

MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT) Minutes of the meeting

held on 12th December 2018

1. **Chair's welcome:** Refreshments were offered from the Leisure Centre and additional festive treats passed round.

Show of appreciation for Lynn stepping down as secretary. Will be attending, but stepping down from committee role. Anne & Barry thanks Lynn for secretarial role for 6 years.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 14th November 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record. They were brief because second part was joint meeting with services – notes of that session shared for information. Essentially 3 themed groups looked at ideas for project groups and what people could promise to do as next steps.

3. Priorities:

Youth:

TDC - 67 Centre sessions will finish on 20th Dec and reopen on 8th Jan. Looking at developing young men's group and Barnardo's group about life skills and possible working with Audioactive for music sessions. Linking in with Good News to do adventure building for young people. Caroline will be moving in with Anke at St George's Hall.

Boys Brigade closed early for Christmas due to new priest coming in to St Andrews. Thanks to EMTRA residents' association who brought fruit hamper for children. Diamond anniversary in Jan 2021 so planning will start next year.

Communications:

Newsletter Winter issue 16 is out being circulated. Thanks go to Sussex University Community Ambassador volunteers helping, as well as other regular deliverers. Some copies did split on delivery so will check about stapling. Letter of thanks to ambassadors' c/o Naomi

Its first priority is local information and so thanks go to local community groups contributions, but it is noted that revenue could be gained from language school adverts etc. Naomi also suggests chasing her for Sussex University contribution.

It is noted page from newsletter about Valley Gardens is on Brighton Past Facebook.

Environment:

The meeting in Jan will be with Parks and looking at how they spend S106 money locally. Need residents to come and make sure their local parks stay on agenda. Anke (TDC) and Hannah (RIO) will chase attendance from friends of groups and tenant groups. Skate Park has its own project group and TDC can start to relook at Wild Park and use of old tennis courts.

BHCC Hub project feels like residents have been hearing about it without any information for ages. It has just passed initial business case and property & design team are starting to liaise with communities' team about community engagement plan so should get more information in New Year.

Housing are creating another fund to improve 'neglected' areas that tenants can apply to whether it is on housing land or not and whether they have an association or not.

Community Safety:

Police attending BLAT so they will also be invited to MLAT. Issues for agenda – parking on zigzags outside Moulsecoomb Way shops and young people on motor bikes. Parking on Hodshrove Lane unsafe for school children. People are reminded to report as much as possible.

Tea Break

4. Healthy Neighbourhood Fund

- Panel - Pete was unwell had operation back, but will participate next year and Barry will participate now Lynn has stepped down.
- Groups - Apologies from Scouts & 50+ Bevy group people working.

HNF Funded groups who attended:

Flamenco group at St Georges

Background - Friends Centre used to run classes and then became independent group at The Bridge. They lost spring term rent because of The Bridge closure so met at St Francis over Summer. HNF will fund classes starting in Feb at St Georges. Member 40s – 80s age range; More than half are from this ward and had 12 attendees this term. £2 donations to attend on drop in basis. Advertised in newsletter and Leisure Centre.

Sunflower Peer Support Group at Moulsecoomb school

For families of children with disabilities and they were supported by Amaze & TDC, but recently became independent peer group. This funding is for a free nurture session with families and inclusive activity session with families. The group helps families to access correct services and get support from each other in complicated systems that are very demanding on families. This is a safe space where they are not judged and they can help their children socialise safely through contacts in the group. Group is growing through online and word of mouth and will be getting some flyers printed at The Resource Centre. 8 regulars with 16 on register and for families of children with any physical or mental support need.

Boys Brigade at St Andrews – HNF paying for ‘junior camp’...Have a high number of children with disabilities and this trip helps them to get outside of Moulsecoomb in a safe and supported environment to experience different things – adventure activity centre...

Good News Hillview Centre – Chomp – Mon & Wed 11-1 in holidays (feeding 50 on average), Women’s coffee group 9-11, wed term time and Men in Sheds do lots of community projects and work, e.g. planters and shed at The Bevy, bench going in on football field. They can raise funds by selling benches and upcycling broken fly tipped furniture, which can also be used by families in need. They also offer counselling and life coaching services available. Christian gathering group there on a Sunday.

TDC young men’s group arose from engaging young people who weren’t accessing clubs, but did have anti-social behaviour. Before 67 centre reported to Police TDC gave them chance to engage and they are young men who struggle with attention and behaviour, but they have helped in writing bids and planning activities and this funding will go toward physical activities – swimming, parkour and access to gym etc... They have also received £4.5k from BHCC Grant.

Terrence took pictures and will promote HNF groups on website and in newsletter.

5. Update Brighton & Sussex University

Sussex – glad ambassadors worked well with newsletters – great to work with community and link up.

Brighton – reminds people they can access ‘Active student’ volunteers, e.g. Student volunteers support Boys Brigade.

If have any issue or would like help from university with something can approach Kevin or Naomi.

6. Community Reps update

7.1 Amex plans for Health Centre & Hotel not going ahead. Next meeting not till end of Season. Still have some issues with transport on buses but are being addressed.

7.2 No recent City HMO meeting.

7.3 No recent City LAT meeting.

8. Good News Stories

8.1 Christingle activities and Carols at St Andrews and then Christmas Carols at The Bevy show the church working with local community.

8.2 Lynn getting citizen of Brighton award for work done for Boys Brigade, MLAT & Poppy Appeal.

8.3 Men in Sheds did the Bevy Quiz, buy one get one free at Sunday Lunch and they donated it to Friday Friends Club.

8.4 Russell Bishop conviction noted.

8.5 Council will be sending out letters Re Coombe Road LAT parking zone scheme in Jan.

8.6 Scam alert - HMRC phone calls are a scam HMRC does not call people.

9. Date of Next Meeting 9th January 2019