

MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT)

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 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. Following our AGM in March we are now operating with a co-chair, both will now alternate to chair the monthly meetings. This month the chair will be Barry Burtenshaw.

Minutes of the last meeting: - Were agreed as a true and accurate record

Matters Arising: The start date for the multi storey car park at Brighton University, was delayed from the date given to the meeting last month. The date was supposed to be 21st May but as yet no work appears to have been started.

It was noted that the Amex have come to the end of the session and there is a short window of opportunity to invite them to attend the MLAT, this will be discussed at committee with a view to invite them in July. The only problems still reported are within Wild Park, however the councillors confirmed that there would be wardens and new signage within the park by the new season.

Q) The new match day permits will they be sent out to residents?

A) The permits have now changed to 1 year from 3 years owing to misuse. Reminders are being sent out, but they can be collected from Hove Town Hall with evidence of address and car registration. They remain free.

The visitor permits are under examination at the moment as these are still open to misuse, it may be that these will be replaced in the future with scratch card style permits.

Priorities:

Youth/BB/GA: -We are now winding down our session with our last night being 10th July we will return to normal parade night on Tuesday 11th September 5pm. I would like to take the opportunity to thank MLAT, councillors and residents for their support over this session, we will return in September for our 58th Year.

TDC GROUPS

The clubs have been busy, but the yoga club has quietened down, this maybe down to exams and other pressures associated with school at this time of year. Our planned summer programme is at the printers and should be out shortly.

This weekend in conjunction with Freedom Leisure is our sports and activity festival. It runs from 12.30pm to 5.30pm, and registration forms need to be completed. There will lots on offer with food, drink, sports and much more.

Q) Is this at 2 venues? A) Yes, it is split between the Sports Centre and the 67 centre.

Q) There does not appear to be any visible advertising around the estate?

A) We have been handing them out to young people directly.

SCOUTS

There was no update at this meeting.

Environment:

Sussex University had a street clean in Barcombe Road on 16th May, improving the public areas such as steps. They also put a flower bed under the MLAT "Welcome to Moulsecoomb" sign, which they will continue to maintain.

Q) How were you received by residents? A) Some good and some were negative.

Q) You did not communicate with MLAT on this project and it clashed with committee otherwise we would have come out to help!

Q) Perhaps you could identify gardens that need help on the walkabouts and then approach the residents? A) Good way of MLAT and University working together.

Q) Could you move up to East Central as steps need attention, and I need help with my garden?

A) These projects take some time to put into place, so it will not be for some time yet, but we can look at this area for the future.

Q) It is worth remembering not everyone in a Hi-Viz is a council worker, Naomi and myself wore one for the walkabout.

Q) How often do you do this? A) it depends on what is identified to be done.

Naomi was thanked for her report.

Communications: - Notification has been received that Inspector Ransome is being moved to a different area and the new Inspector that will replace him is Inspector Brian McCarthy . Anne has already made contact and invited him to an MLAT meeting to introduce himself and give us an update on changes he wishes to implement.

Terrence Hill gave an up date on the latest crime figures, there was nothing reported within our area, however a quad bike used in a crime in Crawley had been stolen from Hollingbury Golf Club.

With the £12 per year increase in Council Tax there is apparently a lot of new recruitment including PCSO's. We will welcome any of them to our MLAT meetings.

Topic Valley Gardens Road Improvements with Tracy Beverley and Geoff Waller

Tracy and Geoff spoke about the area known as Valley Gardens which runs from Grand Parade/Edward Street to the north end of St Peters Church. The consultation for this project started in 2012 and the council is now consulting on phase 3 which is the seafront roundabout. There are major changes to the road system planned which will be done in 10 phases to minimise delays and keep traffic flowing through the city. We will of course have diversions in place across the city.

There will be new walkways and cycle lanes in the green space between the road layout.

There will be new signals at each junction. There will be new public squares for events and market stalls.

The traffic will be changed to west side (King and Queen Pub) it will be two lanes of traffic one heading north and one heading south for buses, taxis and emergency vehicles, the east side (Circus street) will be two lanes of traffic for all other vehicles again heading north and south in respective lanes.

