

**MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT)**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018**

**Chair's welcome:**

Refreshments were available just before the meet from the Leisure Centre Café and the Chair then welcomed everyone to the meeting and short introductions were requested. All attendees were then asked to ensure signing the attendance register.

\*Guest Speaker Simon Hickmott presented early and is recorded under Environment (page2)

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Amendments: (page 2) item under Environment should read 17th October as date for next Walkabout:

Then the minutes held on 11th July 2017 were agreed as an amended and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

Naomi from UoS wished to add the accuracy recorded on July minutes were with reference to the communications only about the Community Ambassador clean-up work with planting and edge trimming on Barcombe Road.

**2018 Priorities:**

**Youth:**

Caroline stated that her team had engaged positively with around 45 attendees at various youth groups, despite some reports of youths on the roof of 67 Centre. Reported to Police and is a dangerous practice. The demographic of her work are 13-19yrs and she would try to contact adults and families to engage more with both girls and boys (Young men). Input was welcome about the formation of a Young Men's Group to receive support and funding, challenging young people to get together.

The Youth Team will inform the Neighbourhood Action Plan on future recreational projects for young people.

We are fully aware of some teens that are missing out on projects and need to integrate more with activities and recreational projects. Those missing out may be a small catchment of pupils leaving school and awaiting entry to college.

There are on-going links with BACA and their young people which will be used to update the next MLAT Newsletter, especially on Youth Page.

To note that the Bottle tops Poppy Project building a large mural for the 100yr anniversary has been unfortunately suspended due to support and planning issues. (Anyone volunteering further support should contact the Youth Team, MLAT or the TDC for information).

Kerri from the BHCC Youth Employability Service offered a brief item on special needs groups (mainly 16-19 yo but up to 25yo for special needs) about on-going work with 'mapping for leisure'. Kerri was very happy to signpost her projects and offer any referrals towards Focus Groups including one-to-one consultation for writing up CV's and employment issues like apprenticeships or to find courses, YES Plus Programme and including positive engagement, creative talent, vouchers/coupons and helpful advice.

(An example included Social development and Prince's Trust work) She was very experienced in this sector and provided a leaflet to the meeting about attracting 16-19yrs. not in employment or training. Kerri (07785432465 or 01273 294247) works from St. George's Hall on Tuesdays and Whitehawk Hub on Fridays.

Q. Do you run courses for those with mental health or learning disabilities? A. Yes mainly referrals from schools. Phone the hotline and they will be allocated an advisor this applies to any youngster across the city.

The Boys Brigade has now resumed from Summer Break for September the group is in its 58th year. A Noah's Ark colouring project and a floor boat-race was themed for the restart.

They return to winter uniform and are always encouraging new members to visit a free session. As previously reported the new BB Sign was showing outside St. Andrews' Hall

### **Environment:**

**The first guest speaker: Simon Hickmott** (delivered a presentation at top of agenda)

Simon represents BHCC as Travel Planner and spoke about his role assisting and aiding targeted vulnerable residents who are out of work and who need financial support on public transport to get to work for the first month. He can arrange for help with costs for those who need it to attend interviews, etc. He also advises cycle users, both on travel plans on respective routes.

Other topics for his project include youth support for bus travel, the pending daylight changes and cyclists being seen by better bike lights. Simon is based at Moulsecoomb Library (Mondays) and is very willing to discuss footway and cycle routes in the area even though they are not part of his remit. Student cyclists travelling to Universities were not targeted but are a small concern. Comment was raised about the essential need for wearing helmets for better cycle safety.

Other questions raised were about wrong side of the road cycling and travel discounts for students who already receive discounts and also improvement to cycle ways.

(Simon apologised in having to leave the meeting early)

The MLAT will hold their bi-annual Community Walkabout on Wednesday 17th October from 1pm, with the location to be from the Leisure Centre lobby covering Hodshrove Road/Woods, playground and back via Goodwood Way and Moulsecoomb Way. Support from other groups and colleagues were open to invitation. PCSO reorganisation means attendance can only be offered when time limits allow, but we would communicate with them. The brief was to walk the area and identify neighbourhood issues, speeding where noticed and see the Hodshrove Woods and its associated projects. This should last between 1-3pm. Topics included capturing the road traffic conditions after school, untidy resident gardens, School Hubs and any other highways infrastructure problems!

### **Communication:**

The Chair mentioned the Summer Newsletter Issue 15 was received with interest and that the Winter News needs a schedule by next MLAT for articles and deadline for printing.

Newsletters are one of the MLAT priorities for informing residents and a suggestion was made to engage with other circulated news sheets. Other providers do circulate within the area, so a merger can be used for better circulation and the posting of winter highlights with even more services and wider news content.

Kirsty mentioned at this point that TDC as part of the Neighbourhood Action Planning (NAP) were engaged in a BME (Black, Minority & Ethnic) promotion with violence and abuse topic sessions. There was also a Coffee and Croissant breakfast group for practitioners on Wednesday mornings for collaborative work on the NAP which was just before MLAT and could be overlapped or even arrange a follow on meeting.

