

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2.00 pm, 10th July 2018
Council Chamber Greenacre Centre

Present:

Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig (notes); Cllr Colin Phelps;
Cllr John Talbot; Glen Rickwood, Caroline Jenkins (Assistant Town Clerk).

1. Apologies. None

2. Minutes of last meeting (08.05.2018) / matters arising

No further information has been received on either Youth provision in Stotfold, Health Hubs, or the old Brewery footpath, although it was noted that this footpath did appear on a map sourced from CycleCity Guides (2012).

AC is pursuing the acquisition of leaflets for local attractions for display in the STC foyer.

3. Updating Residents' handbook

Last update thought to be 2015. It was proposed that the booklet would be A5 in format and available via Estate agents to all new residents, either purchasers or rentals. CJ distributed examples of similar handbooks from Biggleswade and Ampthill for consideration.

Immediate concerns were that a Stotfold handbook should not contain advertisements or details of commercial enterprises. Also, that information would get out of date quickly and therefore a yearly update of contact details was proposed on a specified month. Items for inclusion discussed were as follows:

A map

Brief history of Stotfold

Roles and responsibilities of: STC, CBC and MP

General % of council tax available to STC

Information on Police: Biggleswade Pc based, telephone 101 line

Fire services

Health services: Larksfield, Hospitals, A&E, Opticians, dentists, pharmacy and defibrillator locations, Carers in Bedfordshire.

Education: Children's centre, Nurseries, Pre-schools, schools and Academies.

Churches: denomination and location only, not church groups

Facilities: Post Office, ATMs, CAB, Advice Central, SGNG, Library, Recycling facilities & locations, the Need Project, recreational spaces, Stotfold Mill and Nature reserve.

Uniformed organisations: Scouts and Guides etc.

Transport: Buses, Lister Shuttlebus, Wanderbus & train service.

Annual events calendar.

It was agreed that the group should meet together during August (date in conjunction with CJ) to further work on the handbook.

4. Updates

- **SGNG (Good Neighbour Group): WJC:** CBE classes very successful, coming to end of first 12-week session all participants showing progress on assessment.
- Future of classes secure as STC has granted free let of room.
- Good influx of funds from Festival week, Quiz £250, Fete Wine stall £155, Raffle £126.
- Volunteers, lost two due to ill health, gained one, one new enquiry.
- SGNG asked to give presentation to other local groups at area meeting on procedure to attain Charitable Status.

- Social Prescribing: SGNG on alert to see if this means referrals from Larksfield for the CBE classes.

PPG (Patient Participation Group) JT

- JT to discuss with Barbara Moran the issue of SGNG being asked to transport a patient from Larksfield to Lister hospital. SGNG feels this was inappropriate as they are not, and must not, be considered as First Responders.

Green Wheel: AC

- The Master Plan was endorsed on the 6th June.
- Next stakeholders meeting is in September, when updates will be available.
- Information was presented at both the Mill may weekend and at the Festival fete.
- The bird hide in Mill meadows was officially opened on the 17th June.
- The group is thinking of producing a specific walks leaflet.

Education CP

- A new Head teacher has been appointed at Roecroft – Mrs Hollie Cross
- A new principal has been appointed at Etonbury Mr Ian Eversden
- The new building work at Etonbury has been completed
- The builders were supposed to be moving across to immediately start on the Pixbrook site, but this has not occurred. There is significant doubt about the opening of the new school in 2019 as it is not possible to schedule the appointment of staff when there are no premises in existence. The local authority appears to be particularly poor on managing strategic planning.
- The new Nursery opening on the Etonbury site has been shelved.
- A project 'Schools for the Future' has been put out by BEST and focusses on a basic structural change within the education system. The recommendation is to shift to a two-tier system with new schools in a Primary / Secondary model. CBC has indicated a preference for this model, however it was noted that this will incur huge potential change to the current arrangement. An age of 11 years is foreseen as a cut-off point for transfer of children between the two levels.

7. Items for information

AC brought to the attention of the group the proposed expansion of Luton airport and discussed the effects this may have on our environment.

Passenger numbers are set to increase from 18 million to 36/38 million.

For information see www.FUTURELUTON.LLAL.ORG.UK

Presentations scheduled at Hitchin Town Hall July 16th 2.00 – 8.00pm
and at Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre July 23rd. 2.00 – 8.00pm

8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 2 pm. Action: AC