

Sheppey Area Committee meeting: 15 June 2021 – Matters arising

Item	Who initiated?	Action	Comments on updates
Connectivity across Sheppey	Member of public	The Council is currently undertaking a review of its Local Plan. One of the documents that is being developed alongside this review is a Transport Strategy.	Please see the attached update (Appendix 1) on bus services across Sheppey provided by the Public Transport Unit, Kent County Council.
Sheerness town centre regeneration	Member of public	At the March meeting Cllr Bonney provided a verbal update on the restoration of the Grade II listed Sheerness clock tower, refurbishment of Master's House, Sheerness and the Sheerness High Street project	Cllr Bonney has been invited to give a further update.
Restoration of war memorial, Sheerness	Committee members	The Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure gave an update on the restoration of Sheerness war memorial. He reported that ground works were completed and the York paving had been laid, and commissioning of the wall would be included in the next phase of the project.	The first phase of the works is complete as reported at the last meeting with the renovation of the paving area around the memorial. The foundations have been laid for the memorial wall and the order for the stones for the wall has now been placed. Collation of names for the wall continues to be undertaken by the Sheppey War Memorial Trust.
Post office provision	Committee member	At the December meeting the Chairman suggested Members liaised with local community groups to put a proposal together for a community post office in	Cllr Shiel will be invited to provide an update at the September meeting when more information is known.

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		<p>Queenborough and bring that back to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>At the March meeting it was reported that the Town Council were exploring options as it had not been possible to apply for a community post office.</p>	
Brown tourism signs	Cabinet Member for Planning	<p>To commence an audit of existing local brown signs in concert with parish and town councils.</p> <p>So far nothing specific has been identified, however, the Sheppey Community Development Forum are considering brown tourism signs as part of their review.</p>	The Chairman proposes waiting for the Sheppey Community Development Forum to finish their review and then bring back to a later meeting.
Queenborough and Rushenden regeneration	Member of public	<p>The Committee to prioritise which local issues should be added to future agendas for substantive consideration and discussion.</p> <p>The Chairman proposes bringing this back to a future meeting at the appropriate time.</p>	An update will be provided at the September meeting when more information will be available. Homes England and Emma Wiggins to be invited.
Neighbourhood policing	Member of public	The Committee to prioritise which local issues should be added to future agendas for substantive consideration and discussion.	There is going to be a neighbourhood policing briefing for Swale Borough Council members. Parish Councils will

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			be invited to attend. A date will be circulated in due course.
Flooding issues in Warden village	Member of public	A representative from Warden Parish Council spoke about flooding issues in Warden village which she considered was caused by a blocked outfall. She asked the Council's Cabinet to put pressure on the Environment Agency to repair the outfall.	On the 26 April the Chair attended Informal Cabinet and raised the issue of flooding in Warden Village. Officers have since contacted the Environment Agency relating to on-going flooding issues at Warden Village hall. They maintain that the replacement outfall installed some 10 years ago is of sufficient capacity. However, the issues suffered are as a result of a combination of heavy rain and a high tide resulting in the outfall becoming tide locked. Furthermore, it takes longer to drain away as there is minimal drop across the system. They have modelled solutions to these periodic incidents and despite working it out on doubling the size of every culvert leading into the drain and installing two new outfalls, the modelling shows that it would only make a fractional impact and certainly not stop the flooding. As with coastal erosion, their criteria takes into account viability and due to the low number of residential properties affected, they have recommended individual property protection. So work

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			by parish council needs to establish protection methods of the hall itself.
Leysdown Children's Centre	Member of public	A representative from Warden Parish Council spoke about a children's centre in Leysdown on Swale Borough Council-owned land which was not currently being used. She asked whether the Council could investigate and liaise with KCC and the NHS about the possibility of using it as a medical centre.	On the 26 April the Chair attended Informal Cabinet and raised the issue of Beaches Children's Centre. The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing subsequently contacted Kent County Council and was advised that the centre was only temporarily closed on 23 March 2020 due to the pandemic. Up until that point it was extremely busy with a wide variety of activities taking place there. The full response was sent to the Parish Councillor.