

Ledbury Town Plan Working Group

Tuesday 16th January 2018

6.30pm at Ledbury Town Council Offices, Church Lane

Report of Meeting

Attendees: Councillors Francis, Morris and Shields, Griff Holliday, Sally Holliday, Patricia Wilkin, Christine Tustin

For item 2 only:

St Katherine's Surgery: Dr Chris Rees, Ray Hunter (PPG), Margo Ford (PPG)

Market Surgery: Pauline Spetchley (Practice Manager)

1. Apologies: None
2. Ledbury Health Issues – processes for progressing health issues.

Christine Price from Healthwatch Herefordshire attended the meeting and presented to the meeting the role of Healthwatch in representing and progressing the views of residents on health services in the county.

Griff Holliday reminded the meeting of the health related objectives and suggested actions within the Ledbury Town Plan, noting that the issue of future provision of medical services had become more acute as a result of recent significant bids for housing development in Ledbury.

Christine noted that Healthwatch was already taking up key issues including the lack of dentistry and forward medical provision.

Christine agreed that a local group representing health interests interfacing with Healthwatch could be an effective way of Ledbury's voice being heard.

The Surgery representatives agreed with this approach and it was agreed that the patient representatives of the surgeries would be encouraged to work to establishing a local representative group – "Ledbury Health Group", with a view to a further meeting with Healthwatch on Monday 5th March (4pm Ledbury Town Council Offices) to develop the process. Other Ledbury representative groups would be invited in due course, and it was noted that impetus could be provided by representation at Ledbury Community Day.

Review progress at next meeting

3. Review of progress in respect of issues discussed/recommended at the meeting on 28th November 2016
 - a) Progress with operational review and action plan – and impact on progressing Town Centre initiatives.
Status: *The appropriate working party is due to hold its first meeting shortly.*

Review at next meeting

- b) Providing for town, business and trade development – progress with proposals for a Town Centre manager, and provision in Town Council budgets

Status: *At the meeting of Economic Planning and Development Committee on 7th September it was agreed to delay any further discussion on the possibility of appointing a Town Centre Development Manager until the conclusion of the Operational Review (see 2a above).*

Griff Holliday reminded the meeting that opportunities to provide short term provision for development opportunities in the council budget would be prudent. (See also 3g)

Councillor Morris and Christine Tustin agreed to review options for the town having an up-to-date visitor web-site, considering what is currently available, possible costs for an up-grade, and on-going maintenance and content needs. **Action: Councillor Morris and Christine Tustin**

Review at next meeting

- c) Setting up a patient group to consider health issues throughout the town. See item 2 above.
- d) Coordination of sports groups to optimise use of sports facilities.

Status: *The Environment and Leisure Committee had a presentation from Ian Beer, President of the Ledbury and District Sports Federation at their meeting on 29th June, at which Mr Beer spoke of concerns over the under provision of playing fields in the Town and queried how the Town Council proposed to address the situation.*

Mr Beer has approached a number of local sports groups and is looking for a chair for the federation. Immediate response from groups is that there is no short term need for a meeting..

Councillor Francis to liaise witha Mr Beer. **Action: Councillor Francis**

Review at next meeting

- e) Youth Council

Status: *Mr Evans, the Head of John Masefield High School had asked for activities of the Youth Council to be suspended for the time being – he planned to review a way forward after Autumn half term.*

Sally Holliday will contact Mr Evans to understand the current position.

Action: Sally Holliday

Review at next meeting

f) Traffic Management

Status: *The report on Ledbury's Public Realm (including traffic management) being produced by Balfour Beatty for Herefordshire Council due for publication at the end of March 2017 is still not available – in July it was expected to be available to stakeholders in September.*

This matter was brought by this Group to the agenda of the Economic Development and Planning (EDP) Committee at their meeting on 4th January (minutes awaited).

g) Visitor Brochure arrangements and budget

- The new Joined Up Heritage/Traders Association Arrivals Brochure is due to be launched in March.
- EDP Committee on 4th January recommended expenditure to distribute the remaining 15,000 copies (approx.) of the 2016 edition Destination brochure via Glide Publications. Consideration of expenditure for restocking was deferred.

h) Communications with residents and businesses

Work is continuing on a requirements document for the redevelopment of the Town Council website. Including a visitor website is outside the scope of the work – the project content is already substantial.

Review at next meeting.

3. Any other business

Participatory Budgeting - Councillor Shields asked if members of the working group would like to be actively involved in selecting candidates for expenditure under participatory budgeting, given the many options within the Town Plan. The meeting agreed that they were happy that Councillors Shields, Morris and Francis took this forward. Griff Holliday will be available if detailed data from the Town Plan is needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th January 2018 at Town Council Office at 7pm.

Griff Holliday
For Ledbury Town Plan Working Group
18th January 2018