

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

10.15am 21 APRIL 2015

ROOM 122, KING'S HOUSE

MINUTES

Present: Mike Bojczuk (Chair), Colin Vincent, Jack Hazelgrove, Francis Tonks, Val Brown, John Eyles and Harry Steer, Cllr Geoffrey Bowden

Co-opted Members: Penny Morley and Sue Howley

Others Present: Roisin Murphy, Age UK

PART ONE

82 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

Apologies were received from Janet Wakeling and Marion Couldery. Roisin Murphy was substituting for Jess Sumner, Age UK.

83 MINUTES

Cllr Geoffrey Bowden attended the meeting on 17 March 2015.

Item 78 Member Update Francis Tonks amend 'violent injuries' to 'violent crimes'.

Item 79 OPC Elections – paragraph 4 amend '300 words' to '150 words'.

The minutes were approved.

Matters arising – Item 77 Secretarial Report paragraph 16. The meeting with Duncan Barron had been postponed until 21 May 2015.

84 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

Andrew Renaut, Head of Transport Policy & Planning, B&HCC (AR)

AR: It has been a statutory requirement to have Local Transport Plan (LTP) since 2000. The initial process was very prescriptive but over the years more was left to the discretion of the local authority. The LTP was closely linked to the city and to the council's priorities. It was also a source of capital funding.

The geographic scope for the LTP4 was vast: the city was an international visitor destination; there was the Coast to Capital LEP in the region; the evolving sub-region has the Greater Brighton City Region; and the Brighton and Lewes Biosphere and the National Park. Locally the scope covers the city itself, the seafront, and the Wards and streets.

LTP4 had two elements: a long term strategy looking to 2030 with goals and objectives; and a 4 year delivery plan with actions and measures. Progress will be reviewed in 2018.

The primary transport challenges were: tackling congestion; managing pollution; improving road safety; maintaining the infrastructure; enhance the public realm; increasing transport choices; changing behaviour.

The transport system had to cope with seasonal changes in the city's population. Many plans and strategies were used to develop LTP4 such as the National Highways and Transport Survey; the new Visitors Survey 2014 and many more. There were also a number of stakeholder workshops. LTP4 was endorsed by the Transport and Sustainability Committee and agreed by Full Council in March 2015.

Q: How were ideas put into the plan reflected? Can we see what happened to our input? What about concessionary train travel for older people?

AR: issues raised would have been considered although details on how each set of individual concerns were addressed was not in this presentation. The train companies were not under the direction of the council.

LTP4 had a number of citywide goals: grow the economy; reduce carbon emissions; increase safety and security; provide equality, mobility and accessibility; improve health and wellbeing; enhance the public realm; encourage respect and responsibility. For example, in the goal to change behaviour (encouraging respect and responsibility) there was a Travel Plan for council's employees, including interest free loans for an annual bus pass.

Q: the new scheme that involves using the phone for parking was difficult for some older people. What was happening?

AR: there was a dialogue going on looking at different ways of doing things. They were using technology to be more efficient but this was not always available to all and that needed to be taken into account.

Q: what can be done to influence bus charges?

AR: We can relay information and concerns but can only encourage companies rather than mandate behaviour. The bus companies were open to discussions and looking at changing the ways services run from east to west across the city.

Q: did you consider the level crossing at Boundary Road?

AR: this was closely studied as part of the regeneration of Shoreham Harbour but it was very difficult to engineer away the level crossing and wouldn't be cost effective.

AR: The overall approach was to *maintain* the existing infrastructure, *manage* transport differently, and *improve* – investment to improve.

Feasibility and research included looking at coaches and the issues around Pool Valley; the freight strategy; interchanges including train stations, taxi ranks and bus stops; the information strategy and how to ensure feedback in information in real time; and transport corridors and routes.

They were also looking at centres of activity such as shopping. The Air quality management plan links very clearly with shopping areas. This was an example of looking at more than one area at a time.

The Chair thanked Andy Renault for a most interesting and informative session. The Chair also thanked Andy Renault for his offer to come to a future meeting and suggested that it would be most welcome after the OPC elections.

85 TRUST FOR THE DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES

Steven Andrews, Community Participation Worker, Trust for the Developing Communities (TDC).

Steve Andrews (SA) – Steve had been working with TDC since 2006 providing and delivering community development work – that is, asking people what they want in their neighbourhood. He worked in New Larchwood in Coldean getting residents to interact with others and then with other communities. He now also provided outreach in Hove, Portslade, Hollingdean and Hollingbury. A key objective was easing social isolation in older people and investigating groups to see how to link. Many groups were unaware of others and he was making connections with the Fed, LGBT Switchboard, Impact Initiatives and the Hangleton and Knoll project.

The University of Brighton send volunteers to do work placements at New Larchwood. The remit from Adult Social Care was to help 50+ engage with older people and actually there are more 20+.

