



Minutes of LymeForward Partnership Meeting
Held in Woodmead Halls Lyme Regis
2pm Thursday March 15th 2018

1. Present:

Cllr Michaela Ellis	Mayor of Lyme Regis & Chair
PCSO Amanda King	Dorset Police
Cllr Daryl Turner	District and County Councillor
Cllr Cheryl Reynolds	Lyme Regis Town Council & West Dorset District Council
Cllr Paul Oatway	Charmouth Parish Council
Adrian Ragbourne	LymeForward Coordinator
Chris Boothroyd	LymeForward CIC Director
Ken Lavery	LymeForward CIC Director (to 3.20pm)
Wendy Davies	LymeForward CIC Director
Kathy Boston-Mammah	Community Development Officer at Dorset Councils Partnership
Lynn Kenchington	Adult + Community Support, Dorset County Council
Vicky Oliver	Adult + Community Support, Dorset County Council
David Sarson	Royal Voluntary Society & Rotary
Trudi Robson	Tourist Information Centre
Kate Goldrick	Citizens Advice Bureau
Rob McLaughlin	Lyme Regis Community Land Trust
Keith Jenkin	Lyme Regis Community Land Trust
Philip Sankey	WATAG
James Bragg	Lyme Regis Society
Revd Jane Skinner	Lyme Regis Parish Church
Terri Tipping	Lyme Regis Development Trust
Jacky Hedley-Tuffs	Individual
Anne Sankey	Individual
Belinda Bawden	Individual
Margaret Rose	Individual

2. Apologies

Sally Holman, Jane Nicklen (Kathy Boston attending in lieu), Ann Hardman, Godfrey Thomas (Terri Tipping attending in lieu), Audrey Vivian.

3. Minutes of last meeting - October 12th 2017

- accuracy proposed by Michaela Ellis, second by Jacky Hedley-Tuffs.
- no matters arising



4. Policing in Lyme Regis & area

PCSO Amanda King introduced herself, saying she had been based in our area since November 2017. She explained that she started the day in Bridport but then tries to spend the rest of her time in Lyme Regis if not called away to help cover Charmouth and Marshwood Vale. Her key points were :

- residents and businesses could be more conscious of security
- she was keen to see more Neighbourhood Watch groups set up, the police were able to give considerable support eg by providing literature. An invitation from Cheryl Reynolds to attend the Residents' Association in April was accepted.
- let the police know of any suspicious activity - either through 101 or Dorset Police Do It Online

In response to a question about her use of social media, she did not have her own Twitter and Facebook ID as did Richard WInward, but there was a link to the Bridport Police Facebook page on the Dorset Police website.

She was also asked to highlight the particular very prevalent current issue of people being rung by "Microsoft" and being conned into divulging their security information.

5. What Dorset Councils' Restructure will look like

6. Cllr Daryl Turner spoke to the [attached Powerpoint presentation](#) with the following key points:
 - the name of the new authority would be Dorset Council
 - there should be a shadow authority and executive in place by June 2018 to manage the transition.
 - from May 2019 there would be 2 x 5 year electoral cycles, leading to harmonisation with the county electoral cycle in 2029. Town and parish elections will be changed to harmonise with these cycles.
 - council tax should be harmonised in 1-5 years.
 - there is no time for the Boundary Commission to review properly, so will probably use the existing boundaries for the new "wards" with 2 councillors to each (a total of 82 councillors as against the current 176 councillors (206 seats, 30 twin-hatted councillors - excluding Christchurch CC cllrs). This will ultimately result in approximately 3,700 voters per councillor as opposed to the current 3,600. [Note from LymeForward: Currently there are 900 staff employed by the District Councils, 10,000 by the County Council, 6,000 of which are in schools]
 - no decision as yet on possible models for area-based decision making
 - timescales too tight to allow any interaction with the Task & Finish groups

Daryl's expectation was that on the ground there would be little perceived difference at least until after the May 2019 elections. He did fear there would be a reduction in road standards, with other departments depending on "plans" to bridge very large budget deficits. In particular, it is known that there are both more children and more adults coming into the care system, as yet impossible to foresee the severity of their need but clearly pressures would increase.

7. LymeForward Report

The following new points were made in addition to the written report:

6.1 The Chair echoed the appreciation for Adrian Ragbourne's hard work.

6.4 **Chris Boothroyd summarised his H&WB Group report**, explaining the group had two focuses:

1. work to understand and convey to the CCG what needed to be in the new contract for services currently provided by Virgin Care. He urged listeners to read the three documents produced by the group (on the website) and stressed that shortcomings were due to the system and/or lack of resources NOT to the staff on the ground. Progress within the CCG towards a tender document is slow: the CCG public meeting about 'the model' promised for March is now postponed to May; if 'the model' is any different from that already proposed in June 2017 this is not apparent; no information about the service specification to be tendered is yet allowed out of the

CCG's inner counsels. The H&WB Group continues to challenge both the delay and the lack of communication.

2. bringing support groups to Lyme Regis. Chris illustrated the problem by citing the Devon and Dorset coverage provided by Age UK, neither of whom reached as far as Uplyme or past Bridport (though Dorset do now have coverage in our area following representations from the H&WB Group.). Another problem was the less-than-expected take-up when agencies did provide a local outpost. One reason for this was likely to be lack of knowledge by health and care workers, which an Open Day (or "speed-dating session" as Chris called it) at the Medical Centre on **Thursday** April 26th (not Monday as given in the agenda papers) is designed to improve.

Chris expressed his appreciation for the expert work contributed by his colleagues on the H&WB Group, and to Heather Prior for her work with the support groups.

6.5. (ii) **Update on Coastal Community Fund Round 5 Potential bid**

Wendy Davies reported that the meeting convened on 13th March by the Dorset Coastal Forum (which was well regarded by Department of Housing, Communities & Local Government) had heard from all potential bidders, and had concluded that there might be a possible portfolio bid especially around Lyme Bay. Those attending committed to returning draft application forms to Bridget Betts by March 16th. Bridget was reported to be happy to support bidders either by coordinating a portfolio bid or by helping with individual bids. A group decision on portfolio or individual is expected before the end of the month. Meanwhile, the details of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth elements are being developed by Simon Williams and Adrian Ragbourn, supported by Tony Colston as CCT chair and Wendy Davies as LymeForward Director, whilst keeping the Town Council informed.

6.7 **Buses**

Philip Sankey reminded the meeting that during the discussions last summer about the Town Council taking on the funding of the 71 bus, there had been mention of possible change of routes, for instance to take account of the new housing developments. He asked if there were any such discussions under way. He was assured by the Mayor and Cllr Reynolds that these matters were in hand.

6.8 **Community Land Trust**

Rob McLaughlin reported that there had been 258 applications for the 15 houses, 122 when those without an adequate local connection had been discounted. The final 44 individual applicants represented a 300% over-subscription and they competed against each other on their housing need having 'ticked all other boxes'. Several of the 15 successful applicants had been made homeless by executor sales. He cautioned against too much emphasis on the make-up of the demand as it represented a snapshot of the current situation and may well differ in future. Keith Jenkin said that the level of the rents were the result of a balancing act between the CLT who wanted the homes to be as affordable as possible, and Yarlinton who needed to see a return on their investment. The resulting rents were under the local housing allowance, so should any tenant lose their job, they should not lose their home.

8. **Any Other Business**

None

The date of next meeting was confirmed as Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.30 in the Woodmead Halls.

This meeting will be LymeForward's AGM at which priorities for the next 20 funded months will be considered.