



Minutes of public meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm for 7.15pm start

Held at Rear Hall, High Town Road Methodist Church, Luton

1. Welcome and apologies- Cllr Malcolm and Cllr Hopkins -both have council commitments. SB and NB submitted apologies. Seven residents present along with DL (chair)SW (media and marketing) GB (secretary). Three Beds Police officers present for meeting and speaker from LASE. All present welcomed by DL.
2. Police issues- 2 brothels in Frederick Street closed- police working on issues arising from prostitution using Nottinghamshire methods. Starts weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October. Concentration on male clientele who may have their own problems that need addressing. Essential priorities meeting to be held on 6/11/19-central area which includes High Town. The meeting will be held at CYCD ,Leagrave Road (Bury Park) starting time being 19.00-21.00 (prompt start). Posters giving details to be distributed at a later date.
3. Address – guest speaker from LASE (Luton Against Sexual Abuse)-current liaison development officer for LASE. The organisation involves local residents and communities as they are affected by activities associated with prostitution/drug dealing as it is not easy to live alongside commercial sexual exploitation. LASE works in partnership with police, LBC and local groups- local communities acting together can affect change. LASE is non-denominational and works alongside groups like Azalea which has a christian basis.  
*Cllrs Hopkins and Rivers arrived at 7.40pm*  
LASE are asking communities to report their stories- questionnaire from LASE is attached to these minutes. Please complete in paper format -LASE can act on the information. Emphasis on keeping yourself safe so do not put yourself at risk if reporting incident to LASE.
4. Planning applications- planning app delegated to PS to explore
5. Minutes of last meeting approved. No matters arising
6. HMO petition- 170 signatures to date-will be sending it alongside article from Times regarding impact HMOs have on communities to Dec meeting
7. Events- if an organisation would like to take part in this year's living advent calendar contact SW by end of month.[hightowncommunityworker@gmail.com](mailto:hightowncommunityworker@gmail.com)

Firework Display -Popes Meadow on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Entertainments starting at 7pm.



Luton Half Marathon 27<sup>th</sup> October 8.00am to 12.30. Please contact Gill Berg asap on [gillian.berg1@btinternet.com](mailto:gillian.berg1@btinternet.com) if you would like to volunteer for this event

Luton Alternative Halloween Art Fayre 27<sup>th</sup> October 11am-4pm Little Red Creative Studios (see attached poster for full details)

Brief discussion about fireworks being used in anti-social manner-Cllr Hopkins to flag up possibility of awareness campaign re use of fireworks. KG to explore use of similar publicity across faith groups.

Edible HT – orchard planting in People’s Park possibly on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Report back on street party in Edward Street. Despite steady rain 20 local people attended event

Conservation- meeting to be held to secure funding to support shopfront renovation

People’s Café – matter still with Secretary of State.

8. A.O.B. Consultation regarding whether smoking should be allowed in George’s Square. Public health, setting example to the young, aim to make area smoke free and town centre more enticing for families. Consultation is online  
<https://consult.luton.gov.uk/portal>-please complete . Paper copies of form will be available from LBC

Trading standards are targeting town centre off licences – esp sale of illegal alcohol.

9.Next meeting **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7pm for 7.15pm**