

Whitecliffe Community Liaison Group Meeting

14 November 2023

This meeting was held via Video Conference.

<p>1.0</p>	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Victoria Akinstomide-Akinwamide, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Jonathon Hawkes, Ebbsfleet ward Mary Rouse, Community Development Manager, EDC Harry Zimmerman, Placemaking Officer Kimberley Short, Property Manager, RMG Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG Adam Owen, Project Director, Camland Consulting Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting Lorraine Morrison, Estate Manager, Camland Consulting Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1.1</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr David Mote, Greenhithe & Knockall Ward Amelia Hetterley, Clarion Housing Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group Penny Marsh, SEBA, Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside Sheila Eade, Major, The Salvation Army Che Eade, Senior Planning Officer, EDC</p>	<p>Note</p>

As there were no resident attendees at this meeting, those present were asked to raise any items in addition to the information in the Interim Update Report. The following was discussed:

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

<p>2.0</p>	<p>Noticeboards</p> <p>EDC updated that the two additional noticeboards for Alkerden and Ashmere would be installed by the end of November.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Fly Tipping</p> <p>Cllr Hawkes asked for clarification of the process for reporting fly tipping. HC confirmed that this should be reported to Dartford Borough Council (DBC) in the first instance – they have an excellent portal on the website for this. If the fly tipping is not on DBC land, then the landowner e.g. Henley Camland, will need to remove this and will ask RMG to organise it.</p>	<p>Note</p>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

<p>3.0</p>	<p>Community Cohesion Cllr Akinstomide-Akinwamide raised concern over a recent issue on social media where she had to ask the page moderator to close a thread. The conversation was around the fact that events, activities, facilities in Whitecliffe are open to all residents AND the wider community, which some residents do not believe is the case. A discussion followed around community cohesion. All agreed this disconnect was not unusual as a new neighbourhood builds, but more cohesion will be in place as additional facilities open eg the new education campus, and links connect the surrounding area e.g through the Major Urban Park (MUP) into Craylands Gorge and into Heritage Park and Ingress Gardens. Further footpaths links will be open as the development builds out onto Durrant Way, Alkerden Lane and Mounts Road. Alkerden Farm (North of the MUP) once replanned, will provide a further park with a vehicle access and footpaths links off Alkerden. EDC's community/placemaking team and the EGC Trust encourage and promote community cohesion. It was reiterated that all comms should educate and reinforce the message that everything is for everyone.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Community event cost and licenses EDC would like further clarification around the cost of running smaller events and the charges to be paid by the organisers. HC confirmed costs largely relate to electricity being used and the clear up cost after the events which affect the estate charge. HC clarified that the costs of running events should not be passed on to residents and this is why event fees have been introduced. EDC would like to see a sliding scale policy and would appreciate further discussion on this. EDC will send examples of the smaller events that might be held to inform a meeting between both parties. Lorraine confirmed there is a standard proforma to be filled out for all events.</p>	<p>EDC/HC</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 2pm. A calendar invitation will be sent. All are asked to note this date so we can ensure as full an attendance as possible.</p>	<p>Note</p>