

Cabinet Lead Reports – Council 18 February 2015

Councillor Yvonne Weeks: Cabinet Lead for Communities

Housing Enabling,

Affordable Homes.

The housing development within the borough will bring to fruition much needed affordable homes starting with:

- Manor Farm / Copsey Nursery development 54 dwellings by the end of March. [First Wessex]
- Coopers Grange, Warblington School playing fields site, currently under construction by Bloor Homes, 12 affordable dwellings so far, 13 more by the end of March, Guinness
- Former “Cricketers” site 10 three bedroom homes, all Affordable Rent, anticipated handover end of March /April. [Radian]
- West of Waterlooville Taylor Wimpey site, Phases 3 & 4, 27 Affordable Rent dwellings and 15 Shared Ownership homes between now and October 2015 – [Radian].
- Berewood Phase 2, currently under construction by developer Redrow. 98 affordable units, Social Rent, Affordable Rent, Shared Ownership and Discounted Market Rent provided by Registered Provider Grainger. Anticipated handovers from beginning of 2016.
- 325 Milton Road, former petrol station, 21 two bedroom flats, all affordable rent, , work recently started on site, Registered Provider is Stonewater (previously Raglan), anticipated completion spring 2016.
- Bartons Road, Joint application with EHDC as site straddles both authorities. 14 dwellings, 11 Affordable Rent and 3 three bedroom Shared Ownership houses. Anticipated completion mid 2016.
- Scratchface Lane, 36 Affordable units in total (26 Affordable Rent, 10 Shared Ownership), 9 units already handed over with the remaining 25 expected throughout 2015.
- Barncroft School site, Barncroft Lane, currently under construction by Bellway Homes, 10 affordable units, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership. Registered Provider still to be agreed; anticipated completion 2016.
- Land at Portsdown Hill, currently under construction by David Wilson Homes, 14 affordable homes, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership, Registered Provider First Wessex, anticipated completion 2016.
- Goldring Close, Hayling Island, currently under construction by Bellway, 39 Affordable homes, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership, Registered Provider still to be confirmed. Anticipated completion into 2016.
- Land South of Ranelagh Road, Bedhampton, currently under construction, 26 Affordable units, Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership. Anticipated completion 2016.

AS OF THE 14/1/2015 WE HAVE 2732 PEOPLE REGISTERED WITH HAMPSHIRE HOME CHOICE.

IN JANUARY OUR HOUSING TEAM DEALT WITH 574 CUSTOMERS, SOME WITH VERY COMPLEX ISSUES.

B&B Accommodation

We have a gentleman who is a paraplegic currently in B&B who will be offered a new build dwelling imminently.

Government Initiative

We HBC have submitted a bid as a joint consortium with HCC along with districts in the County for a £900,000 bid to a national government funding initiative for Domestic Abuse. The outcome will be known in March 2015.

Community Development

Leigh Park Agency Network

The Leigh Park Agency Network meetings are held five times a year at Leigh Park Community Centre, chaired by HBC. They offer an opportunity for those working in the area to network, share information and develop opportunities for partnership working. Since taking over the co-ordination and chairing of the meetings early last year attendance numbers have increased, with 47 individuals attending February's meeting.

The importance of networking reduces duplication.

Inspirational Talk at Cowplain School

British singer Jermain Jackman will visit Cowplain School in Hart Plain Avenue Waterlooville on Tuesday 10th March to give an inspirational talk to the students. He will describe how he won the third series of the BBC television singing competition The Voice UK in 2014 and is the first male to win the competition.

Jermain won a £100,000 record contract, his cover of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" reached no. 39 on the UK iTunes chart. His debut album, Jermain Jackman is due to be released on the 23rd of March 2015.

He has offered to visit the School for free during his tour of the UK. This visit is supported by Sainsbury's, Waterlooville. Part of the Community Partnership organised by the team.

Havant Youth Conference

The Havant Youth Conference will be held at the Plaza on Friday 27th March 2015. The theme of the Conference is 'Raising Aspirations', which aims to inspire local young people. Year nine and ten students from ten Schools across the Borough have been invited to attend. Special guest speakers include Joanne White who is the founder of local Charity Big World Impact. She supports young people by making

a positive impact through education, sport and empowerment. Our second guest speaker, Fraser Docherty is a young entrepreneur and self made millionaire who started his own business at the age of 14 selling fruit jam. He now supplies over 2,000 supermarkets all over the world.

There will be workshops covering topics including volunteering, further education, employment and democracy.

Sports Development

Couch to 5K Physical Activity Project

The 'Couch to 5K' beginners running courses, funded by a grant from public health, has proved to be extremely popular with residents. A number of positive outcomes have been achieved for those completing the course, including positive health and social benefits. Due to the success in 2014 a schedule of seven more courses have been organised for this year. The first two courses having started back in January, 55 individuals are currently participating in these courses. These are delivered by Victory Athletics Club and Innovations Fitness. The next two courses will start in March, from Havant and Hayling Island, where there is a waiting list to join.

This has been an unbelievable success story; it is the first step to an active lifestyle and is a positive contribution to our Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Front Lawn Recreation Ground Project

Following an unsuccessful application to Sport England in December for capital funding towards the project, work continues to identify alternative funding streams.

