



Serpentine Court Steering Group

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Minutes

Residents: Danielle Slaymaker (Chair), Cassy Elliott (Deputy Chair), Shannon McCaul (Deputy Chair), Nasteexo Cabdi, Joan Forsyth, Robyn Goodwin, Nadia Hardi, Pauline Wright, John Pearce (observer), Mariee Wymer (observer – Locals of the Lakes)

Staff and advisors: Anne Bircham (MKC), Kevin Farrell (Tpas)

Apologies: Sharon Jordan (Deputy Chair), Ronke Oludapo, Sandra Mavunga, Mercy Zvenyika, Emma-Jane Flynn (Tpas)

1. Welcome, introductions and ground rules

The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.

Danielle informed the meeting that she will be attending the next Regeneration Cabinet Sub Committee on 21 March, and she was in the process of producing her report. From now on, Nadia will be attending meetings to present Lakes Improvement Project (LIP) reports.

Matters arising:

Visits to other regeneration projects: Kevin has taken over responsibility for organising a visit from Alicia. HTA had proposed a visit schemes in Cambridge during April 2019. SCSG agreed on Thursday 25th April as the preferred date, leaving at 9.15am and returning by 4.00pm, and prepared a list of objectives to include a look inside homes and a chance to meet residents and landlord representatives. Kevin will liaise with Jonathan (HTA) and Anne Bircham to organise the trip.

KF

Home loss payments: Lizzie Brown has taken over organising of the workshop to look at the impact of home loss payments on social security benefits from Alicia Francis (see item 6 below).

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MKC to produce an action plan which combines all the strands that came out of the walkabout and allows SCSG to monitor delivery against target. Cassy will liaise with Cllr Darlington and this action is to be transferred to LIP.

CE



2. Feedback from Play & Leisure event

HTA had produced a report of the event which Anne circulated at the meeting. She will be including the report in the next edition of Upd8 (the e-newsletter that is sent to all residents of Serpentine Court and wider lakes who have shared their details as well as stakeholders in the area).

14 Serpentine Court residents and 16 residents from the wider Lakes attended.

The attendees provided useful inputs and the general view of the proposals was positive. Residents were very happy with the open space proposals and keen to see new paths and connections through Warren Park. The top three community priorities were: 1) seating benches/picnic tables, 2) Sports/Games Court, 3) Play facilities for different age groups.

Anne is working on a survey aimed at residents who weren't able to attend. The intention is to create an online survey and carry out door-door visits with the survey form. Anne proposed a peer survey team comprising of local residents and she will advertise the opportunity.

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3. SCSG Priorities for 2019 - Workplan

Lizzie Brown (MKC) has created a work plan document listing the 6 priorities identified by SCSG. Kevin took SCSG through document and the group defined what it would like to do and achieve, including what SCSG needs from MKC i.e. training. Kevin will complete the table and send to Lizzie.

KF

4. Invitation to the MKC Development Team

SCSG agreed to invite Martin Stannells (Development & Project Manager) and Robert Denby (Senior Development Manager) to the next meeting to explain their roles and give a progress report on the development of the new-build sites. Kevin to contact Jonathan at HTA to obtain the latest drawings and plans. Danielle to invite Martin and Robert.

KF/DS

5. Project update

A new group called Lakes Improvement Project (LIP) has been created to work on the 'meanwhile' projects. Nadia will be leading on Anti-Social Behaviour; Cassy is leading on Waste Management; Ghazala Shafiq will be leading on Health & Wellbeing, including the Lakes junior parkrun; Phil Chandler (MKC) will continue to lead on



Employment & Training, and Mariee of Locals of the Lakes will lead on Social & Community. LIP will be meeting every week at Spotlight **while it is being established** and it is hoped that the formation of this new group will lead to more funding opportunities for the various activities.

6. Tpas Independent Advisor report

Emma-Jane will be attending the Regeneration Cabinet Sub Committee with Danielle and Nadia on 21st March.

Kevin will start to attend the coffee mornings on Thursdays, instead of Wednesday, and will combine his visits with his surgery.

Kevin consulted SCSG over the timings of the workshops on welfare benefits and rent setting and will liaise with Lizzie Brown (MKC).

KF

7. Any Other Business

Question time

Kevin reported that a Serpentine Court resident had raised two concerns with him that they wanted him to report to SCSG:

The first was in relation to a query the resident had raised about the Resident Charter. The resident had contacted the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The Ministry confirmed, “that whilst a Resident Charter and a ballot are not mandatory, when both mechanisms are adopted, it expects a Charter to be agreed before a ballot takes place.” The Ministry has offered to the Council on the resident’s behalf. However, in the interim, the resident presented Cllr Nigel Long with a question at the Regeneration Cabinet Sub Committee on 17th January. Cllr Long was asked why Committee had agreed to a ballot being held, in the absence of a Charter being agreed.

The second query related to whether MKC had followed the correct Equality Impact Assessments in relation to the regeneration of Serpentine Court. It was the resident’s view that MKC had not done so.

SCSG requested a report on both questions from MKC. Anne agreed to obtain further advice on these issues and report to the next SCSG meeting.

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Date and times of next meeting

- Tuesday 2nd April - 6.30-8.00pm (refreshments 6.00pm onwards) at Spotlight