

West Tilbury, East Tilbury and Linford Forum

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Present:** John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook Sec, David Crates, Rose Phillips, Valerie Adams, George Ford, Linda Mulley, Fred Mulley, WPC Laura Brady, Cllr Sue Sammons, Iris Crane, Gordon Stevens, Pam Painter, Bob Quick, Brian Martin, Cathy, Jimmy Allen – Mucking, Steve Swinney

**Apologies:** Dan Ambrose, Kim Toulson, Scott Sullivan, Mike Tarbard

Minutes from January were agreed and signed.

### **Better Care Together Thurrock**

We started the meeting with a presentation from Sabrina and Sarah with regard to the new Community Led Support Team (CLS). They explained that this was a Pilot scheme being rolled out to most Doctors in East Tilbury, Tilbury and Chadwell St Mary. People living in the pilot area will be offered the opportunity to have a face to face conversation with a member of the adult social care team in the convenient location close to where they live. Its purpose is to bring social care workers out into the community, making support more accessible to people. The process starts when you call your GP, all but one GP in the Pilot area is taking part. The idea being that the services we have are used to the maximum and helping people in the areas who have travel difficulties. Should adult social care be needed the person whom you talk to will deal with all that is needed and cut out the paperwork that was being done by a multitude of people and you having to repeat it a multitude of times hopefully keeping continuity. The borough of Thurrock has a large shortfall in doctors and this is why the pilot scheme is being launched, new Nurse Practitioners are being interviewed, Wellbeing Teams are being trained to deal with the health issues in our area COPD, Asthma etc. There is a Community Event in May/June and a Focus Group to be put together by end of March. It was asked if a tick box system for feedback with a notice could be put into all surgeries. This Pilot is off the back of a survey done in 2016. There will be a Community Event May/June and a Focus Group at the end of March.

### **PC Laura Brady**

Laura came to the Forum meeting to introduce herself and explain about her role and the areas that she covers. Laura covers Orsett, Linford, Horndon on the Hill, West Tilbury, East Tilbury and Bulphan. She has someone who works on opposite shifts to herself. The area has 2PCs and 2PCSOs. There are other officers who will also be in the area for other reasons. They are based in South Ockendon. CBC asked if Active Citizens would be allowed to work solely in their area as they know if something is out of place, Laura seemed to think that anyone being an Active Citizen would have to be with a Police Officer but it was asked again if they could work in their own area with a phone number as the Active Citizen would not be expected to act should something be wrong. Laura was going to ask if this was possible. We were informed that people need to report everything and not just put incidents on Fb, as by reporting incidents it highlights the need. Dave Bowling asked whether BTP were asked to help Policing the surrounding area around the station which would cover Gobions Park. Laura also asked where would be the best place for Police Officers to have Coffee with cops and it was suggested The Post Office.

## **Location of a HUB**

The Council asked the Forum to look at 9 sites that they had identified could be of interest as a site for a HUB. This is something the Forum has been involved in for a number of years with the Council but only now are they coming forward with sites even though the Forum identified a site last year but the Council then gave Planning Permission for it. The general feeling was that the best site to place a HUB would be where it was accessible for all, easy to walk to and to park, and bearing in mind that a HUB has to be sustainable by its own means the Forum selected the best location would be the **Sports ground** and play pitches site 7 as other locations lacked access or parking and would not be able to generate an income. This information will be passed to Natalie Warren.

## **Mucking**

Jimmy Allen said that they were up by 40% on last year and that events had been well attended and that there were other events played like Birds of Prey, Astro Evening and Alfred Russell Mom a talk about Bumble Bees. That Matt had now left and was no longer a Ranger and applications were coming in to fill that post. The Volunteer working party still meets on Tuesday and Thursday. Steve Swinney said that he felt the Linford Woods should have been staggered as it has left birds looking for nesting sites. Question was asked about the lakes and fishing and as has been said before these lakes are of Special Interest and when fishing is allowed it will be done by a separate body and not Mucking as management is very important due to the diversity of the site.

## **S106**

John and Dave went to the Council to register an interest in setting up a Community Neighbourhood Plan which would allow an increased percentage of community infrastructure levy money to come back to East Tilbury. CIL is being adopted by Thurrock Council alongside the Thurrock Local Plan

## **Conditions of the Buckinghamhill Road**

Steve Swinney has written to Cllr Watkins complaining about the amount of mud left on the road from the Ingrebourne site, CSL site. He had an immediate response and the road is being monitored.

## **Gobions Park**

The Skate Ramp was completely taken away by Thurrock Council even though it had been identified that only a section needed to be removed, this is being looked into by Sue Sammons.

## **Taskforce**

28,000 response Highways are going through all. Environmental survey being carried out and tenders are being invited from EU.

## **Litter Picks**

There is to be a National Litter Pick Campaign and this will be done in our area. Yellow Vest and Pickers to be acquired, as this will be done in West Tilbury, Linford, East Tilbury and East Tilbury Village walkway.

**Woodland Area at side of St Catherines**

John received an email from Victoria with regard to making alterations to the woodland, John and Dave to attend a meeting as this is the Village Green.

The Forum would like to Thank Linda Mulley for all her work on the Taskforce and as deputy secretary, we wish her and Fred every happiness in their new adventure.

Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm for 7.30 start.