**Notes & Actions**

**The LERF meeting**

**Thursday 22 September 2022 – 1830**

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| **In Attendance:**

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| Rev. Steve Hallett | SH | Chair - Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) |
| Mariee Wymer | MW | Vice Chair - Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) |
| Robyn | R | Serpentine Court Steering Group (SCSG) |
| Cllr Ed Hume | EH | Bletchley and Fenny Town Councillor and MKCC ward councillor |
| Jessie Gilsenan | JG | Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) |
| Sue Evans | SE | Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) |
| Will Rysdale | WR | Head of Housing Delivery, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) |
| Zulf Awan | ZA  | Community Engagement Manager, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) |
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| **Apologies were received from:** |
| Rahul Mundray | RH | Development Manager, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) |
| Samantha Goodwin | SG | Interim Community Partnership Officer for the Lakes Estate, MKCC |
| Halima SaheedAndrew Magona | HS | Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) |
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| 1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Steve (SH) welcomed everyone to the meetingSH shared the agenda for the evening & reminded everyone of the meeting etiquette (Raise hand, wait to be invited to speak & one speaker at a time).  |
| 1. **Chairs Reflections**

SH – we’ve had a very busy summer including: * On Your Bike
* Signs of Change
* Health and Wellbeing week – week of very inclusive fun activities

To add to this there’s been progress made on regeneration and people will start to see things happen over the next few months. |
| 1. **Minutes & Actions from the last meeting**
* Minutes approved – MW & SE
* All points raised are covered under the agenda items
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| 1. **Regeneration Update**

WR provided the following update: * Graham has been appointed as the developer for the Lakes Estate, they will start to work through a Pre-Construction Service Agreement (PCSA) with MKCC which will include the cost of the development
* WR is working to secure a Homes England grant to pay towards the cost of the development, if successful this will assist with paying for any inflation/increases against our original estimates.
* there have been a number of meetings/introductions with Graham and partners to discuss various elements of the development including Health and Safety, Communication, time frames etc
* there has been a walkaround the estate with Rahul, Sam and colleagues from Graham, this was to show key areas and meet stakeholders/partners
* project directory including stakeholders names and contact details has been shared with Graham
* no changes to the risk register at this time
* timeline is still on track as we can potentially mitigate delay to start times by carrying out ground works earlier
* demolition notice will be served to all residents of Serpentine Court
	+ a letter will be sent out giving advanced notice to SC residents that they will be receiving notice that Serpentine Court is to be demolished, sometime within the next 7 years.
	+ The notice is part of the process for MKCC so there is no need for any concern, all will be explained in the document which will include contact details for officers should they need to discuss it
	+ It’s also worth noting that the notice lasts for seven years, which is the maximum amount of time we have to demolish Serpentine Court without a further application, but we hope to have new homes built and Serpentine Court flats emptied well before the seven year time period.
* Leaseholders letters have been sent out explaining the process of purchasing the properties including independent valuations
* Housing Needs Assessment – WR didn’t know the level of detail they were going to ask each resident, apologies have been made by MKCC colleagues
* No update on community hub at this time

**Actions:** * **WR/RM to keep the forum up to date with progress**
* **Graham reps to be invited to a future meeting**
* **Community Hub update needed from Property services team**
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| 1. **Signs of Change and Health and Wellbeing week**

**Signs of Change**SH provide the following update:* + We met with an enthusiastic group of residents including young people on Wednesday 28 July outside Spotlight
* we broke in to two groups and set off in opposite directions and armed with sponges, water, cleaning products and walked around the estate to identify any broken, missing or dirty street signs.
* The idea behind Signs of Change was to clean and check the street sign across the estate. This will help when people are expecting deliveries, prescriptions or when an ambulance has to come to the estate.
* It was great to see members of the community come together to help and make a difference to our estate.
* The young people were very keen to help and we were also joined by Michael Bracey, the Chief Executive of Milton Keynes Council.
* We now have very clean signs and have noted missing signs which we’ve followed with Milton Keynes Council.

