

Serpentine Court Steering Group

Tuesday 2nd July 2019
Minutes

Residents: Danielle Slaymaker (Chair), Sharon Jordan (Deputy Chair), Shannon McCaul (Deputy Chair), Cassandra Elliott (Deputy Chair), Robyn Goodwin, Nadia Hardi, Joan Forsyth, Ronke Oludapo, Pauline Wright, Mercy Zvenyika, Stacey Colburt (observer), Jan Power (observer), Mariee Wymer (observer – Locals of the Lakes), Katie Taylor (observer), Sue Kettles (observer)

Anne Bircham (Milton Keynes Council), Kevin Farrell (Tpas), Samantha Goodwin (Tpas),

Cllr Emily Darlington

Apologies: None

1. **Welcome and introductions and ground rules**

Danielle opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.

She gave a brief report on the Milton Keynes Council Development Review meeting that she attended the previous night. HTA gave a 45-minute presentation to councillors about the emerging designs, project plans and environmental improvements. Points were raised about community space, speed limits on local roads, workshop space.

SCSG were concerned to ensure that a Post Office is re-introduced to the area. Cllr Darlington encouraged SCSG members to campaign for the re-opening of the current Post Office, as it is not officially closed, but requires a manager.

A member of SCSG raised concerns over an article in MK Citizen with the headline, '£1bn regeneration plan for rundown estates is scrapped by MK Council'. It was pointed out that the article was not referring to Serpentine Court. Cllr Darlington referred the members to an official statement released by Cllr Nigel Long which clarifies the situation. Danielle had also posted comments on the SC Facebook page and linked it to the statement.

Danielle informed the meeting that Laura Nash and Sandra have stood down and she thanked them for their hard work and commitment

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Matters Arising – visit to New Avenue, Enfield.

See Tpas update, below – item 4.

Matters Arising – dog bins outside Spotlight

Sharon had emailed The Clerk to the Town Council about the matter and was awaiting a reply.

The previous minutes were agreed with one correction: Ronke is an SCSG member not an observer.

3. **Project Update – Anne Bircham (MKC)**

Timeline

Anne presented the latest timeline to SCSG. The key events are as follows:

8th July – The Lakes Estate Summer Exhibition

25th July – Regeneration Cabinet Sub-Committee

30th July – Picnic in the Park

10th September – SCSG meeting

12th September - Regeneration Cabinet Sub-Committee

26th October – Consultation/Exhibition on the draft plans

1ST October – Full Council Cabinet meeting

SCSG asked for HTA be invited to the meeting on 10th September to run through the plans.

Action: Anne

Consultation Events

The next consultation event will take place is on Monday 8th July at Water Hall Primary School from 4pm to 7.00 pm. The event will include information about house types, the infill sites, landscaping, park improvements, environmental improvements and heating systems. Sharon and Pauline volunteered to help with registration and the IT group will be asking attendees to take part in the Commonplace survey.

Several SCSG members had not received the flyer and Anne agreed to investigate the matter. Mariee expressed dissatisfaction with the way the flyer was worded in relation to the Picnic in the Park event. It did not give credit to Locals of the Lakes for organising and running the event. Anne and Samantha apologised to Mariee for this mistake.

A second consultation event will take place on Tuesday 30th July. It will be tagged onto Locals of the Lakes 'Picnic in the Park' from 11.30am to 3.30pm. This will be an opportunity to gather ideas and views on improvements across the whole estate using the Lakes Improvement Fund.

A third consultation event is likely to take place in October, which will exhibit the planning application before submission to MKC planning department. It is important that the details of the application are as full as possible to ensure a successful submission.

LIP

Anne showed the meeting the 'Your Community is Watching' posters that have been produced by LIP. The posters will be displayed around the estate and may be put into use by other estates, too.

4. **Tpas – Independent Advisor report**

Residents Charter

Kevin has been informed that Heledd Williams (MKC) will be responding to the queries raised by SCSG and the Leaseholder Group by early August. He will then call workshops with both groups to review Heledd's feedback. Due this timeline SCSG agreed to postpone the agenda item on the Resident Charter. Kevin will contact Lizzie Brown (MKC) to begin preparations for the workshops.

Action: Kevin

Local Lettings Policy

Kevin will contact Lizzie for a progress report on the production of the first full draft of the policy. He will then organise a workshop for SCSG.

Action: Kevin

Study visits

Kevin had begun to investigate the New Avenue regeneration scheme in Southgate, Enfield, for a possible study visit to meet social housing tenants. He shared some information about the project from the HTA website and noted that PPCR are the ITA. Kevin will continue to pursue the idea with Paul Maddock of HTA.

Action: Kevin

Tpas Independent Advice and Support

Kevin Farrell will continue to support Serpentine Court residents and the Steering Group

Samantha Goodwin will be doing consultation work with the residents of the infill sites and will attend the SCSG meetings to give updates. She will be holding a surgery at Spotlight every Tuesday from 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

5. **Any other business**

Cllr Darlington described the actions being taken by MKC to tackle fly-tipping on the Lakes Estate.

Danielle proposed a summer recess and the cancellation of the August SCSG meeting. The SCSG members agreed with the proposal.

Cllr Darlington reported on the plans for changes to refuse collection and the introduction of Eurobins.

9. **Date and times of future meetings**

Tuesday 10th September - 6.30pm – 8.00pm at Spotlight