

**Tonbridge & Malling Local Strategic Partnership
Minutes of Meeting – 7 June 2011**

Present: Cllr Mark Worrall – Leader, TMBC
 David Hughes – Chief Executive, TMBC
 Cllr Owen Baldock – Cabinet Member, TMBC
 Angela Painter – Kenward Trust
 Keith Austin – Age Concern Malling
 Cllr Valerie Dagger – Council Member, KCC
 Bernadette Gillow – Ightham Mote
 John Handley – Bridge Trust
 Jon Kirby – Kent Police
 Mark Raymond – TMBC
 Gill Fox – TMBC
 Barry Hughes – Tonbridge and Malling Seniors
 Angela Newey – Tonbridge CAB
 Steven Woodcock - Russet Homes
 Peter Robinson – T&M District Cricket Partnership
 Robert Styles – TMBC
 Jay Edwins – West Kent PCT
 Bill Fearon – K College

Apologies: Cllr Graham Gibbens - Council Member, KCC
 Cllr Liz Simpson
 Bishop Brian Castle - Bishop of Tonbridge
 Cathi Sacco - KCC
 Steve Charman - KCC
 Father Brendan Grady - The Friars
 Paul Hannan – Hadlow College
 Julie VanRuyckevelt – West Kent PCT

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1. Introductions and Apologies		
<p>Cllr Mark Worrall welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Bernadette Gillow for the use of the meeting room. MW recommended that the LSP record thanks and acknowledge David Thornewell, previously a member of the LSP and local councillor for 39 years. As he was not re-elected, Cllr Liz Simpson will be attending the LSP in his place. Thanks was also recorded to Cllr Nicolas Heslop, who has changed from Cabinet Member for Community Development to portfolio holder for Planning and Transportation. Cllr Owen Baldock, the new portfolio holder for Communities, was welcomed as a new Member of the LSP.</p>		

<p>2. Introduction to Ightham Mote</p> <p>Bernadette Gillow gave a brief introduction to the history of Ightham Mote and the projects and initiatives currently undertaken by the National Trust. A short film was played to illustrate this work and Bernadette also offered members of the LSP the opportunity for a tour of the house and gardens following the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Mark Worrall declared that he is a Non Executive Director of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust as well as the Chairman for Age Concern Malling.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2011</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and agreed as a correct record. Matters arising were discussed as follows:</p> <p>Vision for Kent consultation was still ongoing 20 June – 22 August, members of the LSP were invited to send any comments to GF or MR.</p> <p>MW confirmed that another letter had been sent to the DoT to reiterate the issues regarding the timescale of the A21 public inquiry.</p> <p>The request from Cllr Valerie Dagger to have a presentation from the Tonbridge Youth Advisory Board has been arranged for the September meeting.</p>	<p>All – send any comments to GF or MR</p>
<p>5. Consultation: Best Value / Sustainable Community Strategy Update and Implementation Plan – Mark Raymond, TMBC</p> <p>MR presented this paper, the main point was the proposed removal of the duty to prepare a Community Strategy. The recommendation was to defer work on updating the existing strategy and, should the duty be withdrawn, an annual action plan for the LSP could be developed in place rather than a formal community strategy.</p> <p>In addition to this the paper looked at the future of the LSP in light of the new Kent Forum and Ambition Boards. It had been suggested that LSPs could be replaced by new Locality Boards principally comprising County and Borough elected Members.</p> <p>Jay Edwins informed the group of the various different models adopted for LSPs across the county; felt that this LSP was a “doing” group with a sense of purpose. The Kent Forum model doesn’t currently include health, police or voluntary sector. JE was supportive of the recommendations set out in this paper as felt that this model makes sense.</p>	<p>GF invite GP Consortia to future meetings</p>

