



MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 12

21st March 2012

Dunstable Community Fire Station

<u>Members</u>	
Steve Bumstead – Chair	Angela Kirby
Andrew Pym	Marion Mustoe
Tom Chevalier	Julian Clark-Lowes
Tony Welch	Pauline Hey
Jason Jordan	Rosalyn Whisker
<u>Secretariat</u>	
Caroline Romans - Central Bedfordshire Council	
<u>Apologies</u>	
Jon Balaam	Andy Gerrard
David Simkins	Cllr Dave Taylor
Brian Golby	Andy Knight
Cllr Angela Barker	
<u>Observers</u>	
Jonathan Woods – Central Bedfordshire Council	Keith Dove – Luton Borough Council

		ACTION
1.	<u>Public Questions</u> There were no public questions.	
2.	<u>Apologies and Resignations</u> For apologies see above. Cllr Dave Taylor has not attended a single meeting since his appointment to the forum. Keith to once again raise the issue with committee services at Luton Borough Council. Unfortunately a letter of resignation has been received from Gillian Sharp who due to increased work commitments is unable to continue to be a member of the Forum. John Tyler has also sent a letter to the secretary	Keith Dove

	<p>indicating that he wishes to retire as his term of office ends on 31st March 2012. The secretary has thanked them both for their contributions to the Forum and wished them well for the future.</p> <p>JLAF secretary to update the web pages with details of the vacancies that we now have.</p> <p>On a more positive note, Brian Golby, Julian Clark-Lowes and Rosalyn Whisker have all confirmed that they are happy to be re-appointed for a three year term of office when their current term of office expires on 31st March 2012. This was welcomed by the other forum members.</p>	<p>JLAF secretary</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>3.1. Approval The minutes of the January meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>3.2 Matters arising A number of actions were carried forward as they have not yet been completed:</p> <p><u>Vacancies on Forum for young people and tourism & rural business</u> – <i>Young people</i>: JLAF secretary is awaiting dates from Alli Guiton for future youth parliament meetings.</p> <p><i>Tourism and rural business</i>: JLAF secretary to contact James Parrish, Moggerhanger House and the Jordan Trust to try to get a member for the JLAF who can represent this interest area.</p> <p><u>Digital copy of the list of streets</u> – JLAF secretary to respond to the letter received from highways stating that Manton Lane (Bedford) is a long way for the majority of Central Bedfordshire residents to travel to view the digital record of the list of streets, but welcoming their proposal to make it available on the website when the budget allows.</p> <p><u>Mapping of Luton excluded area</u> – Keith to check whether Luton's gazetteer includes ROW and alleyways that would be on a definitive map.</p> <p><u>S106 contributions</u> – JLAF secretary had sent a letter requesting greater transparency of s106 contributions and an increased profile for monies for ROW and greenspace to the planning manager at CBC, but had not received a response. A similar letter will be sent to John Maple at Luton BC.</p> <p><u>CBC Definitive map issues</u> - JLAF to send a letter to Paul Cook (Head of Transport Strategy and Countryside Services) at CBC expressing their appreciation that CBC is under budget constraints, but emphasising that the authority has a legal duty to determine applications in a timely manner which is unlikely to happen with only a single definitive map officer post.</p> <p>Progress has been made on the following actions:</p> <p><u>Pegasus crossing, Hitchin Road</u> - Rosalyn had a positive meeting with Luton BC Officers regarding a proposed crossing near Hitchin</p>	<p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>Keith Dove</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p>

	<p>In terms of the proposed Gating Order, the forum's view was that there should be a presumption in favour of keeping the path open unless there was very strong evidence that it should be gated which the forum did not believe that there was. The footpath is a key through route and would become even more so if a route from the new estate and any future development was opened up. Increased use would make it self policing and would help to integrate the new communities with existing facilities in Farley Hill.</p> <p>JLAF secretary to send a response to the consultation from the forum stating these points.</p> <p>Luton BC has stated that any Gating Orders that are made will be reviewed every 12 months. JLAF secretary to request copies of these review reports when they are produced.</p>	<p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p>
5.	<p><u>OAIP Action Planning Workshop</u></p> <p>Jonathan Woods (CBC Access Development Team Leader) facilitated a workshop to seek the forum's input on the actions that would achieve the aims within the draft Outdoor Access Improvement Plan for Central Bedfordshire Council.</p> <p>The suggestions will be combined with those received from similar workshops undertaken with other groups and incorporated into the CBC OAIP.</p> <p>JLAF secretary to arrange an OAIP sub group meeting w/c 16th April to update the group and seek further inputs.</p>	<p>JLAF secretary</p>
6.	<p><u>Any other notified business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for April 2012 - March 2013; please submit these to the JLAF secretary by Friday 13th April. - Expenses claims for 2011-12 to be submitted to JLAF secretary by Wed 27th March 2012. - Sandy Town Council has applied for Walkers are Welcome status for Sandy. If successful, they will be the first town in East Anglia to achieve it. 500 signatures were gained from locals in support of the application. JLAF secretary to send link to website to forum members. - Greensand Ridge Walk 25th Anniversary Walking event. This will take place on Sunday 22nd April from Sandy Town Centre car park. There will be a 6 mile circular walk via the RSPB and Everton with various stalls and refreshments in Sandy town centre. It is hoped to be able to launch the new GSRW leaflet, six jubilee walks and walkers are welcome at this event. If anyone would like to attend, please email tourism@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk. - Bedfordshire and Luton Green Infrastructure consortium are conducting an on-line survey re: Local Nature Partnerships. JLAF Secretary to send link to members so that they can complete it if they wish. 	<p>JLAF members</p> <p>JLAF members</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p> <p>JLAF members</p> <p>JLAF secretary</p>
7.	<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u></p> <p>OAIP sub group meeting: Wednesday 18th April, 6.30pm at Priory House,</p>	

<p>Chicksands (Room 3). Sandwiches will be provided from 6.15pm.</p> <p>JLAF meeting: Tuesday 8th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Lower Stondon Golf Club. Sandwiches will be available from 6.30pm with a short walk around the course prior to this for those that are interested.</p> <p>JLAF meeting: Wednesday 11th July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Rushmere Country Park, Heath and Reach. Sandwiches will be available from 6.30pm with a short walk around the site prior to this for those that are interested.</p>	
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