

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 26th May, 2009

Present: Cllr D A S Davis (Chairman), Cllr Ms S V Spence (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J A L Balcombe, Cllr C Brown, Cllr F R D Chartres, Cllr Mrs C A F Grant, Cllr D Keeley, Cllr A G Sayer, Cllr Miss J L Sergison and Cllr Mrs C J Woodger.

Councillors Aikman, Mrs Anderson, Baldock, Coffin, Court, N Heslop and Worrall were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lancaster and Mrs Simpson.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**CD
09/012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Woodger declared a personal interest in the Priority Communities - Development Projects item on the grounds that she was a trustee of the St James Centre, East Malling.

**CD
09/013 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board held on 17 March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

**CD
09/014 PRIORITY COMMUNITIES - DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Decision Notice D090080MEM

The Chief Executive provided a brief summary of the community development projects currently underway in Snodland, Trench and East Malling with particular reference to the work of the Beat Project.

The Beat Project Community Co-ordinators for East Malling, Trench and Snodland provided information about individual projects and activities. The emphasis was on listening to communities and finding ways of delivering and funding their aspirations and projects through effective partnership working. Members were reminded that this initiative was a project funded charity.

The Advisory Board thanked the Community Co-ordinators for their

hard work, enthusiasm and dedication, recognising that their achievements were a great benefit to the community.

RECOMMENDED: That the Borough Council contribute to the funding of The Beat Project work in the three priority communities for 2009/10 subject to match funding being obtained from partners and a further report on community development work in the borough be brought to a later meeting of the Advisory Board.

**CD
09/015**

DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Decision Notice D090081MEM

The joint report of the Cabinet Member for Community Development and the Chief Executive sought endorsement of the draft Sustainable Community Strategy (2009-2012) for the purposes of further consultation.

Members were reminded that the Strategy was a partnership document 'owned' by the Local Strategic Partnership. It sought to embrace priorities and actions from all key partner agencies in the borough although the Borough Council had a major role to play in its delivery. It was noted that all parts of the community were included and recognised in the Local Strategic Partnership not just the public or voluntary sector.

The revised timetable for the adoption of the Strategy, as a result of recent changes to the programme of meetings, was noted.

RECOMMENDED: That the draft Sustainable Community Strategy, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be endorsed and the final draft of the Strategy be reported to the next meeting of the Advisory Board in July.

**CD
09/016**

WEST MALLING FARMERS MARKET

Decision Notice D090082MEM

The report provided an update on the existing position of West Malling Farmers' Market and suggested provision of a one-off grant to assist both the weekly Pilsden Community initiative and the monthly High Street market.

It was noted that two markets had been held under the new arrangements with no problems. Members thanked Officers for addressing this issue and reaching a successful resolution.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) a grant of £2,000 be offered to the West Malling Action Partnership Group to support marketing and publicity for the proposed weekly farmers' market and the monthly High Street market, subject to this support being recognised in any publicity and marketing material;

(2) the proposed weekly Pilsden farmers market be supported subject to the satisfactory resolution of parking and access issues; and

(3) clarification be sought from Kent County Council regarding funding of the road closure costs for the monthly farmers market after the initial two year funding period elapses.

**CD
09/017**

HEALTHY EATING PROJECTS

Decision Notice D090083MEM

The report of the Chief Executive provided a summary of two healthy eating projects currently taking place in the borough, in support of the Borough Council's key priority to 'promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living'.

Members were advised that the Food for Thought programme had proved very successful. Further locations for courses were being explored with East Malling identified as an area of high demand.

The benefits of school allotments and gardens were discussed and the Advisory Board asked that consideration be given to providing borough branded compost bins to schools to encourage them to maintain and develop their allotment work. The importance of acknowledging the efforts of schools and clubs and publicising their achievements where possible was recognised. Members were made aware of a Healthy Schools Project which could assist and this option would be explored.

Officers were congratulated on the amount achieved on a limited budget. Both projects were funded externally and delivered by voluntary sector partners who were able to bring in additional funding and secure added value through their core activities in support of local people.

RECOMMENDED: That the two healthy eating projects outlined in the report be noted and endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**CD
09/018**

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES OF RECENT MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings of the Tonbridge and Malling Local Strategic Partnership held on 22 April 2009 and of the West Kent Partnership held on 23 April 2009 were presented and noted by Members.

**CD
09/019**

UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Members received an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership and were pleased to note the overall reduction in recorded crime. Although Members of the Community Safety Partnership were pleased with this reduction, they were not complacent and intended to work harder over the next year to make residents feel even safer. The benefits of partnership working were acknowledged with the Community Safety Partnership an important tool in addressing crime prevention.

Following a question raised on the Safer Number Plate event the Board was advised that this had been very successful. Kent Police intended to organise more events in the future and these would be publicised by the Community Safety Partnership.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**CD
09/020**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2035 hours.

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RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR
Community Development**

Decision No: D090080MEM

Date: 26th May 2009

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Priority Communities - Development Projects

**(Report of Chief Executive)
(Annex A)
(Annex B)**

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Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Development resolved that the Borough Council contribute to the funding of The Beat Project work in the three priority communities for 2009/10 subject to match funding being obtained from partners and a further report on community development work in the borough be brought to a later meeting of the Advisory Board.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Community Development Advisory Board of 26 May 2009.

Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop
Community Development:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 29 May 2009

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RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR
Community Development**

Decision No: D090081MEM

Date: 26th May 2009

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Draft Sustainable Community Strategy

**(Joint Report of Cabinet Member for Community Development and
Chief Executive)
(Annex 1)**

**The report recommended the endorsement the draft Sustainable
Community Strategy (2009-2012) for the purposes of further
consultation.**

Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Development resolved that the draft Sustainable Community Strategy, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be endorsed and the final draft of the Strategy be reported to the next meeting of the Advisory Board in July.

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Community Development:

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Date: 26th May 2009

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

West Malling Farmers Market

**(Joint Report of Cabinet Member for Community Development and
Chief Executive)**

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Malling Farmers' Market and suggested provision of a one-off grant
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monthly High Street market.**

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subject to the satisfactory resolution of parking and access issues; and
3. clarification be sought from Kent County Council regarding
funding of the road closure costs for the monthly farmers market after
the initial two year funding period elapses.

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Community Development**

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Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Healthy Eating Projects

(Report of Chief Executive)

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Following consideration by the Community Development Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Community Development resolved that the two healthy eating projects outlined in the report be noted and endorsed.

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