

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2.00 pm, 8th January 2019
Council Chamber Greenacre Centre

Present:

Cllr Sheila Bundock, Cllr Anne Clarey (chair), Wendy Craig (notes),
Cllr Colin Phelps; Cllr John Talbot.

1. Apologies: Glen Rickwood

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting / Matters Arising

- Minutes accepted.
- The new Greensand Community country bus service is being used by members of SGNG and others. The pricing structure is thought to be good. JT is to attend the official launch on Thursday 10th Jan and will present a summary of the transports SGNG does to local hospitals and clinics per year in the hope of modifying the bus routes and the return policies. With the axing of the Health Shuttle it is hoped that CBC can maintain a service which is essential across many communities
- The 'Get Smart' box has proved popular. Leaflets for Stotfold Mill and Ridgemont Station Tea Rooms have all gone already. STC is to shortly take delivery of a Smart Stand plus the new latest leaflets for local organisations and venues.

3. Matters Arising

Other Matters Arising to be covered under Agenda Items.

4. Progress: Residents' Handbook

- Caroline has reviewed the Meppershall GNOMES handbook and likes the way they publish the web sites of organisations so that interested parties can contact the web sites directly for information. This puts the onus onto the organisations to keep their information current.
- More work on this publication to be done in April and May.

5. Updates

Good Neighbour Group WJC

- Two new potential volunteers have made initial enquiries.
- SGNG Co-op Local Charity scheme is up and running and whereas we thought we might receive something in the region of £2000 over the year, based on last year's events, this may be as high as £6,000 when the additional plastic bag levy is included.
- We now have an active Facebook page and are hopeful that this will reach a younger group of Stotfold residents. It is already linked with the Stotfold News page and it is hoped that STC and the Library will also agree to be linked with us.
- The Stag public house once again provided a free Christmas lunch for 20 SGNG clients, a very generous offer to a group of the more socially isolated clients.
- Biggleswade Lions and the Co-op donated 7 and 3 Christmas gifts respectively to our clients.
- The Salvation Army Concert was a great success and the donations collected on the evening were given to SGNG, a very generous £467. Letters of thanks have been sent.
- A new advertisement is to be placed in Stotfold News specifically aimed at recruiting more volunteers.
- In addition, a run of 5,000 leaflets has been printed to both advertise our services to potential clients and also to encourage new volunteers. These will be distributed at events and eventually all over Stotfold, but over a long period of time so as not to swamp our capacity to respond to an increase in requests.

PPG (Patient Participation Group) JT

- It was felt that the Positive Movement group should approach Beds CCG if support needed.
- The Patient survey was successful, the community was 94% happy with the Practice. 282 patients were surveyed, however these were mainly from the older cohort as the survey was conducted on the Flu vaccination morning.
Patients over 65 years tended to visit the surgery to book appointments

Patients under 65 years tended to phone or book appointments on line.

Patients would like continuity of care by the same clinician.

A complaints 'committee' is to be set up in response to the survey to ensure responses are given to complaints.

Many comments were received with regard to the ability of the Practice to meet the needs of the increase in the local population.

Some concerns were raised in the IG meeting concerning the approaching retirement of the current Partners and the fact that the younger Clinical staff were locums.

Green Wheel AC

- Last meeting was 30th Nov 2018.
- It was agreed to defer the launch of the Walking route from 24th March until 19th May 2019. Due to local elections there are specific restrictions in place rendering the launch inappropriate (purdah).
- A launch sub-group has been organised Colin Phelps and Brian Collier to represent Stotfold. There is much to be organised including selection of the launch site. Liz Anderson suggested liaising with the Fox and Duck to use the end of their car park. Also suggested they might be approached to see if they would like to provide refreshments.
- Next meeting of the Stakeholder Group is March 8th 2019.

Education CP

- A new car park is to be constructed to replace the area where the Pixbrook Academy will be temporarily located. This will eventually be returned for use by Etonbury.
- It is thought that there will be approximately 90 places offered / required in September for the new Pixbrook Academy.
- This will be a three-form entry.
- There is still no evidence on the ground of any new buildings opposite Etonbury.
- All other local schools seem to be functioning well.
- However, there is a problem with nursery places, numbers available are inadequate.

6. Items for Information Purposes Only – Possibly areas that IG will be involved in:-

Greenacre Centre – Open Space Public Art Installation

- The chosen artist Tim Ward has put forward his ideas, Human Sundials to be positioned at the back of the Green acre Centre.
- The sundials to be formed from granite blocks possibly with mosaic decorative panels produced in workshop sessions at local schools and in community events. The details are still under discussion.
- A display is on show within the foyer at the Greenacre Centre.

Corporate Strategic Plan – What do we want the Town to be?

- The Town Council have started to think about producing a 'Corporate Strategic Plan' for Stotfold.
- The Town Enhancement Committee (with amended Terms of Reference) will take the lead in looking at the Council's objectives.
- The Enhancement Committee will not stray into work within the sphere of activity of the Town Plan Implementation Group

Old Brewery Footpath

- Two years ago, all materials relevant to the official recognition of the footpath as a Public Right of Way were submitted to the Definitive Maps Officer.
- IG was warned that the process may take up to four years.
- AC to ask the Town Clerk to find out how far the process has progressed, as all evidence has been supplied.

7. Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th March 2019 – 2pm Greenacre Centre