

Southern Rural Area forum meeting notes

11 Jan 24 – 19:30

Members present:

Chair - Cllr David Barnard DB,

Cllr Ralph Muncer (RM), Cllr Lisa Nash (LN), Cllr Claire Strong (CS), Cllr Mandi Tandi (MT)

Attended on-line: Cllr Dominic Griffiths (DG)

Officers: Claire Morgan – Community Partnership Team Leader - Notes

Officers: Laura Hartley- Community Partnership Officer, IT Tech

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Terry Tyler, Cllr Faye Frost, Cllr Louise Peace, Cllr Moody

2. Chairs announcements

Members are reminded to make declarations of interest before an item they may wish to abstain from voting if they have an interest, but they are merely making recommendations and not decisions.

3. Public Participation in relation to grant applications.

3.1 St Pauls Walden Nursery

Have they applied to Luton airport?

RM Why couldn't they come? Could they come to March meeting?

CS What other funding have they applied for Luton Airport fund.

Cllr CS proposed to defer till March Cllr RM seconded.

3.2 Resolve

Debbie McCormack Trustee presented on the grant application.

CS: Couldn't see the Resolve details on Charity Commission website.

DM responded that they've recently changed to a CIC which is why the info might not be there.

DB suggested they apply to the HCC Locality budget.

LN felt they ought to be funded by HCC encouraged them to apply to Herts Locality Budget.

Proposed: DG the full amount.

Counter proposal DB £500

Seconded: CS

£500 recommended to provide to Resolve. 3 agreed, 3 abstained – chair recommended.

3.2 Wymondley PC

DG said that he enjoyed the play area with his son and had encouraged the PC to apply for funding.

CS asked why PC were not using their reserves.

DG said that the PC have £10k which is the legal requirement they do have a small projects fund but it's not sufficient to cover the cost of the work needed to be carried out.

CS would like to see some contribution from the pc suggested grant of £1,500.

RM asked how many playgrounds - there are two but the small one in Grt Wymondley is run by a charity.

RM asked: What is the timescale? – the work will commence as soon as the PC receive the funds.

DB mentioned that PC's have additional expenses for maintenance.

Proposed: CS £1,500

Seconded: RM £1,500

Three voted in favour two abstained. Cllr DG did not vote as he is a Parish Councillor

4. Community Update

CM updated – RM asked if all the Parishes could be invited to the next Forum which will have the Police attending. **Action:** LH to invite.

CS there are lots of work going on in villages to help with social isolation.

Hospice has a local initiative.

They need to support.

LN also have Isabell Hospice in Knebworth

5. Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

Provided presentation on their activities.

RM asked if there were enough Helipads at hospitals – No they don't all have.

DB how easy is it to find suitable landing sites to treat someone in trauma – there is a minimum landing site size the captain of the helicopter will decide on where is suitable.

Helicopters are bigger now as they carry more kit. It may be landing a mile or so away sometimes the police take them, or ambulance service help or they put the kit on their backs and run to the site.

6. Ward Members Activities

Lisa – Knebworth Twinning have lots of activities going on.

School is planning a trip to the twinned town in France.

7. Topics for future forums

Invite to Hospices

Members invited to undertake the CPR training following the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.07.