

MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT)

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018

Chair's welcome:

Refreshments were available just before the meeting 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.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes held on 10th October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising:

None.

2018 Priorities:

Youth:

Good half term events and carrying on with clubs till Christmas. Can find on TDC website and in newsletter. Probably last session on 18th Dec and reopen w/c 14th, but Caroline will be about from 7th Jan. TDC youth groups did receive some of the grants through the additional BHCC youth funding; £4.5k for young men's group in Moulsecoomb and £5k for women's work across the city. Look Sussex club at 67 Centre and the Summer activities programme also received some funding and they received £300 from the HNF for the young men's group

Environment:

17th October only Naomi from Sussex Uni & Terrence (MLAT) were present for the walkabout and so they targeted immediate area of Hodshrove Lane and they noted some anti-social behaviour and referred to organisations. These are usually done with the tenant and residents group for the area, but in this instance they were not in attendance.

Communication:

- ✓ Following a recent public concern about schools; Cllrs Meadows and Marsh reassured attendees that **none** of the 3 primary schools in the area that take from the ward are in jeopardy of closure or merger and the choice to go single form entry was a positive one that makes their finances and resources more robust.
- ✓ Following a question, it was clarified that Field officers were different to Estate wardens as they join up 9 departments that have legislative authority or powers, which means they can speed up issues getting the most effective response rather than 'passing' around departments. They will be invited to a future meeting.
- ✓ Following a question about how students know about what to use for rubbish and recycling residents were told about the work the universities do with MLAT and others at Fresher's Fair and at a session before students move from Halls to community in year 2. It was reiterated that directing student neighbours to the council website and advising them in person is always helpful.

-Tea break was called for 10mins.

Topic: Neighbourhood Action Plan Service providers and Bevendean residents join.

Please see discussions and actions on appendix 1

Community Reps update:

- ✓ Shirley had informed us that the City LAT forum that the main issue in the North currently was proliferation of HMOs and the impact on local community. There have been 2 recent public meetings where this has been a priority issue; the City HMO meeting in Coldean and Moulsecoomb & Bevendean ward meeting organised by local volunteers not affiliated to any existing group.

- ✓ There was a recap about the additional authority being asked for by the council so they can have greater legislation to manage private rented homes. This has recently been rejected by central government following an appeal by the southern landlord's association. There is ongoing lobbying about this from the area's MP's. People are signposted to them, the citywide HMO group chaired by Cllr Hill and the social media group 'Family Homes not HMOs' for updates on applications and licenses in the ward.

A.O.B.

- Stephen & Lynn congratulated on their roles at city's remembrance services.
- Deadline for newsletter today
- New vicar, Father Martin Powell, starting in Dec at St Andrews will be invited to MLAT.
- 24th November - Christmas Fair at St Andrews 11am – 2pm
- 22nd December 7pm - Patcham Silver Band Christmas Concert-tickets from St Andrews

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

**Wednesday 12th December 2018 from 10.30am
@ LEISURE CENTRE**

Appendix 1

Moulsecoomb and Bevendean Hub Networking Event Notes

Session Five 14th November 2018 at Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre, Brighton
The session was a joint event with members of the Moulsecoomb Local Action Team and Action for Bevendean members.

Hub network attendees:

- Terrence Hill, Barry Burtenshaw & Brenda Williams MLAT
- Robert Brown – Action for Bevendean Community
- Roger resident
- Sarah Ford & Nicky Brown - Moulsecoomb Children's Centre
- Becky health walks
- Caroline Vitta – TDC Youth team
- Neil Hilton – Good News Brighton
- Tom Goodridge BHCC communities Team
- Debra Mallard – Varndean College
- Tara McClare – Brighton & Hove City Council
- Stella Richardson – BHCC Parks (Stanmer Regeneration/Plumpton College)
- Ian Barnett – The Bevy (volunteers@thebevy.co.uk)
- Jenny Draycott – BHT Moneyworks
- Linda Shaw – BHCC, Local Employment Scheme Co-ordinator
- Jayne Routley – Worker's Education Association (jroutley@wea.org.uk)
- Jo Tolley – Widening Participation Officer (MET)

NB: List missing from H&W group but Kaye Duerdoth can circulate to all network members.

Overview of Coffee and Croissant hub networking sessions

These are monthly networking session for anyone working in area, community representatives are welcome too.

The outcomes of the sessions are to

- Find out who else is working in your area
- Explore ways to work together more effectively
- Collaborate to meet community needs
- Become more confident working with community groups and volunteers

The direction and format of the sessions are steered by the people who come.

Reviewing the Moulsecoomb and Bevendean Neighbourhood Action Plan

The Neighbourhood Action Plan is

- a record of community priorities
- co-produced by community and services
- an evolving document

There are quarterly review sessions, today is one of them.

The three themes in the Moulsecoomb and Bevendean NAP are

1. activity, employment and learning
2. safety, environment and community spaces
3. health and wellbeing

The meeting divided into three groups to identify possible task and finish groups. These are a way to focus everyone's energies on key areas and could have a big impact.

