

# **LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY**

### **5 OCTOBER 2015 AT LETHERHEAD INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT: Committee:** Caroline Brown(CB) Chairman, Cheryl Allen(CA), Ann Cardew(AC), Louise Herrity(LH), Ian Seifert(IS), Fran Smith (FS), Norma Tatham-Thompson(NT), Martyn Williams(MW), John Wilson(JW), Pam Wilson(PW)

Cllr. Tim Ashton, Cllr. Santi Mondejar,

The Chairman welcomed the Speaker, Cllr. Howard Jones, who would be explaining his personal view on how he sees Leatherhead evolving under Transform Leatherhead. Cllr. Jones was happy to take questions at the end of his talk.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Jones for his informative and thought provoking talk.

A Summary of the talk is on [Appendix One](#) attached to these Minutes.

### **ACTION**

- 1 **Apologies:** Paula Sabine, Cllr. Rosemary Dixon, SCC Cllr. Tim Hall, Cllr. Philippa Shimmin
- 2 **Minutes of Meeting held on 7 September 2015:** The Minutes were approved.
- 3 **Matters arising from meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda** No matters arising
- 4 **Chairman's Report:**
  - a) Work replacing the 1930s water mains will take place from 5 October until March 2016. Temporary traffic lights will be in place. This will effect residents and drivers using Randalls Crescent, Cleeve Road, Longshaw, Randalls Park Avenue and Kingston Road.
  - b) Surrey County Council is consulting on proposals to improve walking, cycling and public transport facilities in Guildford town area. The consultation is open from Monday 5 October until Sunday 15 November. See link for more information [www.surreycc.gov.uk/guildfordtransportschemes](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/guildfordtransportschemes)
  - c) Resident Associations' meeting with Chief Executive: Mr. Nick Gray deputised for Yvonne Rees at this meeting. Topics raised for interest to Leatherhead: i) Jack Straw reported he was preparing the **Infrastructure Needs Assessment** (=INA, Roads, Schools, Hospital etc.) which would come out in Dec/Jan with the next stage of Transform

Leatherhead.

ii) **The Planning Procedures** are to be updated: less letters but an opportunity for people to register their desire for alerts called "MV Alert". Applicants will be required to post up their requests for Planning Permission on their gates

CB/JS

iii) Transport to Airports: Jack Straw to contact National Coaches to enquire if coaches travelling to the airports could stop at Leatherhead.

iv) **Meeting with Ashtead, Bookham, Fetcham**

**RAs:** The meeting heard that three towns had been visited – Addlestone, Walton on Thames & Woking - by the Community Reference Group. This is reported on later.

b/f

v) **Companies limited by Guarantee:** Some RAs are considering becoming companies limited by guarantee. To be discussed at an extra LRA executive committee meeting later this month.

vi) An Appeal for a rather cramped development in Bookham was discussed. It was felt that there should be a written curb on densities.

5 **Reports from sub-committees:**

a) **Environment: (Report)** i) Cheryl Allen(CA) expressed her disappointment with the amount of money (£314.10) raised for the Teazle Wood Charity as a result of the raffle held at Flip Cargill's farewell party.

ii) Anti-Litter Campaign: The final phase of the Anti-Litter Campaign will be held on Saturday 24 October from 10am until 12noon. Volunteers wanted.

ALL

iii) Leatherhead Station: CA said that there appears to be no Manager at the station. Neither we nor Southern Rail (SR- now Govia Thameslink Railway) have access to the area behind the fence where the trouble is. SR seem reluctant to engage with Network Rail, as they are contractually obliged to do, to keep the area clear of rubbish. Branches of bushes now so thick almost impossible to get into the area to clear, branches thrown over on to the site and now there is the worry that (with more complaining) all the bushes could be cut down completely with no way to get into the area to clear. In the meantime, do we wait until all the leaves are off the bushes to show more visible rubbish to be cleared?

CA

b) **Forward Planning: (Report)** The detailed Forward Planning Report will be discussed at an LRA extra executive meeting later this month along with extra information learned from Cllr. Jones' talk. Members of the Community Reference Group have been sent copies of the Master Planners' draft Baseline (104 Pages) & Stage 1 Consultation Reports (38 Pages) to read through carefully to ensure there are no obvious mistakes with reference to the tow. This has to be done by 9 October.

When the Plan is public it will go for public consultation again at about the time of the Leatherhead Christmas Fair and the first week in January 2016

Community Reference Group Members and Councillors visited Addlestone, Walton on Thames and Woking on 30 September. Although they were different sized conurbations (apart from Addlestone), these were useful individual parallels and lessons to be learned. The Masterplanners for Addlestone were the same team as our Masterplanners and the scheme architect talked us through the plan which is due for completion in 2017. An interesting example from Woking was the conversion of a nasty dark alley into a covered market with lock-up stalls between two developments. Members of the Forward Planning Group and the Executive Committee, together with John Howarth, are planning another visit to the above towns and to discuss how certain aspects could influence Transform Leatherhead plans.

- c) **Health: (Report)** i) The Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) Governing Body has agreed to proceed with the recommendations and development of options as outlined in the Review Outcomes paper. Leatherhead Hospital will stay and will become a Diagnostic Centre. Residents are recommended to read the Outcomes Paper – Section 9 Conclusions, Recommendations and Options Page 61 on the SDCCG website. FPG
  - ii) **Ashlea Patients Participation Group (PPG):** CB has written to the Secretary saying that the LRA website is being altered and we will be in touch with her again when this is completed. CB
- d) **Highways:** i) Exit from the Catholic Church car park on to Copthorne Road has very poor visibility when cars are parked each side. Cllr. Tim Hall will be speaking to SCC. TH
  - ii) Speed signs: These can be purchased at £4,000 each. They not only light up when drivers are over the speed limit, but record each car passing and their speed. Residents in Garlands Road would like them.
- e) **Membership & Publicity:** Changes to the LRA website will, hopefully, be ready for the November Meeting. B/f
- f) **Planning: (Report)** i) 15/1112 19/21 Clinton Road has been refused.
  - ii) 15/0062 Church Street (Waitrose) This application has been approved and the Conditions are as follows:-

The store's opening hours will not exceed 8am-10pm Monday-Saturday and 6 hours between 10am and 6pm on Sundays

Deliveries: 7am-10am and 5pm-8pm Monday-Saturday, 8am-1pm Sunday using the free parking bays outside the shop. There must be only one vehicle delivering at a time. No building work outside 7.30am-6pm Monday – Friday 8am-10 Saturday

A full archaeological survey is to be carried out prior to any construction.

- 6 **Newsletter:** The next Newsletter will be coming out in February/March 2016. Copy by end January please. ALL CA/JW
- 7 **Ashted & Leatherhead Local:** The speech given by CB at Flip Cargill's leaving party will be used for part of this article. CB
- 8 **AOB:** i) "Gateway to Surrey Hills": It was suggested that this could be used as the strapline for promoting Leatherhead. b/f  
ii) Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society (CPS): Cheryl Allen has kindly agreed to take the place of Kristina Kenworthy, as the LRA Representative on the CPS Committee.
- 9 **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 November 2015 Room G6 Letherhead Institute.