
SPELTHORNE TOGETHER EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

Venue: BP Sunbury

23 May 2011 15.30-17.30



Present

Sue Robertson (Chairman)

Andrew Evans

Tim Griffiths

Richard Hewitt

Kathleen Croft

Paul Mitchell

Nigel Lynn

Alex Tribick

Paul Mitchell

Denise Turner-Stewart

Clive Whitethread

Jackie Diment

Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals Trust

A2Dominion

Residents' Association – North

Residents' Association – South

Residents' Assn – Stanwell/Stanwell Moor

SCDT

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Business Forum

Surrey Community Development Trust

Surrey County Council - elected member

Surrey Fire & Rescue (for Les Dodd)

VAIS (for Elizabeth Moore)

Also in attendance

Brian Harris

Joanne Jones

Keith McGroary

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Borough Council

Apologies – Executive members

Ruth Hutchinson

Sue Metcalf

Mikhael Bhudri

Roberto Tambini

Nicola Aboud

Louise Punter

Richard Walsh

James Painter

Les Dodd

Sharon Bush

Elizabeth Moore

NHS Surrey (vice chairman)

Age Concern

BP

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Federation of Schools

Surrey Chambers of Commerce

Surrey County Council – elected member

Surrey County Council

Surrey Fire & Rescue

Surrey Police - Supt

VAIS

Apologies – Others

Carol Sheppardson

Andy Burns

Liz Borthwick

Terry Collier

Elaine Bennett

Age Concern

Easttwest

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Borough Council

Surrey County Council

1	Apologies	Noted
2	Notes of meeting held on 4 April	Agreed
3	Matters arising	None
4	No conflicts of interest	
5	<p>Spelthorne Council new members and make-up Brian Harris outlined the make-up of the new council as a result of the 5 May elections. The Conservatives gained one seat to make 32, including 20 new members; there were 6 LibDems (inc one new) and one Independent. The former Leader, John Packman, had lost his seat and the new Leader was Cllr Vivienne Leighton. The Cabinet had four new members on it. Cllr Sam Budd was the new Mayor, with Cllr Robin Sider as Deputy Mayor. The new leadership's stand on priorities and the LSP was awaited.</p> <p>Tim Griffiths asked about the position of LSPs nationally; Brian Harris said it was unclear – the Big Society goes to a lower level than LSPs. The Prime Minister was due to speak on Big Society again shortly.</p> <p>Sue Robertson said the health and well being boards and crime and disorder groups were statutory; Brian Harris said the funding cuts might have a detrimental effect.</p>	
6	<p>Spelthorne Together Assembly Practicalities were discussed, such as the timing of the open forum; questions in advance; booking forms.</p> <p>Sue Robertson started discussion on the future of LSPs and what members thought about the present theme groups; should Older People be added? Paul Mitchell suggested looking at Surrey's model and seeing if Spelthorne's could fit in with it. Tim Griffiths said that the original "top down" driven model involving national indicators and pan-county harmony had been superseded by Big Society which had a "bottom-up" approach. The make-up of the Assembly audience was then discussed, with agreement that the mix needed to be more reflective of the demography of the borough. Keith McGroary pointed out that the Assembly was expecting 150 self-selected people to decide the priorities for 90,000 residents. The theme of Big Society was examined; how would it work in Spelthorne? Paul Mitchell questioned the effectiveness of the theme groups – a lot of what is undertaken does not influence and the LSP needs to make a difference. Sue Robertson suggested that the LSP look forward to having meaningful outcomes – maybe have fewer priorities and be more focussed.</p>	<p>Delegate selection to be explored, using partners' resources – eg police diversity/minority group contacts; faith group; JJ & KMcG</p>
7	<p>Update on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Targeted Support funding ii) Progress Through Partnership funding. <p>Joanne Jones reported that the final grants were awaiting payment – Potholes; Faith Group; Residents'Associations (RA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first was a matter of deciding what and when to do the work; ○ The faith groups idea had not been embraced by the existing group; instead, it was suggested that work with engaging minority ethnic/diverse groups be done on a direct individual basis; this would help with the Assembly delegate balance ○ The RA work was at an early stage, with a draft "How To Form a 	<p>KMcG/JJ to research minority/hard to reach groups and make contact</p>

	RA" guide being compiled.	JJ to draft booklet
	Performance management	
8	<p>Progress on themes</p> <p>a) Safer Stronger: Keith McGroary presented the update. He spoke about an upcoming intergenerational project at the Greeno Centre, Shepperton, aimed at addressing ASB issues around the centre. Richard Hewitt asked for details to be forwarded to him as chair of Shepperton RA.</p> <p>b) Children and Young People: Brian Harris presented the update. He said there had been problems with Sunbury skatepark's opening, which had been put back. Cllr Denise Grant was no longer a Cabinet member so therefore no longer on the CYP theme group. One of the original School Council members had stood at the recent borough elections as a Labour candidate in Stanwell; he came fourth.</p> <p>c) Health & Well Being: Sue Robetson presented the update.</p> <p>d) Economic Development: Alex Tribick presented the update. Housing, Infrastructure & Environment: Paul Mitchell presented the update. The group was trying to get someone from Surrey County Council to attend. He mentioned the cycling initiatives at Ashford and Staines railway stations. Fourth quarter recycling statistics were awaited.</p> <p>e) Stanwell: Nigel Lynn – no update.</p>	<p>KMcG to forward details to Richard Hewitt <i>Done</i></p> <p>Andy Holdaway tasked with inviting Youth Council representative(s) to the LSP Executive/Assembly</p>
9	<p>Voluntary & Community updates</p> <p>i) Residents' Associations – North. Tim Griffiths said there had been a successful street party in collaboration with Neighbourhood Watch, with lots of people volunteering. The informal Meet Your Neighbour events were proving popular.</p> <p>ii) Residents' Associations – South. Richard Hewitt said the county council's parking proposals were being vigorously opposed. He said it was unlikely there would be meters at Sunbury Cross, with Tesco's free car park being so near; if meters were introduced at Shepperton, it would drive shoppers away, to Tesco at Sunbury or Sainsbury at Walton. There were five empty shops on Shepperton High Street, which was cause for concern.</p> <p>iii) Residents' Associations – Stanwell/Stanwell North. No report</p> <p>iv) Age Concern: Usual reps were bound up in the current merger – all was going ahead and further reports would be forthcoming next time</p> <p>v) VAIS: Jackie Diment highlighted the upcoming Volunteers' Week including awards</p>	<p>JJ to send reminder - <i>Done</i></p>
10	<p>Communications: Joanne Jones asked for stories of partnership working to be forwarded; she would follow up and publicise. Tim Griffiths said he would like to see generic information published in each edition of the Bulletin; there is so much that a link to other sources might be preferable. He also questioned not hearing any information about Airtrack from the borough council – he received news and information via other boroughs'</p>	

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11	AOB: Sue Robertson suggested the frequency of Executive meetings be looked at – possible after the Assembly	To be added as agenda item to November meeting
12	Next meetings: Monday 25 July, Council Chamber, then 26 September, 21 November. All meetings 3.30pm except 26 September – 2pm after Assembly.	