
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

HELD ON 7 APRIL 2014 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WEELEY

Present: Councillors M Patten (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), C Amos, C Callender, J Hawkins, T Howard, D Miles, A Pugh and I Tracey

In Attendance: Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

48. CHAIR

As the Chairman of the Committee (Councillor Miles) was not in attendance at the start of the meeting, the Chair was occupied for the whole of the meeting by the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Patten).

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

50. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 24 February 2014, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following addition:

Minute 46 – Verbal Report of the Chairman of the Tendring Locality Board

That the minute be amended to include that Councillor Bentley from Essex County Council (ECC) had given an undertaking that the issue of financial investment in Jaywick would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Essex County Council.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

52. REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/2015

The Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) gave a verbal update on the items that had been discussed by the Committee during the current municipal year.

He reminded Members that Mr Nick Alston, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had confirmed that he would be attending the meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2014 and would give an update on his first year in post as the PCC for Essex.

On reading through the items that had been covered during the year, Mr Sweeney confirmed that the issue of the new GP Surgery at Holland-on-Sea was still outstanding with updates being needed from the Clinical Commissioning Group.

He said that since the Draft Local Plan had been discussed by the Committee at its meeting in October 2013, a new Committee, the Local Plan Committee, had been agreed at full Council on 21 March 2014 and the first meeting of that Committee would be taking place in due course.

Mr Sweeney said that the Petition Scheme was now in place and that the first Petition, on The Naze, Walton, had been debated at full Council on 21 March 2013 and was due to be considered by Cabinet on 11 April 2014.

On looking at Appendix B, which was attached to the A.1 report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), Mr Sweeney said that the items on the draft Work Programme had been suggested by Committee members at their meeting held on 9 December 2013.

Councillor Miles informed the Committee that she had been appointed as the Vice-Chairman to the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Education and Skills. However, she was concerned that education was being dealt with as a separate issue from the Community Leaderships and Partnerships Committee as education was also a community issue and she did not want to see the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee become more scrutiny focused than community based.

After the Committee considered the items it had been appointed to specifically focus on, Members discussed the items they felt were important to be dealt with during the forthcoming municipal year:

- PCC and the issue of fly-tipping – Councillor Miles had discussed fly-tipping with the Environment and Coast Protection Portfolio Holder (Councillor Turner) who had informed her that his department was looking at the issues of both fly-tipping and litter;
- Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) – the Chairman of the LEP to be invited to a meeting of the Committee as it was considered that a meeting with key partners of the LEP would be valuable;
- Regeneration - the Haven Gateway was not in the draft Work Programme and it was agreed that this be merged with the LEP;
- Regeneration – Broadband, whilst being rolled-out across the District, it appeared there were large rural areas which appeared to be left out from the programme;
- Transport – disabled access at Manningtree Railway Station – the Partnerships Manager for Greater Anglia (Geraint Hughes) had intimated that he would be happy to return to the Committee to give an update on this and other outstanding rail infrastructure issues;
- Transport – bus services in the District being withdrawn;
- Health – the sudden closure of the maternity hospitals at Harwich and Clacton, concern over health services being located outside of the District, some even being transferred out of Essex altogether;
- Health – lack of residential doctors with too much reliance on locum doctors appeared to be a particular problem for this District;
- Health – lack of communication between various partners, ambulance service, hospitals etc;
- Health – Doctors surgeries, late night opening and also weekend surgery opening; and
- Wellbeing Board – what was its role? Issues were being dealt with by that Board and not Tendring District Council, therefore there was a necessity to scrutinise it;

The Vice-Chairman said there appeared to be three main areas of concern to the Committee which were Transport, the NHS and the Local Enterprise Partnership and that whole meetings could be dedicated to thoroughly scrutinise those items with the relevant guests being invited to attend the appropriate meeting.

After further discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The report on the review of the municipal year 2013 to 2014, as detailed in Appendix A to item A.1 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) be noted;
- (b) The draft 2014/15 Work Programme be approved and be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council for approval;
- (c) The Democratic Services Manager write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (Nick Alston) informing him of the items the Committee wished to raise when he attended its meeting on 12 May 2014; and
- (d) Where gaps had been identified in the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2014/2015 the Committee intended to concentrate on Regeneration, the Local Enterprise Partnership, NHS and Transport.

53. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.27 p.m.

Chairman