

Sheppey Area Committee meeting: 22 September 2022 – Matters arising

| No. | Item | Background | Updates |
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| 1. | Coach Parking | <p>Jenny Hurkett from the Criterion at Blue Town raised the matter of coach parking on the Isle of Sheppey.</p> <p>Owing to issues outside SBC's control, this matter could not currently be progressed but when feedback was received, any decision making would go to the Community Committee.</p> <p>A Member stated that nothing could be done about the Ship on Shore car park until it could be accessed and suggested a report go to the Community Committee seeking vacant possession. The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods agreed to look into the legal issues.</p> | <p>The Coach Parking in Sheerness Report has been deferred to a future Community Committee.</p> |
| 2. | Connectivity across Sheppey | <p>A question was asked at the June 2021 meeting about transport issues on the Island. The Quality Bus Partnership has been suspended while (Kent County Council) KCC look at how to set up an Enhanced Partnership which will replace the QBP.</p> <p>Divisional Member for Sheppey, County Council Cameron Beart, reported that KCC were awarded £35.1M from the Government for bus services. An update on the new Enhanced Partnership will be given at the KCC Environment and Transport Committee on 7 July 2022. A fuller update will be provided at the September 2022 Sheppey Area Committee Meeting.</p> | <p>See Appendix 1 for the Kent Enhanced Partnership Plan and East Kent Enhanced Partnership Scheme.</p> <p>More information can be found at https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/busfuture</p> |

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| 3. | Sheerness town centre regeneration | <p>The return of the Clock Tower marked the end of the currently funded regeneration programme for Sheerness Town Centre.</p> <p>The Head of Regeneration & Economic Development has provided updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest situation with the LUF bid; • the findings of the High Street Task Force visit; and • how the UKSPF bid might benefit Sheppey. | Please see Appendix 2 |
| 4. | Queenborough and Rushenden regeneration | It was agreed that Homes England would be asked to give an update every six months. | See Appendix 3 for the latest update. |
| 5. | Neptune Terrace | <p>Chris Reed, Sheerness Town Council, asked for an update on Neptune Terrace and the removal of the steps so that people could cycle from Minster to Sheerness. The Director for Regeneration & Neighbourhoods advised that it was the responsibility of the Environment Agency but they had stated they could not fund the work.</p> <p>The Head of Regeneration & Economic Development was working with Sheerness Town Council to send a letter to the Environment Agency to pursue this matter.</p> | The Head of Regeneration & Economic Development advised a letter has been sent to the Environment Agency which was shared with Sheerness Town Council. The response will be shared with the Area Committee when received. |
| 6. | Dumping of spoil on the Eastchurch shoreline | KCC Councillor Andy Booth asked if a report could be brought back to a future Sheppey Area Committee meeting providing details about the spoil that has been dumped on the Eastchurch shoreline. | It is not appropriate to comment publicly on live investigations but the Council is working with the relevant agencies. |

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| | | <p>He said that it was important that the public were aware of what was happening.</p> <p>The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods agreed to take this back but added that if it was a Police matter it could restrict how much could be said.</p> | |
| 7. | Replacement of lighting along Sheerness Promenade | The Area Committee awarded £8,048.74 of funding for the replacement of lighting along Sheerness Promenade. | <p>The Head of Environment and Leisure advised these are part of the LED upgrade works. We are awaiting the latest prices from contractors.</p> <p>The latest quote was around £186,000 so our budget of £70k plus the £8k from Sheppey area committee is not enough. The work has been split into phases and the lights for Sheppey are included in Phase 1.</p> <p>Contractors have suggested they would be in a position to start these works towards the end of September, pending approval to proceed.</p> |
| 8. | Installation of benches | The Area Committee awarded £1,400.00 of funding to install benches in the shelters overlooking the gardens by the Sheerness leisure centre. | Works will be progressed by the seafront team after the main summer season. |

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| 9. | Barton's Point Covered Walkway | The Area Committee agreed Option 2 – the removal of roof slab and metal stations only at a cost of £10k. | Initial quotations have been re submitted. Decision to be taken as to which company will proceed with works. |
| 10. | Coastal Policies Group | <p>Councillor Peter MacDonald asked what progress had been made by the Coastal Policies Group regarding the change from no intervention on erosion to one of protection.</p> <p>The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods advised a meeting would take place on Thursday 9 June 2022 between stakeholders and officers to progress this matter.</p> | The meeting has taken place. A formal working group of the South East Coastal group will be formed. Following initial fact finding, a report will be taken to Environment Committee detailing the options available to the Council and residents. |
| 11. | Queenborough Guildhall | Councillor Cameron Beart asked that the Regeneration & Property Committee look at the poor state of Queenborough Guildhall. | An Extraordinary Regeneration & Property Committee has been called on 26 September 2022 to discuss Queenborough Guildhall. |