

MOULSECOOMB LOCAL ACTION TEAM (MLAT)

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018

Chair's welcome:

Refreshments were available 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 sign the register.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Amendments on accuracy for last minutes were made:

Page 2 Environment: change "myself" to Terry.

Page 2 Communications: words added to read Council Tax 'Police Levy'

Then the minutes held on 13th June 2017 were agreed as an amended and accurate record.

Matters Arising:

Naomi from UoS mentioned that they are communicating with the MLAT wherever possible and that relationship was always of a positive nature. MLAT will reciprocate whenever representatives can engage, with interactions very healthy on both routes.

2018 Priorities:

Youth:

Caroline stated that on 16th June, over 70 attended the Youth Sports & Activities Festival at the 67 Centre & Leisure Centre, including young persons, families and carers. This offered a nice mix and event was very engaging. The activities were generally aimed to those groups and that for wider appeal it would be better advertised next year. The weather was excellent adding to the success and pleasure of event. A full & thorough report is included on the Youth Pages of Issue 15 MLAT Newsletter.

Caroline reported that the Youth Club is continuing on Thursdays. The Summer Holidays Activity Programme for 11-16yrs., events calendar is now in distribution and shows lots of activities for young family groups to become involved.

<https://www.trustdevcom.org.uk/blog/summer-holiday-programme-for-moulsecoomb-bevendean-and-coldean-out-now/>

The Boys Brigade is now in summer break but will resume in September for its 58th year. Despite currently being in summer dress, the group then return to Winter uniform and are consulting on new events such as the Washbrook Farm trip. The BB group's new sign is now showing on exterior of St. Andrews Hall. They are still collecting red bottle tops for the 100th Anniversary for the ending of 1st WW. This project will construct a large Poppy Mural to be put at a site yet defined. All red/green/black bottle tops welcome and can be donated at St Andrews Church Hall or at the 67 Centre. BB & TDC to report back in September and also consider the Figurine invisible Tommy's project at the Peace Environment Centre.

Christine from BACA reported on many events and engagement within the community. They have a new principal (Mr. Bob Speight) and had an event called BACA Pride within their Faculties. There was a cricket match arranged on 12th July between the Sir Rod Aldridge Cricket Academy players and the MCC. Visitors are welcome with BYO refreshments.

Students can start the Duke of Edinburgh Award and this term students visited the University of Brighton Printmaking & Textiles workshops for making wood block carvings. We had a Prom at the Jury's Inn on the Waterfront and also received an Outstanding Teacher Award from 'Rainbow Flag'. We continue to have a Showcase with the Digital Media Academy and students had Work Experience placements with 60 regional partnership companies.

Environment:

The MLAT will hold their bi-annual Community Walkabout on Wednesday 17th October from 1pm, but the location needs to be confirmed. Support from other groups and colleagues are invited. Recent new PCSO reorganisation means attendance can only be offered when time limits allow.

A contribution from a resident mentioned that local Buses may not be safe at late operating times, however Chair had no control over any situations other than to connect with the Buses website & twitter. Another comment asked why were buses running with lighting on? and during the meeting someone emailed and receive a response that Buses were independent whilst operating the routes of any controls over LED systems but to report it to the Bus company if it happens again.

A report that traffic delays may be in place for around 6 months due to road improvements and junction changes between Coombe and Natal Roads. This was an element of the wider Preston Barracks and University developments and it was unfortunate to be timed at the same time as the recently announced Valley Gardens road improvement scheme.

The Pavilion Trading Estate was also seeing development and a new HobbyCraft outlet had just been opened by the Moulsecomb Scout Group and they are supporting the BB Group with discounts on purchases. Aldi supermarket would be opening there very soon!

Communication:

The Chair stated the new MLAT Summer Newsletter Issue 15 was now printed and being posted to around 3,000 homes around the district. Copies were available for attendees.

Newsletters are one of the MLAT priorities for informing residents and Councillor Yates complemented the success of every edition.

The Council were fine tuning the Neighbourhood Action Plan, which does mention the proliferation of HMO's in the area affecting community spirit, as circulation of Newsletters at lots of properties seemed superfluous to our distributors at this time of year due to Summer vacation.

It was reported that the former Bridge Centre buildings could be available to the community, if taken over by the Albion In The Community group. This was confirmed at date of meeting, and is in our Newsletter.

