



## AGENDA

### THE KENT - GRAVESHAM LOCAL BOARD

**Thursday, 9 October 2008, at St Aidan's  
Church Hall, Hampton Crescent,  
Gravesend, Kent**

*(free parking very close by in public car park)*

Ask for: **Will Farmer**

**Starting at 7.00 pm. Doors open at 6:30pm** Telephone **01622 696911**

*An opportunity for refreshments and informal discussion between members of the public and members of the Local Board will be available from 6.30pm*

*There will also be an opportunity to view the newly refurbished **St Aidan's Church 'Power house' facilities** in the Church from **6.30pm-7pm** with the Vicar, Rev Peter Rich for those who are interested.*

- A1. Welcome to the meeting – Mr M Snelling, Chairman
- A2. Declarations of Interests by Members in Items on the Agenda for this Meeting.
- A3. Notes of Local Board meeting held on 9th July 2008 (Pages 1 - 2)
- A4. **Elaine Higgins from the Lions Ellenor Hospices** will be speaking on the 'Rooms with a view' project, funded through the KCC Small Community Capital fund and the work of the Hospice.
- A5. Questions to the presenter from the public
- A6. **Steve Miles of the Istead Rise Memorial Hall Association** will be speaking on the work of the hall and improvements funded through the Local Board to date.
- A7. Questions to the presenters from the public
- A8. **Jon Whitfield, of the Miracles Youth Centre, Northfleet,** will be speaking on the work of the centre and project funded through the Local County Councillors, such as the MotorV8 project.
- A9. Questions to the presenters from the public
- A10. Question Time – Your opportunity to ask questions about local public services

A11. Announcement of the Small Community Capital Grant Scheme and Local Schemes Grant funding allocation

A12. Questions from the public to Local Board members on general issues

A13. Any Other Business notified to the Chairman prior to the meeting.

**Wednesday, 1 October 2008**

**County Councillors for Electoral Divisions within the Gravesham Borough Area:**

<b>Michael Snelling (Chairman)</b>	<b>- Gravesham Rural</b>
<b>Leslie Christie</b>	<b>- Northfleet &amp; Gravesend W</b>
<b>Jane Cribbon</b>	<b>- Gravesham East</b>
<b>Maureen Newell</b>	<b>- Gravesham East</b>
<b>Ray Parker</b>	<b>- Northfleet &amp; Gravesend W</b>

**Gravesend Local Board  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Gravesham Borough Council Civic Centre**

**Notes from the meeting**

**Present:** Mr Mike Snelling (Chair), Ray Parker, Jane Cribben, Leslie Christie.

**Apologies:** Maureen Newell

**Declarations of interest:** LC- his house is within 200 yards of the proposed Ebbsfleet landmark.

**Minutes of last meeting-** agreed

Grants with declared members interests from Maureen Newell:

Passed: Kent Association for Spina Bifida, Marling Cross, West Court Community Forum.

**2. Presentation from Mark Davey, Director, Future City Ltd.**

£2 million private sector funding on gifted land. No public money involved. Some sculptures will be landscaped in park i.e dish and wing, temple,. Selection panel meets early September, comments and lobbying a part of that process along with representations from schools. The winning artist will then be announced followed by planning application costing, build analysis and so on.

**Questions:** John- few personal opinions- did not like horse, liked the disc and wing. Need to take into account wishes of people living in the immediate vicinity.

Vernon McCarthy: what happens if no planning permission is granted? MF: if turned down by district council, there can be an appeal. If unsuccessful could not go ahead. Could only be decided on land use issues, not what the actual sculpture looks like.

Dennis Llewellyn: Local people should have had more say. Should be something spectacular "jumping out" at you. Mark D wanted to announce competition and then get response. Originally did not appreciate size and scale of project. See it as catalyst for the area rather than just sculpture on a hill. MF thought exhibition would go from Bluewater to both civic centres.

Mr. Babstone: What was the psychology of all this? Why is this happening? Is it cosmetic response to loss of identity? Are the proposals supported by public support? MD No precedents so far except Angel of the North, all others have fallen by the wayside.

Unknown : Why is it not a Kent Invicta horse? That is the epitomy of Kent- **MD** it is an artists idea, not a giant Kent logo.

Unknown whatever goes there will be a landmark for North Kent, whatever sculpture it is. Also, worried that if whole site was not managed it would become a sad site with no interaction. **MD** It will be managed as part of the linear park.

Les Christie It is an exciting concept. Does not think it should be Invicta horse or logo for Kent, it needs to represent Ebbsfleet and Northfleet.

Ray Parker How was panel for shortlist brought together, as it looks as if no one local is part of this process? Why was no one local consulted? **MD** Wanted people who knew what suitable art was, how would anyone local have been chosen? And just what was local? Local ideas and artists put forward to the panel. The three patrons decided on the composition of the panel.

**3. Jane Setterfield: Gravesham library project**

£2.5 million project to generally improve the exterior, replace heating and lighting, redecorate and refurbish keeping the original features, but some of the library (the

old bookshop bought in 1982) was unsafe and held up by internal supports preventing the use of space. They want to demolish this part and rebuild a building to serve the entire district of Gravesham.

Timetable: Autumn 2008- planning application with consultation before.

Winter 2008/09 demolition.

2009/10 business as usual during construction.

Summer 2010- library temporarily moves.

Autumn/Winter 2010, works completed.

Questions: Kath Anley Head of Library Services. Any thought given to whether the new unit would be there in 100 years time like the original library- answer, working towards minimum guidelines as set out by KCC. Looking at all sorts of ideas.

Les Christie Is there any provision for the Gravesend Museum? **KA** probably not, as limit to how far the money would stretch.

Sandra Soda Gravesend historical society- need somewhere? Two members of the public suggested the old police station and the disused courts that adjoined the library.

#### **4. Questions from the public**

Tony Larkin of Albion road. Is this road the responsibility of KCC or the Borough council? The drains did not work. It was said that drains were the responsibility of KCC. **Action- to pass this on to KHS**

Communication with KCC: Jennifer Smith. Wanted to find out about this meeting, tried to contact Will Farmer, tried four times. Could not get in to this meeting at 6.45, the doors were locked.

Unknown: No one at the public display at Bluewater knew anything about this meeting.

Various others said there were problems on getting in building, perhaps that is why there were not more people at the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.50pm