built recording studio and community radio facility.		For future investigation.			
9	To reinvigorate the existing Youth Forum.		TACTIC Youth Forum to launch initially and gradually expand.			
10	Secure the provision of a new leisure centre as part of the Eastern Leighton Buzzard development.		CBC currently refurbishing Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre. CBC reviewing leisure provision via its Leisure Strategy. CBC to determine the proposed Eastern LB development. LLTC strongly support a new leisure centre in the long term.			
11	Seek the reintroduction of the Saturday morning Children's Film Club.		2 showings of Movies for Young People planned.			
12	Seek the provision of a children's indoor adventure playground.		Facility exists at Mead Open Farm.			
13	Support the creation of a 3 screen cinema and ten pin bowling alley within the town centre.		Potential in the long-term in the Bridge Meadow redevelopment.			
14	Continue to support the expansion of services provided by the TACTIC Centre on Hockliffe Street.		Service Review commissioned in 2012. New Centre Manager appointed. 1.1.13. Proposed Saturday Youth Café April 2013			

15	Continue to support youth volunteering initiatives in tandem with Volunteer Centre Central Bedfordshire.	Bulletins received from the Volunteer Bureau and made available to young people at TACTIC. A youth ranger scheme was run by the Greensand Trust.			
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