

TENDRING LOCALITY BOARD MEETING

Thursday 4 August 2016 – 6pm

Resource Centre, Jaywick Sands

Meeting Notes & Actions

Attendees	Cllr Kevin Bentley (ECC) (Chair), ECC Cllrs Erskine, Goggin, Guglielmi, Honeywood, Page and Sargeant, TDC Cllrs McWilliams and Watling.
Also in attendance	Cllrs Bucke, Davis, Newton, Raby and Watson. Jaywick Forum – Gill Elkins
Officers	Julie Ellis (ECC), Paul Price (TDC), Lizzie Ridout (TDC).

Item	Notes/Actions
1. Apologies for Absence	Cllrs Henderson, Howard, Stock, Turner and Wood.
2. Public Forum	None
3. Notes of Last Meeting	12 th May 2016 – Agreed
4. Matters Arising	None
5. Jaywick Update	<p>Prior to the meeting, the Board had undertaken a short walking tour to see the recent improvements made in Jaywick Sands, particularly to the roads, and also to see what improvements were still needed.</p> <p>Cllr Bentley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Paul Price for the informative walking tour. He also took the opportunity to acknowledge the vast effort that has been put into redeveloping Jaywick Sands by Paul and his team.</p> <p>Paul Price, TDC's Corporate Director, Operational Services, advised the board that a bid from the Homes Communities Agency (HCA) for £200k had been successful which would provide ten starter homes. The site has been fenced off to provide a visible presence to residents, with environmental and services surveys completed. Viability could be an issue – homes need to be sold at 80% of market value, and they could potentially cost more to build than the final value. Efforts are being made with the HCA to obtain further funding.</p> <p>A developer has submitted plans for two blocks of homes on the seafront, and a meeting is due next week with the developer and architect. The plans are good designs and the developer is working closely with TDC planning department to ensure that the plans are compliant.</p> <p>There are ongoing discussions surrounding who might purchase the Mermaid site, with hopes for a mix of housing. If TDC or ECC purchases the site then it could potentially provide housing for keyworkers.</p> <p>Cllr Watling raised a question surrounding contaminated land however Paul advised that contamination is minimal and can be dealt with, with further funding which can be obtained. The main area of contamination appears to be at the site of the former scrapyards on Lotus Way.</p> <p>Paul advised that he was in discussions with the Guinness Trust regarding purchases of land. Also the Housing Finance Institute (HFI) regularly attends the</p>

Coastal Communities Team meetings and are keen supporters of the progress made. The SELEP has agreed to sponsor a HFI housing business ready programme – initial meeting to take place in September. As a result of the work already put in and in particular the land assembly the private sector have begun to take an interest in investing in new developments (Legal & General, Cheyne Capital and JV partner) and Paul has taken companies on tours to demonstrate where funds could be invested. A local developer and a financial backer are also interested, and Royal Bank of Canada has offered technical financial advice via the HFI partnership.

Work is being done to look at ways of correcting the distortion of the local rental market – the rental levels through benefit payments are currently the same as in Colchester. Some investors are not maintaining properties but rental yields are significantly higher in Jaywick Sands than in Colchester. TDC is looking at the possibility of localised rental controls for sub-standard housing.

Community engagement is growing, with the Big Lottery confirming up to £10k in funding. The local Happy Club is thriving with some local TDC councillors attending regularly along with TDC’s Communications Manager. The Rank Foundation is also keen to be involved in supporting the community combining with the Lottery funding. There are still issues with the Community Café but these are being taken forward.

A question was raised regarding a Business Enterprise Agency in Tendring – Cllr Watling advised that TDC’s Regeneration Team would be able to explore this possibility and he would take forward.

Cllr Sargeant raised the issue of street cleanliness – Cllrs Page and Watling undertook to speak with Community Wardens.

Cllr Guglielmi suggested that the public be invited to put forward ideas in the next funding consultation.

Cllr Bentley requested that alternate meetings of the Locality Board contain an update report on further progress of Jaywick Sands.

Cllr Goggin suggested that a Business event be developed – Regeneration team to explore further – Cllr Watling to discuss with the regen team.

6. AOB

None

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 29th September – Education focus. Suggested to meeting at the Naze Visitor centre in Walton – Lizzie to arrange and confirm. Also to invite Cllr Ray Gooding in his capacity as ECC Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Future Locality Board Dates

<u>2016</u>	Thursday 29 September – Education update Thursday 24 November – Jaywick Sands update
<u>2017</u>	Thursday 26 January Thursday 23 March - Jaywick Sands update Thursday 25 May Thursday 20 July - Jaywick Sands update Thursday 21 September Thursday 23 November - Jaywick Sands update

Venues to be decided on an ad-hoc basis and will be confirmed with each agenda.