

**Houghton Regis Town Partnership Meeting
23rd July 2019 at 7pm**

Present:	Central Bedfordshire Councillors:	A Ryan Y Farrell S Goodchild P Hamill	Chairman
	Houghton Regis Town Councillors:	D Jones R Morgan T Welch	(Substitute)
	HRTC Officers:	Clare Evans Louise Senior	Town Clerk Head of Democratic Services
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Also present:	HRTC Councillor:	J Carroll	(Left at 7.15pm)
Apologies:	Councillor:	K Wattingham	
Absent:	Councillor:	D Abbott	

815 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Members were invited to put forward nominations for Chair of the Houghton Regis Town Partnership Committee.

In accordance with the approved Committee Functions & Terms of Reference this position should be filled by a Central Bedfordshire Councillor.

Nominee:	Cllr Ryan	Nominated by:	Cllr Welch
		Seconded by:	Cllr Jones

On being put to the vote Cllr Ryan was duly elected as Chair of the Town Partnership Committee.

816 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Members were invited to put forward nominations for Vice Chair of the Houghton Regis Town Partnership Committee.

In accordance with the approved Committee Functions & Terms of Reference this position should be filled by a Houghton Regis Town Councillor.

Nominee:	Cllr Jones	Nominated by:	Cllr Farrell
		Seconded by:	Cllr Welch

On being put to the vote Cllr Jones was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Town Partnership Committee.

817 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Wattingham (Cllr Morgan substituted) and P Coker, Health Care Hub and S Hughes Community Engagement Manager.

818 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public referred to the s106 money relating to Houghton Quarry and asked when the management of the chalk pit would recommence.

A member of the public referred to SB/07/01448/OUT – Land at Houghton Quarry. Further information was requested on the intended use of the available funds and whether this was to be used for affordable housing?

It was advised that these questions would be responded to in writing.

819 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

820 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2019.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2019 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

821 COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS & TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received the approved Committee Functions and Terms of Reference for this committee. Members were advised that work had been progressing during 2018/19 to revise the Terms of Reference for the Partnership committees across Central Bedfordshire. This Partnership Committee approved the revised Terms of Reference on 30th April 2019. However, the revised Terms of Reference were due to go to the CBC General Purposes Committee in August and then the CBC Full Council in September before they are fully approved.

Members were requested to note that it was intended that there would be new branding launched in parallel.

Resolved: To note the information.

822 HOUGHTON REGIS ESTATE REGENERATION

An update was provided by Ms Alice Arden-Barnatt, the Estates Regeneration Programme Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council.

Members were advised that the Estates Regeneration Programme had been awarded funding to transform neighbourhoods. Tithes Farm Estate and Parkside Estate had been identified for possible funding. Members were advised that various options had been looked into i.e. delivery of more homes, parking issues and opportunities for development across the area. A member suggested signage be looked at as there were signs of deterioration.

Members raised concerns that residents expectations had been raised previously with the opportunity of funding, however this had not proved successful.

Members requested that this item be included on future agendas for Town Partnership Committee and Ms Arden-Barnatt be invited back to update the committee.

Members agreed to bring forward item 10; Health Care Hub, before item 9; All Saints View.

823 HEALTH CARE HUB

Ms Alice Arden-Barnatt, the Estates Regeneration Programme Manager. attended the meeting to provide an update on the Health Care Hub on behalf of Patricia Coker, Head of Partnerships and Performance. Members were advised that Kingsland had been looked at to integrate the old and new parts of the town.

Members agreed to include this item in the workplan.

824 ALL SAINTS VIEW

Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing, Social Care Health & Housing and Kim Hopcroft, Senior Operations Manager for All Saints View attended the meeting to provide an update on All Saints View.

Members were advised that there would be 168 apartments offering independent living.

Phase 1 expected completion summer 2021

Phase 2 expected completion winter 2023

Members were advised that contractors had been onsite since February and were on track for completion of phase 1. The next few months would see the super structure evolve.

Members were advised that digital signage within Red House Court would be introduced and updated regularly. Central Bedfordshire Council were in discussion with Morrisons regarding use of the disused land to enable contractor parking.

Members were advised of the numbers of properties for rent, shared ownership and outright purchase:

71 Rent

71 Shared ownership

26 Outright purchase

Members were advised that these figures could be subject to change and were dependent on demand.

Members requested an update on the commercial aspect of the build, they were advised that there had been a substantial amount of interest. Members were assured that this commerce was to enhance the businesses in Bedford Square rather than compete with it.

Concerns were raised regarding the location of the crossing on the High Street. Members were advised that Highways have further studies to complete to verify the requirements of the crossing. It was requested that a member of highways be invited to a Town Partnership Committee meeting to speak with councillors.

825 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Members of the Town Partnership Committee were invited to provide a verbal report on matters of relevance to Houghton Regis arising in particular from the Committee/s on which they serve.

A member suggested that the presentation of reports from members be offered in an alternative format for future meetings. The Chair and Town Clerk would discuss alternatives.

Councillor Goodchild updated members on Social Care. A pot of money had been allocated to support the changes of GP Practices due to a lack of GP's. CBC was working with the Clinical Care Committee. Work would be completed regarding patients self-care and GP's would focus on patients with more urgent needs, referring other patients to practice nurses.

Councillor Ryan updated members on Childrens Services. Thornhill Primary School would be going to their Board for an expansion to create a further 70 places.

Work would be carried out to CBC play areas in Parkside.

Councillor Farrell updated members on a visit to CBC and was advised that a campaign of 6,400 leaflets had been organised which involved a leaflet to be distributed to houses in selected roads to educate on recycling. Councillor Farrell had suggested an invite from CBC Waste Team be extended to members to visit the recycling plant.

826 PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Members were invited to consider the Partnership Committee workplan for 2019/20.

Carried forward from 2018/19 were reports on:

- CBC Update report comprising updates from service departments including Houghton Regis Library, Houghton Hall Park, All Saints View
- Joint Committee review
- HRN 2 Community Building
- Estate Regeneration
- Work Plan review

In addition, the Committee had been asked to consider adding to this work plan the following items:

1. Ownership and management of Tithe Farm Road car park and the possibility of introducing parking controls i.e. free for 3 hours (CBC member request)
Members agreed a written report to be submitted but not to include on the work plan.
2. Policing levels in Houghton Regis, specifically consideration of call charges to the 101 number and the 01582 471212 number which may be free under some phone tariffs, police call answering times (CBC member request)
3. Off road bikes and the possibility of a dedicated reporting phone number (CBC member request)
Members agreed an invitation be extended on behalf of the Town Partnership Committee to the PCC or a representative to discuss items 2 & 3.
4. Management and maintenance of the Chalk Pit (resident request via HRTC)
Members agreed to add this item to the work plan.
5. CCTV within recreational areas to act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour (CBC member request)
Members agreed a written report to be submitted but not to include on the work plan.
6. Leisure and sports facilities including future football provision (officer suggestion and request from resident)
Members agreed to add this item to the work plan.

827 CBC UPDATE REPORT

Members received the CBC update report.

Resolved: To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Dated this 29th day of October 2019.

Chairman