-Tea break was called prior to welcoming our Guest Speakers.

Topic from Guest Speakers -Elm Grove General Hospital and Health Hub proposals

Geoff Braterman & Paul Somerville were welcomed to the meeting.

A short brief on the proposal was given prior to Q&A's.

The current Rehabilitation Hub at the General Hospital offers service to Lewes, Newhaven and the Brighton conurbation. Many changes to the site have been made since 1948 and despite its many current services and health activities the hospital bed-care ceased on site wards in 2009.

Most of the rear buildings on site are now derelict due to age of buildings and high costs for maintenance. The fragmented site and unserviceable buildings are not conducive to modern health delivery.

The complex needs of a current Health & Wellbeing strategy is not ideal, so a new large Health Hub building is proposed to offer the different services and disciplines needed for a 'one-stop' modern service and development.

Five optional business proposals were explained with the proposed move of the SECAM ambulance services to Wollards Field on the A27. The development proposals are in a very early stage of a Five-year phased scheme to deliver a brand new 'balanced Hub' and to release land for Affordable Housing or possibly Homeless Centres.

The five options are Option 1. Do nothing. Option 2. Do minimum option. 3. Refurbishment and infill which involves retaining Cuckmere, Dyke and Edburton buildings. Sell the remainder for residential/housing and between the blocks build new infill buildings. Option 4. Is similar to option 3 but instead of infilling with new buildings, demolish and build new hub. Option 5 is the Multi-Storey new build option. This is the most radical as it involves demolition of the current Sussex Rehabilitation Centre and creating a new multi-storey

building. This option also requires them to purchase the adjacent land so this option gives Brighton General Health Hub an on street entrance from Elm Grove. This option could include GP services and would provide greater integration of services with clinical activities plus new offices

Plans were shown to the meeting of the 5 options and a survey form was handed to attendees. (Some comments during Q&A)

Q: If the best capital investment was preferred, would there be enough parking?

A: The site is for Health Trust HQ and staff use, so the plans would be released in stages to comply with all parking needs.

Notes: -The estimated £40-50M cost would require a parking and a travel programme.

The Clinical Commissioning Group would need to take into consideration modernisation to access and promote a proper travel policy.

-MM mentioned she was part of a HOSC group who considered the whole scheme as nice, a supportive plan and with lots of local benefits and interest!

-At present these plans were about engagement, as compared to consultation in shaping any future plans.

-A relocation of the current Sussex Rehabilitation Unit may be required!

-The build schedule can be described as 2019 for plans request; 2020 some likely plan changes; 2021 possible build; and by 2023 to complete project.

Q: Insp. MacCarthy mentioned that a Drugs Centre would be an attraction.

A: This suggestion was thanked and noted.

Q: What if any of the current facilities and services may be transferred to the RSCH?

A: The Physio, and Rehab Unit, GP Centres and general HealthCare units may need to be considered as part of the overall proposals.

-Other mentionable comments were about the Race Hill site on general wider access/parking issues, Race Course land requires further assessment and the need for more public consultation. Note: The Survey handed out needed to be completed and returned by 31st July.

University of Sussex : (UoB unavailable)

The students Health day and Community Fair was held around the Falmer campus on 24th June, and was very successful.

The University Reps would be available for any interaction before or during the new academic year and even the Freshers Week for new students, which was around the week following 16th September.

It was repeated that the web link is still active for further community advice and local debate at www.sussex.ac.uk/about/community/talk-to-us/

Community Reps update:

The City Wide LAT Forum is not due until 18th July, and this Forum still maintains its objective to become independent from BHCC and the entire various City LAT's are encouraged to support the Forum.

Topics to the Forum will be on the concentration of HMO's and the City Plan Part 2, which will contain more restriction on licensing of new landlord registrations.

No recent debate or meetings had been reported from the Amex Rep.

Good News Stories:

- ✓ England were still in the semi-finals of World Cup
- ✓ The recruitment of two more Police Sergeants and ten more PC Officers was good news.

A.O.B.

-There was a resident's petition on the table for attendees to support.

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

with Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Moulsecoomblat/>

Meeting closed at 12.40 and the next meeting was announced as:

**Wednesday 12th September 2018 from 10.30am
at MOULSECOOMB LEISURE CENTRE**