Other work included support for bids for funding – eg the successful bid for the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund, a lunch club in Hollingbury that is underway. There was a steering advisory group that were coaxing opinions out of those who haven't had a voice before. In December 2014 Adult Social Care asked for the steering group to be set up but now there was two; North and Central and West Hove and Portslade. The groups meet quarterly and the last meeting was in The Hive in Stoneham Park but they were going to rotate venues.

Another initiative was 'Men in Sheds' aimed at older men to encourage them to talk together. This hasn't had many takers so they are looking at being destination or task focused meetings.

Steve is funded until 2017.

Q: was there data on where the isolated people were?

SA: only the Insight figures from the council. It was a long process and they needed to get people to events to see what they wanted to do.

Q: how do you work with the AFC? Where do the views you collect go?

SA: aware of the AFC. A list was being drawn up to email around to the steering group and others.

Chair: Many thanks for a most interesting session. In the future, the OPC could have a role in collating all the voices and providing the conduit.

86 SECRETARY'S UPDATE

SECRETARIAL REPORT - APRIL 2015

- **Election** - Meeting with electoral services on 17th March with officers and Clare Wardle & Julia Riches - the publication of the notice of election will be Thursday 21st May - nominations by 5th June and postal votes from 18th June until 3rd July. Meeting with candidates and other issues to discuss.

The A5 leaflet on register to vote is underway and 3,000 will be printed. The A4 colour leaflet for candidates is underway and 50 will be printed.

JR – agreed to get the text for an A4 flier agreed by Electoral Services and the cost of printing 1,000 agreed.

Members agreed where they would distribute this flier (information on register to vote, becoming a member of the OPC, and the next OPC meeting in May 2015).

- **Spring Bus Service changes** - 38A,74,77,78, & 79 - details circulated meeting now 21st May 5.30 at Audrey Emerton Building next door to Eye Clinic in Eastern Road .
- **Centre for Ageing Better** - have issued a consultation paper about their aims & objectives which include questions about Priorities, Landscape, Focus, Theory of Change & Working Together. They are seeking a response by 20th May. Any views?
- **Age Friendly City - Forum** - April meeting had a discussion with the Head of Communications in Brighton & Hove Council. There was also a visit from Isle of Wight Age UK seeking to get advice about Age Friendly City and how we got support for this in Brighton.
- **Age Friendly City Steering Group** -We had information about small winter grants that are available via Age UK or BUCFP for up to £150 and the criteria for application that was circulated. The next meeting is now a workshop on Older People & Food on Monday 8th June at 10.00 at Brighthelm.
- **National Pensioners Convention Brighton** - Meeting held on 31st March on Older People & Health. Colin gave an update on OPC.
- **Women of Note Concert** - Grace Eyre on 18th April - details circulated.
- **Newsletters** Age Action Alliance , Care in the City about the impact of the Care Act in Brighton & Hove and Later Life circulated
- **Community Works membership** - they have contacted us about membership. There is no cost and we will need to confirm our continued membership with them. They were helpful when we were campaigning to continue
- **Speakers Corner** - There seems to be an attempt to resuscitate this.

- **Sleep Workshop** - Details of a sleep workshop for LGBTQ community on Saturday 18th April.
- **Walking Football** - a Tuesday evening group is being established at the Stanley Deason Leisure Centre
- **Grey Matters** - The Trust for Developing Communities notified us of an interview they have given to Grey Matters.
- **Mayors Reception** - details of a reception in memory of Martha Gunn to be held on the 1st May was circulated

87 MEMBERS' UPDATE

Francis Tonks – attended AFC Forum, NPC meeting and a number of Hustings.

Val Brown – working with the B&H Heritage Commission looking at the Blue Plaque for women.

Sue Howley – Attended AFC Forum meetings.

Roisin Murphy – is a new member who is representing Age UK

Jack Hazelgrove – has been canvassing and has noticed the issue of missing railings

Colin Vincent - attended the meeting with Electoral Services, a meeting on Valuing Voices (Sussex Community Health Trust Meeting), a Grey Matters meeting, the National Pensioners Convention, and HWOSC.

Mike Bojczuk – attended the meeting with Electoral Services, met with John Barry the previous OPC Secretary about old OPC materials, attended the TDC West meeting.

John Eyles – attended a number of Hustings, and a meeting about tree planting in pavements.

Harry Steer – Anne Gunnell has been in touch about archive material that needs to be sent to The Keep.

88 OPC WORK PROGRAMME

The next meeting is 19 May 2015 in the Jubilee Library for prospective candidates. Claire Wardle to attend.

23 June 2015 meeting – Barbara Deacon Hedges (HWB Business Manager) on social isolation.

21 July 2015 – new OPC (post election) to agree their work programme.

89 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