**Health and Wellbeing week**Organised by Locals of the Lakes Residents Association and Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF) the Health and Wellbeing week was funded by the Lakes Club and included 5 days of inclusive events and activities for all ages including:* Trip to the seaside
* Healthy eating/food larder day
* On Your Bike project which includes guided bike riding and free bikes for Lakes residents (subject to terms and conditions)
* Signs of Change
* Health and Wellbeing Day
* Treasure Hunt

MW provided the following update: * all the activities and events were successful and the feedback from residents received was very positive.
* The community had fun whilst finding out about services that help them with any health and wellbeing concerns they may have.

**On Your Bike Project**MW provided the following update: * On Your Bike project is a local initiative to get members of the Lakes Estate, regardless of age to get cycling.
* It’s already proving to be very popular as the first guided bike ride was on 27 July.
* it included free bike check and repairs by Cycle Saviours and many local residents have taken advantage of the service so they can get their bikes back on the road

**Actions:*** + **ongoing review and monitoring of On Your Bike Project**
	+ **gather evaluation/feedback from Health and Wellbeing week**
	+ **follow up with MKCC re the signs that need cleaning repairing due to graffiti and damage**
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| 1. **Public Realm/Play area & courtyard update**

SH read out the following update from Sue Brown MKCC:**Play Areas*** Works to construct the new play area at Gorman is progressing well and we hope the children are looking forward to playing on the space themed equipment very soon
* We are still on track to complete the play area at the end of September and will share the date of the opening with Sam/LERF next week.
* Once completed our contractor Serco will start to revisit the smaller play sites which are no longer used and reinstate these as public open space.
* Works will include removing redundant play equipment / surfacing and remnant foundations and reinstating grass, shrub planting and in some cases installing new seating to retained areas of hard surfacing.
* We will circulate the plans for these areas in the coming months.

**Courtyards:*** The plants and spring bulbs to be installed in Garry Court, Tarbert and Menteith Courtyard As will be ordered in the next few weeks to complete the initial works in these courtyards.
* Serco aim to start works on the Burnmoor sites in October with a view to all courtyards being completed by Christmas.
* The clearance works within the Courtyard B sites are also now complete, however these areas continue to be targeted by fly tippers. This is an ongoing problem we need the community to support us with by reporting any incidents of fly tipping promptly.

**SH raised the following:*** Some queries raised about play areas/courtyards and ownership,
* Courtyards need edging smoothed off so reducing risk of injury

**Actions:*** **SH invite Sue Brown to next meeting**
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| 1. **Fly-Tipping Action Plan**

WR read out notes from the action plan sent to him by Environmental Services.The following areas were noted in the plan.* Some signs of waste being dumped by certain lamp posts.
* Cardboard found dumped with name and address on.
* Waste found dumped on grass area between rear of Rannoch Close and Rydal Way

Actions listed under the plan included:* Door knocking where there is evidence of fly tipping/rubbish outside homes – completed
* Letter drops to all residents – completed
* Fly Tipping warning signs to be placed on lamp posts in location – completed
* Consider camera installation if problem persists.

WR shared some before and after photos which clearly shows where work has been doneMW added the following points:* MW was contacted to discuss fly tipping hot spots and she sent over areas that she feels that need clearing/attention
* people know how to report bulky items/rubbish that needs collecting but people can’t afford the collection cost so it seems to be easier/cheaper to dump/fly tip it.

SH raised the following:* part of the plan was a need to reduce the collection cost but no update on this as yet
* there are areas that are missing form the plan
* we need to invite Nick Hannon to discuss the points raised including:
* Are the trucks going to the affected areas?
* We need better comms to show what has been done
* We need to reduce the collection cost, this could include a local service for Lakes that everyone pays for through their rent/rates

**Action: SH to invite NH to a LERF meeting**  |
| 1. **Chairs Closing Remarks**
* Communication still remains an issue, not with all teams/departments as Regeneration team are always communicating with us, we need to make sure all teams and departments talk to LERF/SCSG/LOLRA
* LERF members agreed the following were still priorities for the area:
* Landscaping – Seeds of Change project ask NH to attend meeting
* Fly tipping
* Parking
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| 1. **Date of Next LERF meeting:**

**Thursday 17th November 2022 at 1830 on Zoom****Meeting concluded – 8.10pm** |