

## WELCOM FORUM

East Tilbury, West Tilbury and Linford

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook –Sec, Adrain Short, Michael Keal, Gordon Stevens, Kim Towlson – TAF & Horndon Chair, Michelle Savage – Thurrock Museum & Coalhouse Fort, Christine Osbourne, Pam Painter, Iris Crane, Rose Phillips, Valarie Adams, David Crates, Jason Barron, Merese Wilkins, Fred Mulley, Linda Mulley, Lesley Keefe, Bob Quick, Mike Tabard, Jimmy Allen – Essex Wildlife Trust

Apologies: Dan Ambrose – Kier Construction, Cllr Sue Sammons

Previous minutes were agreed and signed with no alterations

### **Michelle Savage – Coalhouse Fort**

The Coalhouse Fort Event 'Battles Over' A Nations Tribute is all coming together, the basket is Beacon basket is fixed and the sign has been repainted and placed back. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help please contact Michelle. The event will start to be set up during the afternoon starting at 1pm with an event briefing at 4pm. Posters advertising the event have been placed on social media and leaflet drops in East Tilbury and the village. St Catherine's is open with a WW1 display and refreshments and so is the Engine Room café. There will be Poppies made by our local school decorating the Fort Entrance and some on lamp posts in East Tilbury and the village.

### **Jimmy Allen – Essex Wildlife Trust**

A programme recently appeared on tv called Inside Out and gave a full 8 mins to the Nature Park about its beginning and its present as a Nature Park. FP 147 has been worked on and although it will not be officially opened until next year as it still needs Squeeze gates and Kissing gates to be installed to stop bike access the path itself is dramatically improved and will be of great asset to the people of East Tilbury and Linford to walk through to the Nature Park. This was a result from a meeting between the Forum and Enovet where the problem of the footpath was raised a few months back. Bob Quick asked about the path passed the sluice gates but as yet this land has not been handed over to the Nature Park. There have been two new members of staff employed who will work between the Trust sites and they will cover Education and Communication. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December there will be Folk music at the park and 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a Craft Fair.

### **NHW**

Kim Towlson will email crime list to Cris Bowling-cook as we do not seem to have a representative attending the Forum meeting anymore.

### **TASKFORCE**

Linda Mulley our representative on the Taskforce asks that everyone go out and make sure that they speak to friends and neighbours about the proposed Lower Thames Crossing as so many people are

still saying that they know nothing about the Crossing and to attend Highways England meetings. Although this may now be a done deal we still have to fight to reduce the impact of the crossing and the now Service Area which has appeared this time at the back of the Thameside Industrial Park which could prove a worry for people with young families as there will be parking for hundreds of lorries resting/overnight and cars not to mention the offices required to oversee the everyday running of the tunnel and emergency vehicles. Before we were told moving traffic is less pollution now it's going to be allowed to stop and start, everyone needs to write to Chris Grayling to put your views over and also fill in the Consultation Document but carefully as it has weighted questions and in some parts you will need the Consultation Book which it refers too. Anna Eastgate who has been employed by Thurrock Council and has been involved in many such consultations thinks we have missed the boat with regard to option changes. Laura Blake from Thames Crossing Project is trying very hard to get voices heard. East Tilbury Village seems to be the most effected place. You can fill in the Consultation Questionnaire on line and in paper form. This is a National Infrastructure Project and anyone can fill these in so we need to be active. We thank Linda for her work on the Taskforce.

It was brought to the table by Valarie that Stratterra Energy will be building a landlocked Power Station with gas turbines in 2020 and Thurrock is involved.

### **Gobions Park**

New Signs are up and new planters are in place ready for next years flowers. The Gobions Park committee are having trouble meeting up with workloads etc so it was suggested and agreed that matters relating to the Park finance would come back to the Forum as the s106 monies needs to be spent before the expiry when it has to be returned to the developers.

### **S106 Bridge Monies**

John said that he has been in touch with Ian Anderson from Icenl as this monies has to be renegotiated for use and this has to be done with the developer and as soon as a meeting can be arranged John and Dave will there.

### **East Tilbury School 20mph speed limit**

The Forum have been in touch with the Council via Cllr Sue Sammons and the Council say that we have two crossings and width restrictors and that they don't feel we have a case for a 20mph limit. We believe there is a case for this limit due to the amount of building work being carried out at this time and the Lorries that use this road on and continual basis. I would also like to point out that parents also need to write to the Council and complain. Another letter will be sent to the Council.

Next meeting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Linford Methodist Church, 7 for 7.30 please remember to bring your minutes and that there will be no meeting in December.