

Western Area Committee meeting: Progress on Matters Arising – February 2024

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Youth provision in villages	<p>Further to the Western Area Committee youth provision project, where Brogdale CIC carried out a survey looking at youth provision needs in the Western area, Rebecca O'Neill, the CEO at Brogdale CIC attended the November 2023 meeting to talk about what the next steps could be.</p> <p>Further the KCC funding ceasing on March 2024 she went through what other funding the organisation had secured and suggested other potential sources of funding that could be identified.</p> <p>It was suggested that Brogdale CIC approach some local businesses as they may be willing to assist.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Brogdale CIC also approach parish councils direct as they may be able to provide funding to benefit their areas.</p>	Brogdale CIC have followed the advice given by Area Committee Members. No further action requested.
2.	Land assets in the Western area.	<p>It was requested at the Area Committee meeting on 8 June 2023 that a list of land in the Western Area be obtained so that Members could consider transferring land assets to Parish Councils.</p> <p>The maps provided at the November 2023 meeting were not of a high enough resolution to see the detail. They should also be presented by parish rather than by ward.</p> <p>Councillors also reported that the maps were not up-to-date.</p>	The land asset maps should be updated and presented by parish rather than by ward. They should be provided in a higher resolution so they could be enlarged. This item will be discussed under item 5.

3.	Bredgar and Hartlip Conservation Area Reviews.	<p>The Conservation & Design Team advised that the Planning and Resources Committee agreed to re-designate and adopt Bredgar and Hartlip Conservation Areas at their meeting on 18 October 2023.</p> <p>The press notifications to London Gazette and a local newspaper advising of the 21-day notice period, for the re-designated and adopted Conservation Areas for Bredgar and Hartlip was scheduled to be published on 1 December 2023. Adoption notification letters to the local residents within the new Conservation Area boundaries were sent out on 29 November 2023.</p>	<p>The Conservation & Design Team advised there was no further update since the last meeting. Both the Conservation Areas are now adopted and uploaded on the SBC website. All required notifications have been completed.</p> <p>A new Conservation Area for Bexon is being programmed to be undertaken during summer of 2024.</p>
	Article 4	<p>The briefing about Article 4, Conservation Area Reviews that was provided at the November 2023 meeting did not contain enough detail. Members agreed that a fuller update should be provided and an officer attend the February 2024 meeting to give guidance.</p>	<p>As the Conservation Officer was not available to attend the February 2024 meeting, a separate briefing session on proposed Article 4 designation for the adopted Conservation Areas will be arranged as soon as possible. A suitable date to be agreed with Members.</p>
4.	Supporting residents to reduce their energy costs	<p>In 2022/23 Western Area Committee agreed to allocate £4,523.13 to the Fuel and Water Home Advisor Service, via Children and Families, to provide homeowners with energy efficient packs to be given out after advice was given.</p> <p>A leaflet was produced for Area Committee Members and Parish Councils to distribute to residents.</p>	<p>The Fuel and Water Home Advisor has confirmed that all the energy efficient packs purchased with the allocated funding have now been distributed to households in the Western Area.</p>

		The funds have been spent of energy efficient packs, and various campaigns have taken place to promote them to households in the Western Area.	
5.	Heritage issues	<p>Local Heritage List - A selection panel date is to be confirmed to finalise the received nominations to be registered on Swale Borough Council (SBC) Local Heritage List register.</p> <p>The next steps will be to organise map plots of all the finalised assets on the SBC GIS system and publish a detailed schedule of the final Local Heritage List on the SBC website.</p>	The Conservation & Design Team advised there was no further update at the present time.