

# MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT)

## Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Chair's welcome:** Refreshments were offered from the Leisure Centre Café and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and short introductions were offered. All attendees were requested to sign the attendance sheet.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **Priorities:**

**Youth/BB/GA:** -We are slowly building our numbers back up after the summer break but this a slow process. We now have a lovely large sign outside the hall for advertising.

I have opened up the doors to take in some 4-year olds, who will be 5 in the following school term.

Our theme this year is Noah's Ark and our project work will around this theme. This week we did string snails.

I plan to do some recruitment down the south end of the estate and into Coombe Road and Bevendean this will move away from the North where there is a scout group making both groups viable.

**TDC GROUPS:** -We have had a spate of antisocial behaviour, with some young people on the roof of the 67 centre. We identified these individuals and approached them, after some discussion it was brought to our attention that they wanted to have a young men's group.

We have applied for council funding and been granted £4500 to set up this group. We have also applied for funding for a young women's group focused on mental health, again this was successful with £4500 being granted for this. Although the incidents were reported to the police no charges were brought, and we are now working with the PCSO as there has been subsequent damage done to the roof from other groups.

The young persons yoga has been under subscribed this term but the reports from those that have attended have been very positive.

### **SCOUTS**

There was no update at this meeting.

### **Environment:**

The walkabout will be next Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> October) leaving the Leisure Centre around 1pm. The area of focus this time is Hodshrove Road and Woods. I am currently awaiting response of attendance from several service providers.

I have received an email from Ben Thomas with regard to proposals for Moulsecoomb Station and accessibility. The current situation means that to access the eastbound platform if you have a disability it involves steps both up and down, or having to go out of the station area and around the road to an accessible gate. This takes around 5/10 minutes. The current situation is not sustainable with the demands of disability access. TDC has supported the proposed adaptations to the station.

Q) Some of these projects are a double up with area panel.

A) The university is doing some level access work.

Q) The bus stop in Moulsecoomb Way has been moved to the top of Shortgate Road; however the residents in the house where the bus stop is now keep parking on the stop reducing access. A) Terry will take this up with the bus company.

Barry has been contacted by a student at Varndean College looking at the impact the AMEX was having on Moulsecoomb. He has responded, and this was read out to the meeting.

Q) The match day parking permits have changed from 3 years to 1 year valid, and these can be got on-line or in person at Hove Town Hall.

Q) The council have learned lessons from the 3-year parking permits.

Q) Who is responsible to police the parking?

A) The council traffic wardens

Q) Southampton have a 4-mile exclusion zone on match days and it works very well.

Q) Would you please ask the student to report back on his findings?

Q) An exclusion zone would not work at the AMEX as it is two council authorities, and part of the planning permission was that car parking was provided close by.

**Communications:** - Articles for the next newsletter need to be submitted by the next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Topic: - Debra May Principal Planning Officer BHCC - Section 106.**

I am here today to speak about the Preston Barracks and Selsfield Drive sites.

Preston Barracks will include 379 residential homes, 1338 student accommodation, a business school and a multi-storey car park.

Section 106 of the planning act allows certain requirements to be added to the planning being granted. These are affordable housing, transport measures, and recreational open space.

Q) What percentage of housing is for low cost/social usage?

A) 40% is the starting point but with Preston Barracks its 55%.

Q) This will put even more pressure on the surrounding area in regards to traffic

A) The developer has a detailed traffic plan.

In regard to section 106 the Preston Barracks site contributions are £3.2 million, and Selsfield Drive is £76,000.

Information was given to the meeting on where the money was proposed to go in the community.

Q) All of these things you have just said are what the residents will use but the Moulsecomb area has not been considered.

A) The area that could benefit is looked at as whole not as individual areas.

Q) The area particularly Coombe Road is going to suffer with parking issues from more students.

A) Coombe Road residents are seeking a permit scheme for their area, and we are working hard to enforce HMOs.

Q) Parklife under took a consultation with residents in Whitehawk. Will there be an opportunity to feed in for residents?

A) The Moulsecomb TRA's have not done any consultation work.

Q) Why is Stanmer being considered it's too far out. A) No decisions have been made yet.

All the Preston Barracks monies will be spent in the nearest area, which will include Hollingdean.

Q) Moulsecomb will miss out so why are Whitehawk views being taken into consideration when they are not part of this area? A) They are engaging with the council.

A) There are some parts of Moulsecomb with no TRA's and the MLAT find it hard to engage with those areas.

**Selsfield Drive**

Q) Time frames, when is it best to start talking to residents? A) Start now.

Q) Why is the Bevy not considered for help from section 106?

A) It is a privately-run enterprise.

Q) I have concerns that the Leisure Centre is getting quarter of a million pounds for two projects and they might use it for maintenance.

A) These are two specific projects and not maintenance of the building.

Q) Was Pelham Terrace a compulsory purchase order?

A) No, it was private, and we are working with developers.

Q) Why a focus on allotments, we have large gardens in this area?

A) It is about upgrading those we have not putting in new ones.

Q) All the projects mentioned, cater for children and families, what about the 50+?

A) We are upgrading for all residents to enjoy.  
The Chair thanked Debra for coming along to talk to us.

### **Brighton and Sussex Universities**

No update from Brighton at this meeting.

Sussex Uni: - We are attending North Moulsecoomb tenants on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, and we are going on the walkabout next week with the ambassadors. The community fair date is yet to be confirmed.

Unfortunately, this year the marshals are only being run by Sussex Uni.

Q) What outcomes have been reached from discussions with residents?

A) Our communication is better, our outreach with the marshals is better, feedback is going straight to the uni and we have increased our times the marshals are out in the community..

Q) Can the Uni not do some cycling training with students, specifically around lights, clothing and visibility?

A) Simon Hickmott from BHCC is always around stopping cyclists that are cause for concern.

Q) Cyclist's are a problem all over the city not just Lewes Road and not just students.

**Impetus with Sally Clarke No** up-date at this meeting

### **Community Reps Update**

There was no update from The AMEX.

Shirley is attending the City LAT Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Terrence and Alan attended an open forum meeting on Monday about HMO's. As this was an open forum there was nothing to report back.

### **Any Other Business.**

- The lifts at the Orchards took six weeks to fix, due to slow maintenance issues. The councillors have now put Claudia the scheme manager and Hyde housing in touch for better communication between the two groups.
- It has been put to the meeting that a further disabled bay is needed at The Avenue shops.

**The next ordinary meeting was announced as:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10.30am  
At MOULSECOOMB LEISURE CENTRE**