

Agenda

Sheppey Area Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: The Criterion Blue Town, 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness ME12 1RW*

Membership:

Councillors Andy Booth, Hayden Brawn, Angela Harrison, Elliott Jayes (Chair), Peter Macdonald, Peter Marchington, Lee-Anne Moore, Pete Neal, Tara Noe, Tom Nundy (Vice-Chair), Ashley Shiel, Mark Tucker, Mike Whiting and Dolley Wooster.

Quorum = 3

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 3 December 2024 (Minute Nos. 441 – 450) as correct records.

5. Devolution update

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10. Local issues to be raised

11. Matters referred to Service Committee Chairs for consideration

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Sheerness Revival Project Update

Project 1: Beachfields Regeneration:

- Planning permission was granted on 16th January 2025.
- Enabling works have started on site with temporary relocation of the gym, GP and Sheppey Matters services.
- Officers continue to work with all occupants to ensure continued operation of their services and to keep much of the leisure offer available during the works programme.
- Additional security measures have been put in place following ASB onsite. Officers will work with the contractors and local community partners to engage young people by sharing information on the project to encourage more positive involvement and showcase the benefits of the project to their specific demographic and to instil some pride of place.
- Finalised RIBA Stage 4 (detailed/technical design) is expected in February following widespread discussion with building occupiers, and final tweaks to the internal layout to ensure GP rooms are NHS/ICB compliant.

Project 2: Sheppey College Extension:

- EKC have appointed Jennas contractor to delivery construction.
- Early enabling works started onsite start in November, with relocation utility relocation of the main gas supply.
- Costs remain within budget and the expected outputs and outcomes remain the same
- Full works are expected to start on site in February.

Project 3: Masters House:

- Contractors Building Associates were appointed following a successful tender activity and approval by Committee in December.

- Work is due to commence in early February.
- Officers will work with contractors and capitalise on their extensive social value contributions to address ASB at Masters House and link in with the college for work placements to supports skills training.

Communications:

- A series of media communications have been planned to mark key milestones in the projects. In particular start of construction events for all three projects.
- The comms team and our partners are collaborating to align information around the temporary relocation of services for clients, customers, patients and users at the Healthy Living Centre.
- Officers are planning a series of engagement with primary/secondary school students and residents, around the Adventure Golf provision. The public will have the opportunity to contribute their valued ideas and share their aspirations for the activity which will conclude with their participation in naming the completed proposal and design 2 holes on the course.

Sheppey Area Committee meeting: February 2025 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Actions/updates
1.	Household Support Fund	It was agreed that the reports that go to the Cost-of-Living Group, come to Sheppey Area Committee.	The next report will come to the June 2025 Sheppey Area Committee meeting.
2.	Emergency Planning	Further to the fire at the recycling centre on Peel Ports land near Sheerness Docks, Members asked if a briefing could be given at a future Area Committee meeting on emergency planning.	A briefing for Members will be provided on 21 January 2025 and input has also been provided to Parish/town councils through the Swale Local Councils Liaison Forum and KALC.
3.	Heritage issues	<p>Area of Special Control of Advertisements (ASCA)</p> <p>Swale Borough Council currently does not have an ASCA. Since the adoption of the Heritage Strategy in 2020 and subsequent Action Plans wherein a number of Conservation Areas have been reviewed, it has been proposed that in order to better manage and maintain Swale’s historic environment and heritage, a borough wide ASCA can prove beneficial.</p> <p>Any designation needs to be based on public consultation and must follow specific legal steps, including consideration of the order by the Secretary of State.</p>	The draft consultation document is estimated to be ready by spring of 2025.

		Following an all members briefing in May 2024, it was agreed that a draft consultation document be prepared for approval by the Planning Committee, before undertaking public consultation.	
4.	Sheerness- Marine Town & Mile Town Conservation Area Review	Updates reported to the Sheppey Area Committee when available.	Press notifications to London Gazette and one local newspaper are being organised. The final adopted version of the appraisal document is envisaged to be published on the SBC website by end of January 2025. The adopted map of redesignated Conservation areas with their changed boundaries are available on the SBC website.
5.	Local Heritage List	Updates reported to the Sheppey Area Committee when available.	<p>The Selection Panel met on 17 October 2024; 278 nominations were presented out of which 150 were shortlisted to be designated as Swale's Local Heritage.</p> <p>The proposed designation list was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on 27 November 2024, wherein it was unanimously agreed to designate the shortlisted assets with addition of one more asset- taking the total to 151 designated assets on Local Heritage List. The mapping work on SBC GIS system and associated data organisation that will include photo and brief description of each asset is ongoing.</p>

			At the Selection Panel meeting there were several deferrals. Also, the team have identified a few geographical gaps in terms of current nominations and wish to include some recommendations emerging from Conservation Area appraisal work. As such, we are proposing an additional call for Local Heritage assets to be run early summer 2025, with the Selection Panel meeting again in the Autumn of 2025. Following that, it is anticipated the list would be updated every three years following a call for nominations and Selection Panel. The next one being scheduled for 2028.
6.	Leysdown Parish Council	Progress on Leysdown Parish Council has been reported to the Area Committee at the September and December 2024 meetings.	A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

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