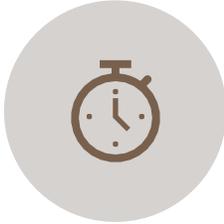


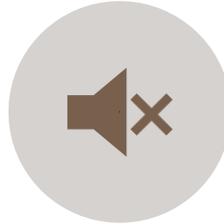
ST MARY'S ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESIDENTS MEETING

22.03.2021

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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies for absence
- Recording of the last meeting – available on the website
- Medway CCG – Presentation regarding consultation on provision of services on SMI
- Stakeholder Q&A – CMT & Medway Council
- Stakeholder Q&A – Medway Practices Alliance
- Any other business
- Next Residents' meeting date 10 May 2021
- Close

Apologies for absence

John Tower – SMIRA Company Secretary



Previous meeting minutes

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair

Peel Land & Properties have provided an update which is available on our Facebook page and web site which gives a detailed summary of the Q&A session in the last meeting and some added clarification about the ownership of the port by Peel Land & Properties, and the running of the port by Peel Ports.

Medway Council – Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Habib Tejan and Councillor Piers Thompson will be holding remote surgeries for their constituents on the last Sunday of every month from 10.30am – 12.00pm. Details of how to request a meeting are on our Facebook page and web site.

CMT have placed additional No Cycling signs on the Basin 2 Boardwalk entrances. Additional bins have been erected and more frequent emptying has been in operation while the increased footfall on the island continues.



Medway CCG

Presentation regarding consultation on provision of services on SMI

10 min



Stakeholder Q&A – CMT and Medway Council

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



Questions - CMT

- 1 The rentcharge expenditure shows large increases year on year for Professional Fees, riverside walk and play areas. Can we please understand what this is funding in 21/22? Why the increases?

CMT

- Professional Fees - increase is £3,000 estimated software and transaction processing costs to provide monthly direct debit payment facility for Rentcharge. 317 households have signed up for this at time of writing.
- Riverside Walk - The 2021/22 budget includes an anticipated expenditure of £100,000 for concrete capping of the section of the flood wall adjacent to Leviathan Way where it runs behind the MHS Homes building. The reason being that this part of the flood wall is a source of anti-social behaviour including risk to life. This expenditure is not yet committed as the Board are seeking detailed costings for this and other alternative options for addressing the problem before making a decision. This is entirely paid for out of Dowry.
- Play Parks - The 2021/22 budget includes an anticipated expenditure of £20,000 for the provision of outdoor exercise equipment for adults in Shark Park. This expenditure is not yet committed as the Board have requested detailed information concerning the robustness and useful life of the equipment, together with estimated future maintenance and insurance costs. This is entirely paid for out of Dowry.

None of the above affect the calculation of the Rentcharge, which is adjusted annually for inflation by a fixed formula as set out in the Rentcharge Deed.

Questions - CMT

- 2 When will the rest of the pathway on the East Bund be recovered? It currently stops short of the CCTV camera.

CMT

The Trust is always looking at improvements with 17 tons of Grano added to pathways on the island this year.

- 3 A lot of the wood posts and wood street furniture around the River Walk need to be repainted/revarnished. When will this be done?

CMT

We have reviewed and the 4 historic notice signs are scheduled to be treated but no other wooden items present on river walk? Needs clarification by resident.

Questions - CMT

- 4 With the national roadmap on lockdown now in place, when is the Community Centre due to open again and what services will be available to residents?

CMT

The Community Centre will re-open in line with Government Guidance Step 2, hopefully, on 12th April for child groups only. Social distance and control measures will be in place in line with COVID 19 Risk assessment.

- 5 Are you intending to reopen Watersports Facilities and when?

CMT

The Water Sports Centre will open on second part of Step 2 after the 29th March i.e. mobilisation week beginning 29th March then open for Good Friday 2nd April 2021. As for the Community Centre, restrictions will be in place for Covid Control Measures and Risk Assessment to include reduced number 'Rule of 6'.