The TDC were presenting the Neighbourhood Action Plan to local groups, which does mention the proliferation of HMO's in the area. NAP's recommendations affect community family spirit. Possibly merge the November meeting with the practitioners.

-Tea break was called for 10mins.

### **Topic from Guest Speakers–BHCC Civil & Emergency Contingencies**

Paul Stanford was very welcome and was introduced as BHCC Senior Civil Contingencies Officer. He is the lead for the 'What if' programme in B&H. What if a disaster happened who would co-ordinate all the different services like police, ambulance, fire, and any other services required. The talk was about Brighton area Civil & Disaster Contingency planning and examples of previous events can be compared with mid-70's power blackouts, The Great Hurricane of 1987, recent local flooding, bad weather events like Snow and even any

Terrorism threats. Last years Grenfell Flats Fire tragedy would also fall within local authority Emergency planning.

In 2004 a local Civil Contingency regulation was passed and this also converges with a Sussex Resilience Forum and the City Council Emergency Planning operation, which is actually based from a Control Room, at New England House. Naturally there is close support from Sussex Police and a register of evacuation venues have been highlighted. There is a map of all sites and buildings that can be used in an emergency as evacuation sites with contact details so support can be set up very quickly. He explained that what was need was a large room and facilities like toilets, tea and coffee making for hot drinks to counter shock and gave examples of where some of these might be.

It was raised why there are no local Moulsecoomb venues to be evacuation centres and Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre and our local Church Halls were provisionally offered. (Ideas and actions to be followed up). Simon explained that sports halls and other venues which carry on day to day businesses might not be suitable as evacuees maybe there for a couple of days not just overnight. It shouldn't impact on the running of a business.

Q: Would the recent Pride Festival overcrowding and train failures come within an emergency situation

A: Indeed Paul did respond that the Brighton Centre was opened as an emergency centre for some overnight facilities for those who might have need of it but only 6 people attended so they could be dealt with at one of our existing venues.

Q: Would any likely strikes in Refuse or Power outages qualify?

A: If there were threats to normal living standards and likely suffering then these types of emergency events may be considered as requiring a Contingency Plan.

Paul offered that visits to the Emergency Control Room were on offer and invitations were made to MLAT Reps.

On a lighter note, UFO sightings were not considered as warranting a contingency plan! Any communication or enquiry was welcome for [Paul.Stanford@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Stanford@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

### **University of Sussex :**

Naomi mentioned that during Fresher's week and the weeks of the start of new semester, that on Wed/Thur/Friday the Streetwise team would be stewarding local venues around the city Centre to Lewes Road during all week of Fresher's events and mostly during evenings and late nights around Halloween.

The University Reps included David, a new member of the team who would be recruiting new student Community Ambassadors to operate on projects all year round instead of just early to mid summer months. Any local ideas for ambassador projects would be very welcome.

The Lewes Road Housing Office has now re-opened for any resident enquiries or visits about anti social issues that are only related to current students. A Housing open day event was planned for 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. There would be more Student Accommodation available on Sussex Campus when the new development for flats is available

For further community advice visit at <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/about/community/>

### **University of Brighton**

Kevin was welcomed on his return to MLAT following some health issues. He advised that the Preston Barracks development would be an inconvenience locally to residents and travel issues, but there were Developer and Constructor meetings planned.

Q: Any word on the Watts Building Multi-car park build?

A: This was currently scheduled for construction and could be complete by early next year.

He also informed us of a new Uni-only Shuttle bus route was proposed between campuses thus avoiding any on-site long term parking problems and congestion around local streets.

He reminded us that Beth Thomas-Hancock's Active Student office was now available for community project ideas with funding attached.

The Community Liaison Office was always available to discuss amenity and local issues.

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/community-liaison-team/index.aspx>

### **Community Reps update:**

The City Wide LAT Forum happened on 18th July, and it was offered some of our Summer newsletters for reading. The meeting topics were mostly involved with Citywide issues of drugs and crime and a City Plan Pt2 debate.

Topics delivered to the recent Forum round robin included highway speeding, and 'rat runs', the concentration of HMO's and the City Plan Part 2, which is more restriction about licensing of new landlord registrations. The next LAT Forum is on 26th October.

The HMO group were still meeting but no reports were available due to Reps apologies. No recent meetings had been happening at the Amex as it only meets every three months now.

### **Good News Stories:**

The City Plan Part 2 was currently available for public consultation via the BHCC portal, only until 13th Sept. Please sign in and have your say about HMOs enforcement.

### **A.O.B.**

- Our MLAT & TDC Healthy Neighbourhood Fund applications were open until 21st September.

- On Saturday 6th October the [Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre](https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/moulsecoomb-community-leisure-centre/) is offering an Open Day.

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-The MLAT web site can still be currently sourced: <http://www.moulsecoomblat.weebly.com/> with Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Moulsecoomblat/>

**Meeting closed at 12.35pm and the next meeting was announced as:**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 10.30am  
@ LEISURE CENTRE**