At this time, we are looking at the contractor tenders with a view to appoint the contractor by mid-July allowing 8 weeks for the in-depth studies to keep the traffic flowing to be completed.

This would mean that the project in phase one will be starting around the end of August beginning of September. At least one lane of traffic will always be open during the works.

Q) There will obviously be an impact on the bus timetable leading to delays?

A) This will change daily, and we are in constant talks with the bus company.

Q) The traffic is very heavy going into the city centre with two lanes of traffic; you will be pushing it into one lane? A) The design has been approved along with other changes.

Q) Will the walkways be lit? A) Yes with new and better lighting.

Q) Is it going to be like the Lewes Road with lanes for buses, cycles and cars being separate?

A) Not the same but similar, general traffic one side of the gardens and public transport the other side.

Q) Where do the Fringe Festival pitch their tents?

A) We have worked with event organisers to accommodate these features.

Q) Will there be different road surfaces to show the different use? A) Yes different textures.

Q) How can people access Trafalgar Street?

A) Down to St Peters Church round into bus lanes and access to Trafalgar Street.

Q) How are you going to stop people accessing the wrong side?

A) That will be mainly down to signage and traffic cameras to enforce.

Q) What about disabled access?

A) Lots of new parking for disabled, but they will still have drive in the general traffic lanes.

Q) How will Church Street be accessed? A) This will be signalled with traffic lights.

Q) Are cyclists going to be forced to use the cycle lanes? A) We cannot enforce this.

Q) What provision has been made for the events that use Brighton as a finishing venue, such as the veteran car run, mini run and many more?

A) we have worked with organisers and changes will be put in place.

Q) I note from your diversion plans that most will be directed up the Lewes Road to the bypass, how is that going to work with the heavy football traffic?

A) We are working closely with other parties to ensure changes will happen.

Q) How are you going to get bendy buses round some of the tight turning points that this design throws up?

A) This design was done with the bendy buses in mind.

Q) Delivery vehicles. Will there be restrictions, as many cannot guarantee times for delivery?

A) there are no restrictions planned at present.

Q) What's the start and finish time?

A) September 2018 lasting for two years minimum and then 1 year of monitoring.

Q) What do we have at the end of it?

A) A simplified traffic system, allowing traffic to flow with less junctions. Better quality planting while preserving our protected Elm trees, paved areas where you can sit for a coffee, much better lighting and a dedicated cycle and pedestrian space.

There will be newsletters, press releases and advance warning signs to let residents know how they can avoid the area or you can find more news on the council website or Twitter site. Tracy and Geoff were thanked for coming along.

Brighton and Sussex Universities

No update from Brighton at this meeting.

Sussex University reported that there was pop up events across the city during the summer. Following feed back from residents the Sussex University ambassadors will be out in the community from September at the start of term. This will help to get the message across about refuse and recycling and other recurrent problems as well as hi-lighting problem spots that have recurring noise issues.

The team have become more involved with their students in the community, they are attending more home visits and are more involved with gardening problems and housing repairs.

The community festival which was very successful last year will be run again on 24th June from 12-4pm, there is lots on offer from lectures to family fun.

Q) Where about on campus will the event be?

A) Everywhere – there will be plenty of signage to direct people around the events.

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

Community Reps Update

The HMO meeting had no new issues to report across the areas. However, Lynn did raise the issue that Council tenants do not have the luxury of being able to move like those who own their own home, and that more and more council tenants were feeling isolated, ignored and forgotten.

The Amex have had a successful season securing their place in the premier league for another season. There were no new issues reported only the on-going problems with regard to Wild park.

Any Other Business.

- The Bevfest festival is the 7th July anyone who would like a stall at this event please contact Anke at St Georges Hall, Newick Road.
- St Andrews Summer Fair is on 23rd June 11-2pm all welcome.
- St Georges Hall event is also on 23rd June 12-4pm.
- On 7th July the renowned organist John Mann will be playing at St Andrews, this is a ticketed event, and these can be purchased from the church.
- Moulsecomb Primary School Summer Fair is 14th July.

- Men in Sheds is run every Friday 10am-4pm at Hillview. Please contact Pete Weston for details.

The next ordinary meeting was announced as:

**Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 10.30am
At MOULSECOOMB LEISURE CENTRE**