

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors T Morris
 A Brandham
 A L Dodwell
 K Ferguson
 C Palmer
 B J Spurr
 G Tubb
 E Wallace
 G Perham
 R Berry

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 V Cannon, Head of Cultural & Economic
 Services
 M Jahn, Committee Officer
 G Borelli, Chair, LB First
 B Chandler, Chair, LB Connect
 S Hughes, Community Engagement Manager,
 Central Bedfordshire Council
 T Humber, LLCT/Community Forum

Members of the public: 1

185/LLP APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor B Walker (substituted by Councillor G Perham) and Councillor F Kharawala (substituted by Councillor R Berry).

186/LLP DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 and no dispensations had been requested.

187/LLP QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)

No questions from members of the public.

188/LLP MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 30 November 2017.

Minute reference 180/LLP: an update was given informing the Committee the Review of Joint Committees was still under discussion by Central Bedfordshire Council and a further update would be given at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 30 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed accordingly.

189/LLP ENABLING DELIVERY IN LEIGHTON-LINSLADE

Sarah Hughes Community Engagement Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council informed the Committee that she is exploring availability of Jason Longhurst to attend the meeting on 26 April 2018, to provide an update regarding the potential development of the south side of the High Street.

RESOLVED to note the information.

190/LLP TAXIS

The Committee received a verbal update in respect of taxis in the town centre.

Concerns were raised regarding the number of taxis parking outside of the designated taxi rank in the town centre and the length of time taken to reach a solution to this problem. It was suggested a letter be written to Central Bedfordshire Council and a consultation started with the taxi companies to try and solve this problem. The consultation should be focussed on the taxis parking at the rear of Iceland and agreeing with the shops involved how this could work with deliveries to their stores and access to the multi-storey car park.

A position has been reached regarding taxi parking on the opposite side of the road to the taxi rank on a Market Day to enable stalls to be erected in that space.

RESOLVED to note the information.

191/LLP MARKET TOWN REGENERATION FUND

The Committee received a brief verbal update in respect of the three projects approved for funding through the Market Towns Regeneration Fund: the market relaunch, architectural uplighting and electronic signage.

A total of five shops had signed up for improvements to their shop fronts under the High Street Improvement Scheme and work was due to start late February/early March.

Concerns were raised regarding the general maintenance in the town and the Committee members requested a letter from Leighton-Linslade Town Council be written requesting repairs and maintenance to be carried out. The Town Clerk confirmed an officer from Central Bedfordshire Council had agreed to visit the Old Fires Station (Pizza Express) to see the condition of the building and it was hoped at this time other issues could be raised with him regarding broken paving and general lack of maintenance in the town centre.

An update was also given to the Committee regarding the Electronic Signage, Architectural Lighting Projects and the progress of the Market Relaunch. All were progressing and sites have been identified for the electronic signage and the architectural lighting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

192/LLP ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND HOMELESSNESS

M Westerby and T Keaveney were unable to attend the meeting so a report would be given to the next meeting on the 26 April 2018.

193/LLP COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORKPLAN

The Committee received and gave consideration to the objectives and work plan for the municipal year 2017-2018. The Anti-Social Behaviour and Homelessness presentation to be rescheduled for the next meeting of the Committee on 26 April 2018. Also the Business Support report would be deferred until the meeting on 26 April 2018 following a Central Bedfordshire Council review of the service offer.

It was agreed to remove Purple Flag from the Work Plan and add a section regarding NEET young people (Not in Employment, Education or Training) and adults in the town and how to address this. This would be drafted before the next meeting on 26 April 2018.

RESOLVED to note the report.

194/LLP CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received an update report from Central Bedfordshire Council on matters relating to the parish, including information in respect of social care, health and housing, crime figures, antisocial behaviour, business rates, car parking, transport matters, community services, Billington Gypsy & Traveller Project, waste, schools, public health and services for young people.

The Committee thanked Sarah Hughes, Community Engagement Officer CBC, for her full and clear report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

195/LLP BUSINESS GROUPS UPDATES

The Committee received a brief update from B Chandler, Chair of the LB Connect business networking group. A Networking Evening would be held on 23 April 2018 from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm at the Golf Club. All members would be welcome.

RESOLVED to note the report.

G Borelli of LB First raised concerns regarding –

- (a) The amount of roadworks in the town and the timing of these works.
- (b) The ongoing issues with the multi-storey car park and the high minimum charge and no change being given.
- (c) The amendment to bus routes and the effect this may have on business within the town.

The Committee agreed a representative from the Highways Department should be invited to a meeting of the Committee to provide relevant data and statistics of the multi-storey car park and also an invitation should be extended to Arriva Bus Company to attend a meeting for clarification on changing bus routes.

RESOLVED to note the report.

196/LLP COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from the Community Forum Steering Group. The Steering Group meeting is scheduled for the 5 May at the Theatre in the Library from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. This would be publicised on the website and on social media.

RESOLVED to note the information.

197/LLP BUDGET REPORTS

The Committee received a report regarding the current year budget to date.

RESOLVED to –

- (i) note the report**
- (ii) carry forward unspent Community Forum delivery budget funds of £500 into 2018/2019, Earmarked Reserves.**

The meeting closed at 2151 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD
OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2018.

Chair

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