The Water Sports Centre building will remain closed and reviewed in Steps 2 and 3, on 12 April and 17 May.

Questions - CMT

- 6 When will the footpath from the Caisson around Basin 1 (and the new CMT Estate office) be reopened? There is a rumour that it has been decided to never reopen it. This would mean an essential footway allowing pedestrians to walk from the East side of the Island to places such as the Co-Op without needing to cross the busy road would be lost.

CMT

All works to the building externally have not been completed under the revised planning consent, along with health and safety works to approach road and footpath. Upon completion we will open for general public.

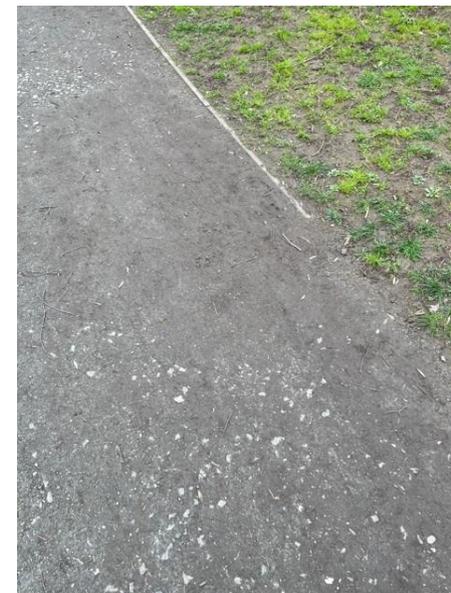
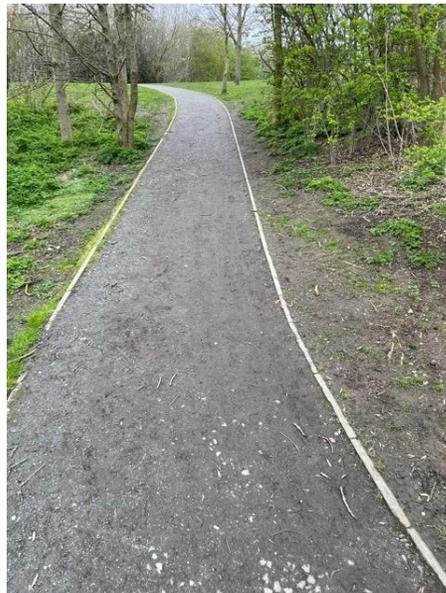
To note, CMT has added additional pathways and dropdown kerbs on the Basin 1 side to accommodate all pedestrians and if there is a problem crossing the main road then pedestrians should use the bridge caisson walkway as a general route until works completed and the footpath has been opened.

Questions - CMT

- 7 The block paved path in the Dog Run is great. When will a similar path be available on the Central Bund behind the school as this path is currently very muddy and slippery.

CMT

To advise, the pathway behind the school is resin bound hard pathway added 4/5 years ago in agreement with the school and residents request. We have no plans to add brick path at this point but as item 2, top up Grano is provided on an annual basis.



Questions - CMT

- 8 Can the dog waste bins be emptied before the school run on a Monday morning please? The last couple of weeks they have been overflowing.

CMT

Gavin Jones' Team start at 7.00am on a Monday to start waste removal along with weekend emptying implemented in the last 6 months' period to help with increased waste due to lockdown. With the Government Covid Road Map generally opening up more facilities, it is predicted that the usage of the estate should go back to normal in the short term.



Questions - CMT

- 9 Can more dog waste bins be put in place due to the increase in dog fouling being experienced? Non-residents and paid dog walkers bring pets onto island to walk them. Problem made worse by a lack of dog waste bins in many areas and no CCTV. Human waste also spotted.

CMT

Review carried out on dog waste bins and 4 additional bins added recently, with 23 in total on St Mary's Island along with 28 general waste bins (2 large added recently). All bins can be used for dog waste so there are 51 in total, with no plans to add more at this point.