Activity, Employment & Learning

Discussion: Reinventing routes into work

- Mapping which services already exist in the area, including Advice & Guidance work (adult learning, training, apprenticeships, volunteering) – to advice on accredited courses, apprenticeships, volunteering and employment.
- Joint approach necessary (Varndean, WEA, Children's Centre, Friends Centre, MET, Universities, BHCC, Bevy, Plumpton College @Stanmer Park etc.)
- Focus on people with long-term illness, carers, BME and young people
- Providers rotate regularly, Job Club to be delivered in more spaces across Moulsecomb & Bevendean (TDC)

Pledges:

- Bevy to work with TDC & John White (Job Club volunteer) on identifying services to reinvent Job Club at Library & Bevy. Involved: Digital Brighton & Hove, Linda Shaw (BHCC) – Clarion, Adult Learning Providers, WEA, MET, Children's Centre
- Brighton Met to deliver engagement activities & events – widen participation (East Campus, Wilson Avenue) – more info Jo Tolley, Widening Participation Officer

Discussion: Community Calendar

- Is an online tool accessible enough?
- Need to profile what's already on offer in the area.
- How would it be populated and managed? It would take updating and checking by ALL organisations. Each service would take responsibility for their entries and that they are up to date (weekly)
- Research online tools such as It's Local Actually, My Brighton & Hove, Hoop (app) for Children's activities
- Would it be city-wide
- How can we reach people through other methods? Libraries, shops, Bevy, newsletters. Action: Kaye to re-send information gathered at Coffee & Croissant meeting.
- Action: Spotlight on Hub work in 'Homing In' magazine to reach out to wider audience and more residents.

Pledges:

- TDC to research online tools to find best fit for online community calendar
- TDC will put information about Its local actually and Healthy Lifestyles team into newsletter

Environment, safety and community spaces

BHCC Hub project –

This project team already has a number of BHCC services, GP surgery, TDC, Moulsecomb Hall, Friends Centre, Varndean and Bevy have been spoken with as services that were previously identified as potentially going into hub. It is noted that neighbouring services and organisations may also be impacted significantly.

E.g. Good News Brighton would like to know more and be involved.

1. **Pledge:** MLAT invite hub projects team out to update residents.
2. **Request for pledge** by BHCC Hub project team to liaise with GNB and to start coming out to community for greater awareness. Tom taking this back.
3. **Request for pledge** by BHCC Hub project team & Communities team to start community consultation.

Green spaces projects –

There are a number of green spaces groups – friends of woods, parks etc in the ward and there are concerns they could miss out on resources by not collectively liaising with departments like Parks and Planning. Currently they all act independently. MLAT raised the issue of Wild Park outdoor gym project that never progressed after initial consultation. This was result of lack of volunteers driving project and low responses asking for it in consultation. It was agreed to revisit this.

Residents were concerned that theme seemed focussed on children and young people. There was discussion about what is available for others in community. They were signposted to the activity and community calendar discussion, but it was noted that more information about directories that exist could go into newsletter

1. **Pledge:** MLAT host green spaces meeting in Jan & invite parks and put on agenda, include invitations to Wild Pk Gym project, Skatepark Project, FO Hodshrove woods, Moulsecomb woods, Farm Green, Goodwood and Woollards Parks. TDC to cascade invitation to other departments like public health as well as parks.
2. **Pledge:** Healthy Lifestyles team will attend January meeting and will advertise for interest in a local health walk scheme. Need to recruit volunteer leader.
3. **Pledge:** TDC will consult young people on community indoor and outdoor spaces.
4. **Pledge:** Moulsecomb Children's Centre will cascade consultation around their families.

Health and Well-being

Digital Inclusion

This could be tailored to need so that it helps people get online as well as take their next digital step. There needs to be provision for older residents. Tablets, perhaps to loan, would be useful for ease of access. It could be fun and lead to other areas such as accessing benefits.

We discussed Digital Brighton and Hove's offer to train up NCS befriending volunteers.

Promotion - The MLAT newsletter could advertise Age UK B&Hs information and advice line to signpost people to digital inclusion support amongst other things.

Service providers could share leaflet delivery. The Tenant and Resident Associations and LATs can help share offers of support.

We could promote the underused service at Moulsecomb Library to support people to get online.

BACA and the Universities could be involve. Perhaps with an offer around intergenerational or accredited training.

Pledges

Moulsecomb Resident, Dave Murtagh – be part of a task and finish group

Digital Brighton and Hove, Josie Jeffrey- to work on increasing digital inclusion so that residents can gain skills to get online

Neighbourhood Care Scheme, Sally Clarke – ask volunteers if they will become digital champions

Recruit volunteers to support local residents

Moulsecomb Resident, Mary Funnel – support the use of neutral venues such as libraries, the leisure centre and health centre, these are less intimidating for communities

Age UK B&H, Andy Crosby – provide more accessible face to face information and advice support to the over 50s.

Mobility Scooter Provision

Could Moulsecoomb and Bevendean be a pilot for extending the city centre scheme into a neighbourhood? There is a Welsh example of offering this for £2 per day. NCS could help with lifts from volunteer drivers.

Joint Advice Surgeries

This could include Age UK B&H, Energy Advice, a Health Trainer, the Credit Union and more. It could be a physical space which services could work out of. Hove Town Hall is a model that works well. A café would be valuable for informal, spontaneous links. This could also act as a community gatekeeper to pass information and education to the BAME community and local residents.

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