The Football Association and the Football Foundation are keen to support the project and are currently in discussions to fund a consultant to work up the project application further. They would look for the project to achieve the required funding prior to their current funding deal expiring in May 2016.

Full architectural designs have now been drawn up for the project and a pre-application meeting has taken place with the planning department.

A full specification design for the facility will be proposed by the Football Foundation in the near future. The desire from the Football Foundation and the FA would be to see a full size artificial pitch installed on site. There are a lot of positive interjections in this project.

Community Sport Activation Fund

The funding window to apply to Sport England's Community Sport Activation fund is now open and an application from HBC will be submitted prior to the 20th April deadline. The funding application is to support a 3 year sport and physical activity

project targeted at the most inactive communities within the borough. The name of the project is 'Target'.

Currently Havant have the lowest levels of physical activity in Hampshire and the 'Target' project will take a partnership approach to engaging communities and promoting sport and physical activity opportunities.

Visit from World Cup Winner

On Thursday 25th March 2015 England Ladies Rugby World Cup winner Claire Purdy will be visiting Havant to provide a practical coaching session and inspirational talk to 15 girls from each of the Federation Secondary Schools. This event is likely to take place at Havant Rugby Club and will look to provide a pathway into girls taking up rugby in Havant.

Leisure

Horizon Leisure Trust

The extension to Waterlooville Leisure Centre, will see the new gym and play centre open in June without to much disruption to their existing customers.

The Havant Leisure Centre continues to flourish with the new gym at times working to full capacity.

Special Events

Havant Borough Sports Association Awards Evening

The HBSA are holding their Annual Sports Award Evening at Horizon Leisure Centre 7.30pm February 26th February. An invitation has been extended to all councillors, this is an opportunity to see the achievements of our local sportsmen women and children and also what the sports club in our borough have to offer. There will be a light buffet from 7.00pm, if you wish to attend will you please RSVP to John Hogg Chairman email j.hogg6@btinternet.com.

Transformation: Havant Communities

Who's Who at Havant Plaza

A networking event will be held in the Hollybank Room Tuesday 24th February 10.00 -12.00. this will enable you to find out more about our colleagues working for the multiple agencies in the Plaza.

Representatives from the different agencies will speak for a few minutes about what they do and how to refer to their services.

Please drop in I'm sure you will find this event very useful.

Culture

The Spring

The Spring has recently achieved its Museum Accreditation. The scheme sets nationally agreed standards for museums in the UK. This puts The Spring alongside national museums in terms of its management and commitment to collections.

Schools and Museums project

In December 2014 over 200 children from local Primary Schools visited The Spring's museum for workshops about local history. A workshop leader followed this up with visits back to the schools and all the children who took part have achieved their Arts Award (a national qualification).

Family Festival

On Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March The Spring will be hosting free dinosaur themed events in Waterlooville Library (on Sat 7 March) and Havant Leisure Centre (on Sun 8 March). Families are invited to come along for free and take part in participation and performance activities. They will also be given a free craft activity pack to take away and complete at home – making their own dinosaur.

Each craft pack will come with a code to be used to buy discounted tickets to a theatre performance at The Spring on Saturday 14 March. On that day families can come along to The Spring or a live theatre show and are encouraged to bring their dinosaur made from the craft pack to add to our dino-scene.

The Family Festival is particularly designed to reach families on lower incomes. It has been supported by Hampshire Councillor, Cllr Anne Briggs and Cllr Ray Bolton.

WWI Book of Remembrance

Throughout 2014 The Spring worked with local artist Margaret Marks to create a textile book or remembrance for the Borough. Margaret worked with community groups across the borough and has created an amazing textile tribute to those from Havant who lost their lives in WWI.

[Hopefully, this will be displayed in the Plaza at some point]

Waterlooville 200

The Spring is chairing the Waterlooville 200 project. They have recently received £44,000 of Heritage Lottery funding to run the project which celebrates the last 200 years of life in Waterlooville. The project is running from February – June and will include live performances, exhibitions and work with schools.

More information is available at: <http://www.waterlooville200.org/>

Hayling Billy Oral History

The Spring is collecting memories and stories about the Hayling Billy line. These will be developed in a DVD and a book later in the year. As part of this project they will be touring a live swing band to three residential homes on Hayling Island and using the music as a stimulus to encourage residents to share their stories with us. The visits to homes will take place in March and April.

Safer Havant Partnership

Supporting Troubled Families

Supporting Troubled Families Phase Two Workshop was an event I attended at the Plaza earlier in February.

The event had 60 people representing some 30 different agencies both statutory and voluntary and included colleagues from Gosport and indeed West Sussex who had come along to sample what we are doing here in Havant.

Phase two of the scheme will see a further 140 Havant families offered support during the next 18 months

This is a pilot project led by our CEO Sandy Hopkins which is a government initiative to help and identify families that experience problems and use many different agencies for support. The pilot narrows down the involvement of different agencies to a single point of contact for the family.

The first phase helped 211 Havant families, the families receive intensive support which has had a very positive impact on their lives.