

## Western Area Committee meeting: Progress on Matters arising – 1 September 2022

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Youth provision in villages	<p>At the June 2021 meeting the lack of youth provision was raised as an issue.</p> <p>Amanda Turner the Kent County Council (KCC) Youth Hub Delivery Manager and Rebecca O'Neill the Commissioned Provider of Youth Provision for KCC, attended the June 2022 meeting to talk about youth provision in the Western Area.</p> <p>The KCC Divisional Member for Swale West will look into the issue of Section 106 money being absorbed into KCC.</p> <p>Ways of working together should be looked at.</p>	<p>The Western Area Committee (AC) requested a proposal be brought to the September 2022 meeting to allocate funds to a project to find out where young people were based who would like to engage with the Brogdale CIC VIBE services with a view to providing them with transport.</p> <p>A proposal is included under item 10 for Area Committee's consideration.</p> <p>An update on the Section 106 issue will be given at the meeting</p>
2.	Bredgar and Hartlip Conservation Area Reviews.	<p>The Area Committee requested that quotes be obtained for Conservation Area Reviews for Bredgar and Hartlip for consideration at the June 2022 meeting.</p>	<p>A proposal is included under item 10 for Area Committee's consideration.</p>
3.	Heritage issues	<p>Cabinet adopted a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan on 18 March 2020. The Action Plan contains a programme of Conservation Area (CA) reviews.</p> <p>The Area Committee agreed to fund CA reviews for the areas below which are</p>	<p>Please see Appendix 1 for an update on progress.</p>

		<p>outside of the planned programme of reviews in the Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodmersham Church Street</li> <li>• Rodmersham Green</li> <li>• Milstead</li> <li>• Tunstall</li> </ul>	
4.	Changing Places Toilets	<p>A Parish Councillor for Bobbing brought the Committee's attention to the Government Fund Changing Places Toilets. Local Authorities were invited to submit expressions of interest to install larger accessible toilets. This was also raised at the Sittingbourne Area Committee meeting.</p> <p>At the June 2022 meeting, the Head of Environment and Leisure advised that Swale Borough Council has been provisionally awarded funding of £133,750 for three Changing places facilities. details.</p>	<p>The funding has been confirmed and three locations identified. Swallows will be undertaken first in 2022/23 followed by Sheerness Swimming Pool and the Healthy Living Centre in 2023/24.</p> <p>SBC officers have undertaken the pre-requisite training. A meeting is to be confirmed with SERCO/SCL to confirm details and requirements of project design.</p>
5.	Charging of electric cars at home where there is no driveway.	<p>A Parish Councillor for Bobbing raised the issue of residents in the future needing to charge electric cars at home when they had no driveway. There needed to be a policy change to allow for a wire to be run either under or over the pavement</p> <p><a href="https://chargearm.com/">https://chargearm.com/</a></p>	<p>Larissa Reed, Chief Executive, advised that she had spoken with Paul Nichols at Brighton and Hove City Council where they had installed 600 charging points to lamp-posts. KCC were adamant they were not considering this option. SBC were looking at other pilots using gullies and gathering evidence to present</p>

		<p>The Area Committee were advised the EV policy was being drafted and it will pay reference to this type of issue and point to Kent County Council guidance as it is their responsibility.</p> <p>Parish Councillor Graham Addicott provided the contact details of Paul Nichols an expert at Brighton and Hove CC.</p>	<p>to KCC. The LR would be talking to the relevant Director at KCC. Kent District Leaders all agreed something needed to be done. She would provide further updates at future Area Committee meetings.</p> <p>The Chief Executive will advise if there has been any progress at the meeting.</p>
6.	Conservation issues including ponds.	David Carey the Pond Warden will be attending the Western Area Committee meeting in September 2022.	A funding proposal may come out of the discussion on pond maintenance in September 2022.
7.	Rose Hill & Meads Woodland Management & Work Plans.	<p>In March 2021 the Area Committee allocated funding to develop management plans. These had now been completed by an external consultant and there were £2,158.00 of funds remaining.</p> <p>The plans indicated if the tasks should be carried out by a contractor or a volunteer group.</p> <p>Members agreed that SBC seek volunteers to set up Friends Groups and to assist them in that process as well as helping them to report progress back to the Western Area Committee.</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Baldock reported that a Friends of Rose Hill Woods Group has formally been founded with requisite officers and a bank account has been opened. The group are looking forward to commencing work.</p> <p>Cllr James Hunt advised that an initial meeting has taken place and a further meeting is scheduled to take place mid-September 2022 where a constitution and committee positions will be agreed.</p> <p>Once both Friends Groups are set up with bank accounts, the Policy and Engagement Officer will arrange for the transfer of £1,079.00 into each account as agreed at the</p>

		<p>The Area Committee agreed that known potential volunteers be contacted by Members to see if they were interested in forming Friends Groups and report back to the June 2022 meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed to adopt the Management and Work Plans for Rose Hill Woods and The Meads Community Woodland and the remaining funding to be split 50/50 between the two Friends Groups once established.</p>	<p>March 2022 meeting. This is the remaining funds from the allocation made in March 2021.</p>
8.	Walking and Cycling Project	<p>In March 2021 funding was allocated to a walking and cycling project in the Western area. The Active Travel Coordinator attended the June 2022 meeting and there was a discussion on potential routes.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a Walking and Cycling project workshop be set up in Swale House with Western Area Committee Members and Parish Councillors to consider routes.</p> <p>A workshop will take place on 15 September at 2 pm in the Second Floor Conference Room at Swale House.</p>