<p>Barry Hughes agreed that there was a place for the LSP, and with a wider membership, it is a useful vehicle to get messages from one organisation to another.</p> <p>Steve Woodcock would like to focus on actions, taking things forward and supported the recommendations in the paper.</p> <p>Bill Fearon enquired about the future of the West Kent Partnership. It was confirmed that it will still have a role, especially with the abolition of regional development agencies.</p> <p>Angela Painter felt there was a huge amount of value in this LSP and was fully supportive of its retention.</p> <p>John Handley felt that the moving towards local boards, which do not include voluntary sector etc would be a backward step.</p> <p>MW concluded that the recommendations within the report were sound and if any members know of other organisations who should be involved in the future, please contact MR or GF.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that the LSP should continue and would assist in any matters related to the Kent Forum at the Borough level. It was suggested that the LSP could engage more widely with County Members at future meetings.</p>	<p>All, contact MR/GF</p>
<p>6. Presentation: Police Re-structure – Jon Kirby (Chief Inspector, Kent Police)</p> <p>A presentation was made by Jon Kirby on the re-structure that is taking place in light of financial challenges and changes to operational and neighbourhood policing. He highlighted the increase in staffing resources being made available at the neighbourhood level, supplemented by a new response team to be based at Tonbridge Police Station.</p> <p>MW thanked JK for the informative presentation and asked what the LSP could assist with. JK mentioned the annual action plan, requested that organisations ensure that nominated representatives attend the monthly meetings to ensure progress is made.</p>	
<p>7. Community Safety Action Plan – Mark Raymond, TMBC</p> <p>MR presented this item which was an update on the latest version of the Action Plan for Community Safety in the borough. The issue of speeding through villages was discussed. JK confirmed that with neighbourhood policing this is considered “low harm” however, as far as communities go, it is one of the most important issues along with dog fouling. The recommendation to endorse the plan was agreed.</p>	

<p>8. Presentation: Children’s Trust Board Update – Robert Styles, Chief Leisure Officer, TMBC</p> <p>Robert Styles presented this item which provided an update on the work to date of the new Children’s Trust. He also recommended that the Children’s Trust Board becomes a sub-group to the LSP.</p> <p>Angela Newey commented that she is pleased that adolescent engagement is a priority. She reported that it was difficult for the CAB to engage with young people. They have started to go to venues where there are young people e.g. now going out to Platform 51 which has proved very successful.</p> <p>Peter Robinson raised the issue of access. All cricket clubs have signed a MOU to open up clubs for all. New volunteers are still needed.</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>Angela Painter mentioned payment by results – Kenward Trust will be measured / monitored how good their drug and alcohol services are as well as moving people back into work.</p> <p>Bill Fearon raised the issue of transport for children aged 16+ and potential cuts which will directly influence whether people go to college. Subsidised travel needs to be in place as the Freedom Pass only available up to aged 16. It would be useful if the LSP could help with this – suggested item for next agenda.</p> <p>MW mentioned the PFI hospital – working on public transport links. Not viable to cover all areas, but can link services to Tonbridge. There may be potential to link in with school travel and therefore deal with both issues.</p> <p>MW mentioned the Local Enterprise Partnership, Enterprise Zones – only one per partnership. Regeneration grants could focus on areas of perceived greater need (e.g. coastal areas). Important to support bids in our areas, e.g. rural broadband coverage in West Kent which is currently insufficient – useful if we supported a potential bid to support a higher level of broadband coverage for our communities.</p> <p>As part of the Borough Council’s budget strategy £500,000 has been identified to form a Community Enhancement Fund – the exact mechanisms of how the grant will operate will be agreed upon shortly at Cabinet. Ideally the grants will focus on a large number of smaller grants.</p> <p>Robert Styles mentioned various music and cultural events which will be taking place in the borough including the possibility of the Olympic torch going through the borough as well as a number of Olympic teams training at venues in T&M.</p>	<p>Transport issues for young people –future agenda</p>

<p>The Freedom Parade is also due to take place with 250 troops marching through Tonbridge.</p> <p>MW mentioned that the Health Bill (currently on pause) would lead to significant alterations which will affect everyone - public health, health and wellbeing boards. Jay Edwins agreed to provide an update on health at the next meeting and would also cover "Health Watch" which will be looking at spending on health.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held at Aylesford Priory – 15 September 2011</p> <p>Suggested that the December meeting be hosted by Russet and K College suggested for the following meeting.</p>	<p>Jay Edwins to update at next meeting</p>
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