

**Tonbridge & Malling Local Strategic Partnership
Minutes of Meeting – 29 June 2012**

Present: Cllr Nicholas Heslop – Leader, TMBC
 Cllr Valerie Dagger – Council Member, KCC
 Cllr Graham Gibbens - Council Member, KCC
 Cllr Chris Smith - KCC
 Mark Raymond – TMBC
 Julie Beilby – TMBC
 Liz Rikaby – RBLI
 Peter Robinson – T&M District Cricket Partnership
 Jay Edwins – West Kent PCT
 Sheila West – Kent Libraries
 James Harman – KCC
 Paul Temple – Age Concern
 Julie Askew – K College
 Denise Reeves - Russet Homes
 Jon Kirby – Kent Police
 Alison Roper – Kenward Trust
 Sue Sparks – KCC
 Caroline Farquhar – CAB
 Melanie Hayes - KCC

Apologies: Cllr Liz Simpson - TMBC
 Father Brendan Grady - The Friars
 Angela Newey – Tonbridge CAB
 Bishop Brian Castle - Bishop of Tonbridge
 Bernadette Gillow – Ightham Mote
 Bev Cleaves – Hadlow College
 John Handley – Bridge Trust
 Bill Fearon – K College
 Angela Painter – Kenward Trust

Prior to the start of the LSP meeting, a ceremony was held for the Borough Council and RBLI Village Aylesford to sign a community covenant committing both organisations to future partnership working. The ceremony was attended by Steve Sherry CMG OBE, Chief Executive of RBLI, Cllr Nicholas Heslop, Leader, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Cllr Dave Davis.

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1. Introductions		
Cllr Nicolas Heslop referred to the sudden death of Cllr Mark Worrall OBE, Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership from its inception. He paid tribute to Mark's commitment to working in partnership with others and his role as a community leader and advocate for the		

<p>Borough of Tonbridge and Malling . A minute’s silence was held.</p> <p>Cllr Nicholas Heslop was unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>The apologies of SE Water were noted. They had intended to present on drought issues but would now be attending the next LSP meeting in September.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2012</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and agreed as a correct record. The following matters arising were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathan Shaw, Chairman of the Children’s Trust for the Borough was unable to attend this meeting. He would be attending the next meeting in September which would have young people as its main theme - Liz Rickaby is now a full member of the LSP - Funding for the lighting of the Tonbridge sports ground is now in place and works will commence shortly. 	
<p>4. Kent County Council Review of Libraries – Sue Sparks (KCC)</p> <p>Sue Sparks outlined the review of library provision in the Borough which was now under way. The intention was to reduce costs of the service by looking at new roles for library buildings, possible involved joint use with other partners and the wider community. Members of the LSP were invited to spread the word about the review to ensure that all local partners were aware of the potential opportunities. A joint panel of KCC and Borough Council members has been established to guide the review process. There were no proposals to close any local libraries.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that presentations about the review should be made to the Parish Partnership Panel and the Tonbridge Forum. He confirmed that the Borough Council was keen to see an active future use for all libraries in the Borough with no closures taking place.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Smith emphasised that the review was more about finding different roles for libraries, perhaps in different locations but the starting point was a desire to see all local facilities retained in some shape or form.</p>	

<p>A number of LSP partners indicated a desire to discuss options for joint use etc of libraries with the County Council to take place outside of the LSP meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Sue Sparks for her presentation.</p>	
<p>5. CLG Troubled Families Programme – Mark Raymond</p> <p>Mark Raymond drew attention to Paper B which had been circulated. He reported that whilst the ‘Progress’ programme (reported to the last LSP meeting) was now launched, the CLG programme (which covered similar objectives) was in danger of being delayed as there were no resources available amongst local front-line services to deliver the programme. This was despite the fact that the County Council had received a substantial payment from Government to fund delivery, none of which had currently been made available to district level Partners.</p> <p>James Harman reported that a high level meeting about the programme was taking place shortly and that similar concerns had been expressed by other local partners. The issue of local funding would therefore be discussed at that time. It was noted that William Benson, CE at Tunbridge Wells BC, was attending that meeting and representing West Kent.</p> <p>It was agreed that the William Benson would be contacted prior to the meeting and the views of the LSP concerning funding of the programme be brought to his attention.</p>	<p>MR to contact W. Benson</p>
<p>6. Adult Social Care Transformation – Cllr Graham Gibbens, Melanie Hayes, KCC</p> <p>Cllr Gibbens set out proposals for a review of Kent Adult Social Services, drawing attention to the significant future pressures likely to affect the service with people living longer and needing greater levels of care. The County Council were therefore carrying out a ‘root and branch’ review of the service to ensure it best met future needs but also to achieve significant reductions in costs to the Council. A paper setting out the terms of the review was tabled. The review would involve each adult service provided by the County Council being looked at in turn with a view to deciding whether these should continue to be provided and at what scale.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the review was being carried out in close consultation with the health authorities given the potential for joint working and shared commissioning.</p> <p>A number of LSP members including Age Concern Malling, the CAB and the Kenward Trust indicated that they would wish to be more closely involved in the review as it progressed given the likely impact</p>	

on voluntary sector services and the sequential impacts of various welfare reforms now taking place.

It was confirmed that the timeframe for the review was for this to be completed by 2014./15 which allowed sufficient time for different delivery options to be evaluated for individual services.

It was agreed that further reports would be made to the LSP as the review was progressed.

7. AOB

The Chairman drew attention to a tabled document entitled 'A Manifesto for Improved Rail Services' which was being used to lobby for rail improvements in the Borough and, in particular, to influence the new rail services franchise from 2014.

Cllr Chris Smith drew attention to a KCC consultation on a Kent Lane Rental Scheme which could require contractors to pay for carrying out non-emergency road works on roads which had been designated as sensitive. It was suggested that the road map for Tonbridge and Malling should also include the A20, A26 and B245 as 'designated routes'.

The Chairman thanked Liz Rickaby and her staff at RBLI Aylesford for hosting the meeting at the RBLI village and for the informative tour of the social enterprise facility which had taken place during the meeting.

He confirmed that the next LSP meeting would be held on Friday 7th September at Addington Cricket Pavillion.

K College kindly offered to host the LSP meeting in December at their Tonbridge Campus.