

**Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)**  
**2.00 pm, 26th September 2017**  
**Council Chamber Greenacre Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair/notes); Cllr Colin Phelps; Julie Stockford; Cllr John Talbot; Clare Whitty.

**1. Apologies:** Wendy Craig; Glenn Rickwood

**2. Minutes of last meeting / Matters Arising from action points**

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted, although attention was drawn to an email from Cllr Steve Dixon, copied to all Town Councillors. Those councillors who are members of the IG group accept that we misinterpreted comments made by Cllr Dixon with reference to the discussion on places available in schools for Stotfold pupils (MINUTE ITEM 3 – EDUCATION). Copy of the email filed with minutes of 26.09.17.
- The Town Plan, Summary Plan, all previous Minutes and the Monitoring Sheets (Updated August 2017) are all available on the Town Council website. Thanks to KET and Larry Stoter.
- Cllr Steve Dixon has provided a response to the progress on the footpath adjacent to the former Roecroft Lower School. Drew Gwillam has advised Cllr Dixon that an application has been made for an urban way to be included on the Definitive Map. The application, which is held in a queue, will determine if the way was ever a footpath and if it should be included on the legal record of Rights of Way. This issue has been raised a number of times and in the early part of April 2015 (ref IG mins) many residents, including members of the dog-walkers' groups, completed a survey which indicated that the path has been used over many of years.
- IG deferred discussions on the condition of the former Roecroft playing field – AC to report to the next R,PL & L Committee meeting.

**3. The Better Health Care Fund Plan**

Julie Ogle, Director of Social Care, Health and Housing, and Patricia Coker, Head of Partnerships and Performance, attended a meeting with Stotfold Town Councillors on 31.07.17 to discuss concerns expressed by the Implementation Group and the Town Council. The minutes of the meeting will be presented to the Town Enhancement Committee. SB and JT felt that questions asked were constructive and discussions very positive. Problems with transport, an ageing population and how the hub system in the Ivel Valley area might work, were amongst issues discussed.

**4. Updates**

**Good Neighbour Group: AC/WJC**

- SGNG has submitted a written request to the Town Council for a grant to set up the proposed Seated Exercise classes.
- We are changing our insurance provider as our current provider AON is ceasing to insure voluntary organisations. The secretary is investigating alternative providers, but AON have passed our details to BHIB who have made preliminary contact with us.
- SGNG intends ask all the volunteers for agreement to bring forward its AGM to October, from December. At the AGM we can then ask for permission from the members to apply to become a '*small* charity' and register with HMRC. Hopefully we can achieve this before we need to renew the group's insurance, which is due on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. We don't wish to do this in reverse, as we would incur an administration fee from the insurers for changing to charitable status.
- SGNG phone line hours are changing. After discussions it has been decided that the actual hours the phone line is open will be reduced from 8.00am to 6.00pm, to 8.00am to 3.00pm. Of recent months the line has been so busy that it is difficult for the phone holders to have time to actually arrange the help requested. By closing the line at 3.00pm it is hoped that the volunteers will have more time to complete the arrangements and administration required. The actual support to clients is unaffected and is available all day, every day within reason. Advertisements in Stotfold News have been modified and a leaflet drop has notified all existing clients.

- WC and AC attended a Good Neighbour & Village Care Scheme Networking Group meeting on 11.08.17 led by the Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership. We were surprised by the number of victims aged 61+ who experienced at least one form of abuse (psychological, social or financial).
- WC, AH and AC joined the Beds Good Neighbour & Village Care Scheme Network Annual Celebration at Flitwick on 14.09.17. The Health and Well Being theme covered talks on Safety in the Home with emphasis on fire; Caring for Carers and an introduction to the new Beds Memory Navigation / Well Being service. The conference allowed members the opportunity to network with other groups.
- Macmillan coffee morning in conjunction with Academy for .Central Beds to be held in St Marys Church from 10 am on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept

### **PPG (Patient Participation Group) JT**

- . A new Practice Manager, Barbara Moran, had been appointed.
- Larksfield PPG Minutes of Committee Meetings are available at the surgery, together with copies of Larksfield News.
- The BCCG are seeking views about extending the opening hours of GP practices in Bedfordshire. Extended hours service could mean visiting a nearby practice rather than the surgery where the patient is registered, (SystemOne will be used as a means of accessing medical records).
- Proposals have been agreed to explore a possible merger between Bedford Hospital and Luton & Dunstable University Hospital. A full business case will be submitted in Dec.2017 with the intention of a merger taking place in April 2018.
- A Festival for Older People has been organised for 10 am. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick. This will celebrate International Older Peoples Day and the theme is 'Stepping into the Future'.
- JT has produced copies of the Recovery College Prospectus containing details of workshops and courses. The College is part of the Beds and Luton Mental Health Authority.

### **Education CP**

- CP will be visiting Etonbury in his role as Governor in the next few weeks. The work ethic remains positive despite bigger classes.
- No news on Pix Brook Academy which opens in September 2019. Likely to be a 'phased' build.

### **Green Wheel AC**

- Meeting due to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September was deferred until the Green Wheel Consultation results are completed. Further discussions need to take place because of new housing developments in Arlesey and Stotfold – some adjustments may be needed to the route of the Green Wheel.
- Date of next meeting of the Stakeholder Group is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **5. Items for information**

- AC will invite Chairs of Town Council groups to specify anything IG can investigate that is relevant to the wishes of residents within the Town Plan.
- IG had received an email from Mike Fayers (BRCC) offering to help progress any of the outstanding issues in the original plan (2009). MF visited the Group at the point when we added in Education.
- Bedfordshire Launch – Orchard East – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Booking required – [gen@orchardseast.org.uk](mailto:gen@orchardseast.org.uk)

**6. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 2 pm. Action: AC