Questions - CMT

- 10 On the CMT board, there are numerous representatives , from various backgrounds, including an ex director of SMIRA. In addition to the current representation from SMIRA, could the residents not have an elected member to sit on the board, replacing this unelected ex director, on say a two year term? We pay a large contribution to the Trust and we suffer or benefit most from decisions made, but have limited say on the main board. Could we also see a revised structure of who sits on the Board with their background (eg: resident, SMIRA, business name etc).

CMT

The SMIRA Board is elected by residents with 2 Board Members currently on the CMT Board, both of which are SMI residents. This is considered to be ample representation of the SMI residents on the CMT Board. The CMT website confirms Board Members and background of each member.

- 11 Why is it not possible for a member of SMIRA to be involved in the setting and reviewing of the KPI for the PCSO? Residents contribute a major part of the funding and actually live on the Island the PCSO and security are protecting. This is a reasonable request due to the funding contribution we make yet have no say in the performance or the criteria being set.

CMT

The CMT Board Security Sub-Group that is set up for reviewing all security matters, is involved in setting the KPIs for the PCSO. The 2 SMIRA Board Members on the CMT Board have access to this Sub-Group and can be involved in the KPI decision making process. The PCSO contract is with Kent police so KPIs are set jointly by the CMT Board and Kent police in line with Government police policy. The PCSO Contract is up for review in March 2024

Questions - CMT

Questions regarding the Council advertised 'Island Walk'

1) Why is the island being advertised as a self guided walk area and who from CMT agreed to this? Was any attempt made to consult residents over this?

CMT is not aware or has been consulted by Medway Council on this issue. The River walk is owned and maintained under Dowry by the Trust and is not funded by rent charge and is for residents and local community to use in line with the Trust charitable objectives for the good of local community health and wellbeing.

2) All other routes appear to be areas that the Council maintain via usual council funding, however this walk covers areas that SMI Residents are funding through rentcharge. Given the directly attributable increase in motor traffic, footfall, rubbish etc, what funding are the Council offering to maintain the route?

As above, this is not funded by rent charge.

3) From CMT's viewpoint, what are the benefits of being part of this initiative? All the residents see is more traffic, more dogs off leads, more rubbish bins that have to be emptied more frequently etc. Unless there is increased funding from some source that will be spent on the Island, it is difficult to see what the benefits are.

Local Community health and wellbeing to include exercise and good for mental health.

Questions – Medway Council

- 1 What sort of response was there to the parking consultation –in terms of number of responses etc?
- 2 When will the results of this consultation be made available?
- 3 Has the Council yet put in a claim against the offending motorists for the damaged lamp posts on Island Way East & Goldcrest Drive? If not, why not? Having a long term plan to upgrade the lighting is fine, but immediate action is needed for the two lights.
- 4 Do the Council, as a matter of course, make these claims for damage caused by motor vehicles to Council owned property? Should a motor vehicle damage private property, the property owner would make such a claim so if the Council does not do so then why not?
- 5 What can be done about the number of commercial vans parking along Restharrow Way. They have effectively turned it into a single-carriageway road, blocking lines of sight and causing traffic to meet head on and sometimes causing vehicles to swerve onto the kerbless footpath near the play park. Two residents were almost struck by a vehicle doing exactly that very recently.

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Stakeholder Q&A – Medway Practices Alliance

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



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- 1 When will the option to book online appointments be available?

2021 Residents' Meeting Dates

Malcolm Gray – SMIRA Chair



2021 Resident Meeting Dates

Commencing at 8 pm (currently via Zoom)

- 10 May 2021
- 14 June 2021
- 6 September 2021
- 18 October 2021
- 11 December 2021 (AGM)

2021 CMT Board Meetings

The CMT Board meet six times a year. If you would like the SMIRA representative trustees to raise anything at the next CMT Board meeting please let us know and we will ensure your questions are put to the CMT trustees.

Thank you and close

