

HART'S GARDEN COMMUNITY THEMATIC GROUP - COMMUNITY & WELLBEING MINUTES



DATE OF MEETING: 28 JANUARY 2021

I. ATTENDEES AND ABSENCES

In attendance:

Officers: Patricia Hughes (PH)
Christine Tetlow (CT)
Jen Kennedy (JK)
Noel Armstrong (NA)

Apologies: Cllr Graham Cockarill (Cabinet Member for Place)
Cllr Richard Milnes-James (Winchfield Parish Council)

Stakeholders: Rev Angie Smith (AS), The Benefice of Hartley Wintney with Elvetham, Winchfield and Dogmersfield
Rachael Wilkinson (RW), Community Safety Coordinator, HDC
Ginny East (GE), Odiham Cottage Hospital
Canon Marion de Quidt (MdQ), The Whitewater Benefice
Adam Green (AG), Countryside Manager, HDC
Lucy Page (LP), Fleet Phoenix
Jack Hodgkins (JH), EM3 Apprenticeship and Skills Hub, HCC
Virginia Barrett (VB), Farnborough College of Technology
Jane Ward (JW), Dementia Friendly Hampshire
Christine Siddall (CS), Hart Food Bank
Caroline Winchurch (CW), Hart Voluntary Action
Farihah Choudhury (FC), Public Health, Adults' Health and Care, HCC
Cllr Chris Farrance (CF), Hartley Wintney Parish Council
Chris Cornwell (CC), Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group
James Maw (JM), Skills & Participation, HCC
Penny Woods (PW), Energise Me
Mark Saunders (MS), Strategic Planning Unit, HCC
Jackie Sutherland (JS), Department of Work and Pensions
Christine Randall (CR), Hook Action Against Overdevelopment
Philip Riley (PR), Basingstoke Canal Society
Liz Glenn (LG), Health & Policy Project Officer, HDC
Laura Wakefield (LW), Employment and Skills Co-ordinator, HDC
Catherine Kirkham (CK) Hampshire Homes Hub
Mark Gittos (MG) VIVID

2. WELCOME

In his absence, a short video from Cllr Graham Cockarill was played to welcome the group.

3. **SHORT RECAP ON THE GARDEN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY**

The Officers provided an overview of MHCLG Garden Community program and the opportunity to investigate a new garden community in Shapley Heath:

- **Overview of Timeline** - The Officers provided an overview of the project phases, estimated dates, timeframes, and tasks.
- **The Prospectus** - The Officers provided an overview of the documents in the prospectus and what each of those key outputs will include.
- **Stakeholder Forum Involvement** - The Officers provided an overview of each Thematic Group and what documents within the prospectus they should give focus to. It was highlighted however, that groups will touch on most of the prospectus documents at some point.
- **Baseline Surveys and Strategy Reports** - The Officers advised that baseline surveys and strategy reports will provide the evidence to the prospectus.
- **The Art of the Possible** - 'What makes an exemplar community for you?'. As this opportunity is not in the planning system, there is freedom to look at things holistically and comprehensively in a way not often seen when exploring new settlements.

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Officers provided an overview of the Core Functions, Roles and Responsibilities and Chairship of the Thematic Group.

5. **CHAIR ELECTION**

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Chairship.

Caroline Winchurch (Hart Voluntary Action) and Cllr Chris Farrance (Hartley Wintney Parish Council) both put themselves forward as wishing to take this role.

Both nominees expressed why they wanted to be Chair and what they could bring to the role.

An anonymous electronic poll was shared with the group for voting. Anyone who was unable to view the poll, emailed their vote to the Garden Community Project Team.

Caroline Winchurch was elected to the position of Chair for the Community & Wellbeing Thematic Group.

6. STEERING GROUP NOMINATION AND ELECTION

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Steering Group.

Cllr Chris Farrance (Hartley Wintney Parish Council), Caroline Winchurch (Hart Voluntary Action), Christine Randall (Hook Action Against Overdevelopment), and Liz Glenn (Hart District Council) each nominated themselves to sit on the Steering Group.

The four nominees expressed why they wanted to sit on the Steering Group and what they could bring to the role.

An anonymous electronic poll was shared with the group for voting. Anyone who was unable to view the poll, emailed their vote to the Garden Community Project Team.

The vote resulted with Caroline Winchurch and Liz Glenn being elected to represent the Community & Wellbeing thematic group on the Steering Group.

7. VISION & OBJECTIVES – COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Officers introduced the Community Survey, which will provide an evidence base to inform the vision and objectives for the project. The MHCLG Garden Community Principles were outlined and clarity was provided as to those principles that this thematic group would focus on for the purposes of the Community Survey questions.

Several draft questions regarding 'Clear Identity' and 'Well-designed Places' were tabled to the group for initial thoughts:

- LG suggested using simpler terminology (and less planning-speak) in the survey questions
- CW suggested getting 'people' into the questions about places
- CW also raised that getting health and education into facility-related questions was important
- PH suggested a question that asks where people go to connect with other people
- PW suggested a question that asks about multi-use facilities or flexible spaces
- AG suggested getting play spaces into a question

The Officers agreed to set up a document library and collaboration channel (like Teams, for example) to allow knowledge sharing.

Members of the group were given **seven days** to provide feedback to the Garden Community Project Team.

8. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The Officers advised that at the next meeting the group will look at Baseline Studies and the reports that we will look to commission. Details of the next meeting will be provided shortly.