

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 1930 HOURS

Present: Councillors

S Jones - LLTC
C Palmer – LLTC
E Wallace - LLTC
F Kharwala – LLTC (in the Chair)
A Dodwell – CBC
B Spurr – CBC
G Tubb – CBC
K Ferguson - CBC

Also in attendance

V Cannon (LLTC Head of Cultural & Economic Services)
S Hughes (Community Engagement Manager, CBC)
M Jahn (Committee Officer)
G Borelli (Chair, LB First)
Bob Chandler
P Coker (Head of Partnerships and Performance, Social Care, Health and Housing Directorate, Central Bedfordshire Council)
J Yandall (Head of Investment and Employment, Regeneration and Business Directorate, Central Bedfordshire Council).

Members of the Public: 1

Members of the Press: 0

239/LLP APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R Berry.

240/LLP 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.

Councillor G Tubb declared an interest in the item Health and Care Hubs as a member of the East London NHS Foundation Trust and Councillor B Spurr as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and member of the East and North Herts NHS Trust.

241/LLP QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public and local shop owner spoke on the proposed development at the rear of the Post Office and shops behind the High Street. Concerns were raised regarding access to the rear of the shops if this development progressed. The Committee were informed a meeting had been scheduled for the 5 December at The Golden Bell for discussion on the proposed development and the Town Council would discuss this at their next Planning & Transport Committee meeting on the 12 December, 2018.

242/LLP MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 6 September 2018.

Item 231/LLP: School Places – a request was made for the word ‘potentially’ to be removed from the minutes and replaced to, ‘would be a deficit in the number of places available in the middle and upper school systems once the Eastern development had been completed’.

Item 232/LLP: Changes to Bus Routes - Councillor Dodwell confirmed she had contacted the Bus Company regarding the review in bus services and would chase this up.

Item 233/LLP: Business Group Updates -Sarah Hughes confirmed the data requested regarding the parking strategy and use of the car park would be available at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 6 September 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed accordingly.

243/LLP HEALTH AND CARE HUBS

The Committee received a presentation from Ms P Coker, Head of Partnerships and Performance, Social Care, Health and Housing Directorate, Central Bedfordshire Council. The vision would be to transform Primary Care in Central Bedfordshire to provide services locally making them more accessible to local residents. Significant population growth and changing needs in the area had resulted in the need to remodel how health care services were delivered. Local Hubs would provide a focal point for integrated specialised services providing multi-agency support on a 7 day a week basis.

Five Hubs are planned for the Central Bedfordshire area and it was predicted the Leighton-Linslade Hub would be completed by 2023. Three potential locations have been identified –

- A. South of the High Street
- B. South of Vandyke Road
- C. VOSA Test Station

The Committee thanked Ms P Coker for her detailed and informative presentation.

RESOLVED to note the information.

244/LLP BUSINESS SUPPORT AND BEDS EMPLOYMENTS AND SKILLS SERVICE (BESS)

The Committee received a presentation regarding local business support from Ms J Yandall, Head of Investment and Employment, Regeneration and Business Directorate, Central Bedfordshire Council. Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Service target learners who are aged 19+ and are either unemployed or low skilled. They provide Maths, English, ICT and English as a second language courses and give careers advice and guidance to learners and employers. A community support group called Café Connect offer weekly sessions tackling issues such as loneliness and improving wellbeing. Support for new businesses is also provided by offering Business Grants known as Growth Grants to help with business rates relief and training to improve their service.

Thanks were given by the Committee for the presentation and the work undertaken by the service to break down barriers and identify organisations and individuals requiring help.

RESOLVED to note the information.

245/LLP JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee received an update on the proposed revised Terms of Reference for Committee, arising from Central Bedfordshire Council's review of the Joint Committees.

Apologies were given by Councillor Stock who was unable to attend the meeting and Sarah Hughes gave the presentation on her behalf. The Committee were informed of the proposals put forward regarding membership, format of the meetings, responsibility for content of the agendas and who could submit agenda topics, secretariat of the Joint Committee and joint branding of agendas and committee minutes.

The final draft of the T of Ref will go to full Council following the February 2019 Partnership meeting for discussion.

RESOLVED to note the information.

246/LLP COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

The Committee were advised the Highways analysis would be completed by January 2019 and shared publicly when finalised. It was suggested discussion should come back to Committee to decide what topic should be covered in future to strengthen the link between the Committee's work plan and the work of the volunteer Forum.

RESOLVED to note the information.

247/LLP BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATES

The Committee received a brief update from LB Connect confirming all was going well with businesses continuing to attract custom.

An update was also given by LB First thanking Leighton-Linslade Town Council for their continued support with the upcoming Christmas Festival weekend. One concern raised was the continuing problem of the multi-storey car park and the number plate recognition system not working properly. This would be fed back to Central Bedfordshire Council and a response given to LB First as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the information

248/LLP CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE UPDATE

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 information.

249/LLP STANDING ITEMS

- (a) Enabling Delivery in L-L – no update on Land South of the High Street.
- (b) Taxis – after the feasibility study looking at Lake Street as a location for the taxi rank it was decided this would cause too much congestion and problems for the Fire Service access. The Committee suggested using North Street and Sarah Hughes would relay this to Jo Borthwick for investigation.
- (c) Anti-social behaviour & Homelessness – no further updates.
- (d) Market Town Regeneration Fund – the High Street Improvement Scheme was now nearing completion with four businesses taking part. Following the delay installing the electronic signage Central Bedfordshire Council had agreed to extend the warranties on the signs that are yet to be installed and continue to chase up Highways re installation.

RESOLVED to note the information.

250/LLP COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLAN

The Committee received and gave consideration to the objectives and work plan for the municipal year 2018-2019. Partnerships Terms of Reference to be added and discussed at the February 2019 meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

251/LLP BUDGET REPORTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report and recommended the proposed 2019/20 budget be endorsed by Policy and Finance Committee.

The meeting closed at 2142 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2018.

Chair

7 FEBRUARY 2019