

WELCOM FORUM

East Tilbury, West Tilbury and Linford

7pm Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Present: John Purkiss – Chairman, Dave Bowling – Vice Chairman, Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook Sec, Gordon Stevens, Daphne Harvey, Cllr Sue Sammons, Linda Mulley, Fred Mulley, Rose Phillips, Iris Crane, Colin Strong, Simon Daniel, G Ford

Apologies: Samon Odubanjo, Mike Tarbard, Lesley Keefe, Bob Quick

The meeting was opened by John Purkiss who said that it was important that we are there to represent the people of East Tilbury in the allocation of monies to groups within our community who have asked for assistance from s106 monies.

GOBIONS PARK – ***It was agreed by all present*** that the phase 1 of approx. 60k should go

ahead, questions were asked about Gym Equipment being in the park and the vandalism, as had happened at Grays Park but after discussion it was agreed that Gym Equipment would be an asset to the park and the people of East Tilbury. It was also agreed that in phase 2 maybe a container could be added to the park for the use of a lending library, when it was more secure.

VILLAGE HALL – ***It was agreed by all present*** that the installation of a sprung floor to enable the hall to be used more widely by the community, also that a Webpage would be put together so that it would be easier for people to book the hall. Frazer will design the system that can be used by computer and manually together

CCTV – ***It was agreed by all present*** that equipment was required so as to keep as secure as possible the equipment in the park especially if at a later date a Lending Library was to operate from here.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – ***It was agreed by all present*** that in today's climate of children needing exercise this gave an outlet to encourage young people out to socialize and take part in activities.

GIRL GUIDES AND SCOUT GROUP – ***It was agreed by the majority*** these groups need indoor equipment and outdoor equipment to help with the growing number of children wanting to join and take part in activities.

SHINING STARS – ***It was agreed by all present*** that monies should be given to this group to help buy equipment to assist the children who use these facilities that are not fortunate enough to benefit from the other facilities available to the able bodied

AED – ***It was agreed by all present*** due to the train barrier cutting off East Tilbury from immediate emergency access at up to twenty minutes at a time the community needs to have more AEDs

available and the suggested sites were East Tilbury Medical Centre which is located towards the back of East Tilbury and Coalhouse Fort as it has lots of visitors to the park and could be located the Rangers office. It would also cover the church nearby. The park area is visited by increasing numbers and would also benefit from cctv for the same reason as Gobions park.

This is the first part of s106 monies put forward by the Forum to Thurrock Council 106 panel for the community of East Tilbury and other groups will be discussed as per our list at the next Forum meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 31st May 2018 at Linford Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm if you would like a refreshments 7pm