

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors C Palmer
 T Morris (Chair)
 S Hemmings
 S Owen
 F Kharawala
 A L Dodwell
 V Harvey
 B J Spurr (Vice-Chair)
 E Wallace

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 V Cannon, Head of Cultural & Economic
 Services
 S Hughes, Community Engagement Manager,
 Central Bedfordshire Council
 T Humber, Community Forum Group
 R Balaam, The Greensand Trust
 M Jahn, Committee Officer
 G Borelli, LB First
 B Chandler, LB Connect
 P Curtis
 G Perham

Members of the public: 3

1/LLP APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor T Morris be appointed Chair of the Committee for 2019-2020. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor T Morris Chair of the Leighton-Linslade Partnership Committee for 2019-2020.

Councillor Morris took the Chair.

2/LLP APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor B Spurr be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for 2019-2020. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor B Spurr Vice-Chair of the Leighton-Linslade Partnership Committee for 2019-2020.

3/LLP APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R Berry and Jo Borthwick, Central Bedfordshire Council.

4/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.

Councillor V Harvey declared an interest in the item regarding item 7 the Green Wheel Masterplan as a member of South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth.

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

A question was raised by Phil Curtis, business owner, asking whether the Terms of Reference had been finalised and whether he could be co-opted onto the Committee and join the table. Sarah Hughes from Central Bedfordshire Council checked the Terms of Reference and it was confirmed he could join the table as a non-voting member.

6/LLP MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 11 April 2019.

Item ref 269/LLP – Leighton-Linslade Sports Council – Wellbeing, Sports and Health, Sarah Hughes confirmed a meeting had been organised between the Leighton-Linslade Sports Council and Leisure colleagues from Central Bedfordshire Council.

Item ref 274/LLP – Central Bedfordshire Update – it was confirmed a meeting had been held to discuss car parking data and the possibility of implementing free parking on a Wednesday in Leighton-Linslade. A question was raised regarding the Central Bedfordshire Council survey on car parking in the town and the conclusion that the number of car parks were adequate. Officers from Central Bedfordshire would be invited to a meeting of Partnership Committee to discuss this further.

Item ref 275/LLP – Standing Items – it was confirmed that projects for town centre improvements in Bell Alley and relocation of the Christmas tree using S106 money were going through initial stages at present to commence as planned.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 11 April 2019 be approved as a correct record and be signed

accordingly.

7/LLP GREEN WHEEL MASTERPLAN

The Committee received and considered a presentation from Mr J Balaam of the Greensand Trust on the development of the Green Wheel Masterplan for Leighton-Linslade.

The Green Wheel Masterplan would provide a document setting out access to green spaces encouraging walking and bike riding. The Inner Wheel was nearly complete and would be ready to sign within the next few weeks and planning of the Outer Wheel was on-going.

A question was raised regarding the safety aspect of the Green Wheel for cyclists when on roads and how the cycle path would be signposted and separated. It was confirmed that safety was a core component of the Green Wheel and every consideration would be examined to ensure safety.

The Committee were asked to add their support to the Green Wheel and to a consultation to raise awareness of the project.

RESOLVED to provide support and raise awareness for carrying out a period of consultation for the development of The Green Wheel Masterplan.

8/LLP BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

9/LLP TAXIS

An update was given by Sarah Hughes, Central Bedfordshire Council, as Ms Borthwick was unable to attend the meeting. Central Bedfordshire Council were asked to identify alternative potential locations for the taxi rank in Leighton-Linslade. Three potential locations had been identified -

- (a) North Street
- (b) Lake Street
- (c) Church Square

After discussion the Committee agreed that North Street would be the preferred option with Lake Street as a second choice and strongly reiterated the need for progress with this and the need for a consultation so it can move forward as quickly as possible.

RESOLVED to note the information.

10/LLP COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from Tricia Humber, Community

Forum Steering Group, on the May 2018 Highways public event. The problems highlighted from the event included congestion, potholes, school traffic, parking and obstructions.

The Committee agreed that a response was needed by Highways to move forward and Highways Officers should be invited to attend a Partnership Meeting to provide a report on the findings.

RESOLVED to note the information.

11/LLP **BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATES**

The Committee received a brief update from LB Connect, members of which were reporting good business, and from LB First, which was focussed on preparations for this year's Independents' Day on Saturday 6 July.

RESOLVED to note the information.

12/LLP **STANDING ITEMS**

- (a) Enabling Delivery in Leighton-Linslade – a question was raised regarding the feasibility of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town Centre and what information would be needed to achieve this. The progress of the development of the Land South of the High Street was unclear and it was felt exchange of information with Central Bedfordshire Council was needed and that Town Council and the community should be kept informed of strategic plans and timescales.

The Town Clerk suggested a report be presented to Planning and Transport Committee to employ an Independent Planning Consultant to give advice on producing a Neighbourhood Plan before presenting to the Policy and Finance Committee.

RECOMMENDED to the Planning & Transport Committee to consider the appointment of an Independent Planning Consultant to review the possible merit of creation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

- (b) Market Town Regeneration Fund – the Committee were informed the Architectural Lighting was making progress with All Saints Church being the nearest to completion.

RESOLVED to note the information.

13/LLP **COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLAN**

The Committee received and gave consideration to the objectives and work plan for the municipal year 2019-2020.

The Committee requested that some amendments be made to the workplan as follows –

- (a) LSHS/Westlands update scheduled for the November meeting be brought forward to the September meeting subject to officers availability
- (b) Highways Officers be invited to the November meeting, if possible, to provide a report and answer questions from the Highways Public Event held in May 2018.
- (c) Green Wheel Masterplan be added to the September meeting
- (d) Homelessness/Black Horse and Foodbanks be added to the work plan and Central Bedfordshire Officers invited to give an update.
- (e) Change in the Education System from 3 tier and 2 tier system and decision made by schools
- (f) Health review to be added to the work plan.
- (g) Car parking data to be added to the work plan.

RESOLVED to note the information.

14/LLP **BUDGET REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2019.

Chair

5 SEPTEMBER 2019