

Notes & Actions

The LERF meeting

Thursday 19 January 2023 – 1830 via Zoom

In Attendance:

Rev. Steve Hallett	SH	Chair - Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF)
Mariee Wymer	MW	Vice Chair - Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF)
Delia Shepherd	DS	Bletchley Fenny Stratford Town Council
Jessie Gilsean	JG	Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF)
Halimah Saheed	HS	Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF)
Stephen Bryant	SB	Community Engagement officer, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC)
Rahul Munday	RM	Development Manager, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC)
Edward Hume	ED	Councillor
Shaun Greig	SG	Senior Environment Crime Officer, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC)

Apologies were received from:

Samantha Goodwin	SG	Interim Community Partnership Office for the Lakes Estate (MKCC)
Zulf Awan	ZA	Community Engagement Manager, Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC)
Andrew Magona	AM	Lakes Estate Renewal Forum (LERF)
Will Rysdale	WR	Head of Housing Delivery (MKCC)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Steve (SH) welcomed everyone to the meeting

SH 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).

2. Chairs Reflections

SH gave his feed back on the Money Saving Master class . Spoke about Mark Burch leaving the role in MKCC and the need to fill that role in the Repairs Subgroup. Survey at the Christmas fair about what residents liked/disliked about Lakes Estate.

Likes:

- Community Spirit
- Friendly
- Open Spaces/Parks

Dislikes:

- Fly tipping

- ASB
- Street lighting
- Pad paving
- New bins

Discussion about how residents can access information without the internet.
DS Quarterly newsletter that goes to residents, noticeboard has been vandalised

Action

Group to look at new places to put notice boards on the estate.

3. Minutes & Actions from the last meeting (17 November 2022)

- ‘Kangaroo Lorry’ on estate
Discussion on agenda point 3a.
- Community hub update
Discussion on agenda point 4.
- Support Age UK
No feedback from Age UK about supporting the Money Saving Master Class. Age UK packs were not cost effective. Future challenge to identify older residents.
- Speeding
Discussion on speed cameras near the bridge area, Junction is a hazard near bridge

Action

- EH to contact Council

3a. Fly-tipping Update

SH Thanked Crawford for the work he has been doing on the estate. 2019 MKCC developed a fly-tipping action plan to reduce fly-tipping across Milton Keynes. Is a need for residents to report people fly-tipping. Is a need for information from residents, helps MKCC to fine offenders. ‘Kangaroo trucks’ are not financially sustainable and doesn’t really solve problem . Discussion was opened up to the group. Questions about reporting fly-tipping, Keep Britain Tidy (KBT) and non-Lakes Estates residents fly-tipping SH reminded group the MKCC would not share information of residents unless it goes to court. If people want to report fly-tipping: scu.enforcement@milton-keynes.gov.uk can use the email to send photos etc. Using CCTV does stop fly tipping in one area, but it moves to other areas. MKCC have worked with KBT in the past.

4. Regeneration update

RM Graham group has been selected. This is in 2 stages:

- Pre contract service agreement
- BUILD

Graham are developing a stakeholder engagement strategy. There will be more ground investigation over the next 2 weeks.

MKCC are pushing Graham for a time line. Target is to be on site in 2023.

Stage 2 will have to be approved by Cabinet.
Nursery in phase A will be moved to phase B as it still needs to be acquired.
Community Hub: no decision on management currently.

Action

- SG check LERF members get E update

5. Play spaces and Courtyard's update

SH shared photos of plan and repairs of walls and planters in court yards.
Comments about some residents don't like them as it stops children playing.
Questions about what is in the planters, who is responsible for upkeep?

Action

- Group to find out who is responsible for planters – SG check with Sue Brown

6. 2023 LERF priorities discussion

- Ideas for different age groups
- Yoga
- Meditation
- Tai chi

Group discussed where these would take place.
SH Council agreed Lakes Club funding for 2023-2024 and the Shared Prosperity fund.
Group agreed that February meeting can be about funding and projects. Need to connect to other demographics on the Estate.

Action

- SH to talk to MW, SG & ZA about setting up a funding meeting

Date of next meeting to be confirmed Wednesday 29 March 6.30pm