

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

At The Methodist Church, Holmes Chapel

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), Andrew Butler (AB), Glyn Chambers (GC), Stuart Gammon (SG), Phil Hargreaves (PH), Sheila Hodges (SH), Chris Jones (CJ), Nancy May (NM), Vicky McAdam (VM), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS).

Apologies: John Clowes (JC), Dennis Eborall (DE), Les Gilbert (LG), Zeta Rowley (ZR).

1 Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th January were approved and actions contained therein were as follows:

1. Play Area - GC had investigated the current position in connection with Play Area working group and reported that a meeting was to be held on the 7th March, NM and GC to attend. GC also advised that the PC have funds of £30,000 for project use, in particular play areas.
2. Thematic Groups – It had been decided not to approach Dave Wilcox in connection with the Environment Group, therefore this position is still open.
3. GC has met with each of the Thematic Group Chairs.
4. Section 106 Agreement – JC/LG to present our views to PC on the use of any S.106 Agreement money – JC/LG sent apologies for this meeting, therefore this item to be carried forward.
5. Group to think about publicity – this was discussed – see Communications/Publicity section below.
6. Format of Meetings – this to be carried over to next meeting.

2 Correspondence

1. SG reported that he had applied for an award from his employer, IBM which applied if an employee undertook more than 40 hours per year voluntary work on behalf of the local community. IBM had informed SG that they were to forward a cheque in the sum of £325. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent in this connection. It was also agreed that a discussion would take place to decide where the money could be best used.

Action: SG to let JB have details of IBM, and JB to send letter of thanks.

2. SG has requested a meeting with the PC to establish how we work together. The PC have agreed to us having a 10 minute “slot” at the next meeting which is to be held on the 24th March, at which a follow up meeting could be arranged to discuss in more detail.
3. The Localism Bill was briefly discussed and it was agreed that this should be read by all and discussed again in more detail at the next meeting.

Action: All to read

3 Funding

1. GC had been investigating various forms of funding including the Big Lottery “Funding For All” for funds up to £10,000, this scheme operates a turnaround time of 30 days from receipt of bid to a decision being made and it would seem that the Partnership “ticks all the boxes”. The NatWest Community Fund was also discussed where the local community can vote for the scheme they think most worthwhile this is up to £3,000.
2. It was agreed that the Partnership could use the Project Officer services for 2 days per week as opposed to the one day at the present time and that money from one of the schemes could be used for this purpose.
3. It was agreed that GC would investigate further into the Big Lottery and NatWest schemes.
4. It was also suggested that the Co-op and Barclays could be approached.
5. Cheshire East Council has set aside a budget of £40,000 to be divided between the 5 partnerships. SG was to attend a Partnership Chairs meeting the following day (17.2.11) to represent HCP.

Action: GC to look into funding schemes

4 Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer reported that there was £250 uncommitted funds in the account (This would reduce to £200 once £50 has been paid to Zeta Rowley (see Economic Section below), this to last until the new fiscal year.

5 Communications and Publicity

1. There was a discussion regarding communications/publicity and vision/mission statement explaining what HCP is and why people should be interested in taking part. It was decided that this would be discussed at a later date when we can publicise what we have achieved and what is planned.
2. The Partnership logo was discussed and it was agreed that AB would set up a competition at the Comprehensive School to design a logo and it was felt that this would also generate positive publicity for the Partnership. A prize of a £50 voucher would be awarded by HCP to the winner (iTunes, Amazon or HMV).

6 Thematic Group Reports

6.1 Children and Young People

1. AB reported that he had spoken to Mr. D. Oliver (Head teacher HCCS) and the School Council in respect of projects involving young people. The following had been identified:
 1. Astro-turf pitch (it should be noted that the PC were in favour of this).
 2. Community Hall behind the School.
 3. Refurbishment of the Youth Club.
 4. Play Areas.
2. AB was due to attend a meeting of the School Council the following day (Thursday 17th) and would work on producing a questionnaire to ascertain what would be the most popular project as far as young people were concerned. In respect of the Youth Club AB

would find out what facilities would need to be provided i.e. sports, IT, Music, etc., to encourage young people to make full use of it.

3. HS tabled a flyer that she had received from the Scouts who are fundraising for a new Scout Hut. It was agreed that the Scout Leader should be approached to discuss with them the joining of the Partnership.

Actions:

1. AB to produce and circulate questionnaire
2. AB to organise logo competition
3. CJ to approach Scout Leader

6.2 Community Safety

1. CJ reported that he had had a meeting with Sgt. Penny Jones and PCSO Cheryl Smith who had informed him that in line with many public service bodies Cheshire Constabulary have started a change programme aimed at financial savings and although this has led to redundancies and staff cutbacks, this has had a positive effect on Holmes Chapel as the restructure has required Neighbourhood Teams to merge with response teams resulting in more staff, thereby an increase in detections and decrease of antisocial behaviour for the Village.
2. There are monthly Local Police Surgeries which are run by the PCSOs and local people are encouraged to attend to voice their issues. The resulting issues for February are speeding on Chester Road and Middlewich Road, poor parking and obstructions at both primary schools during school run time and parking on the footpath on Hawthorn Villas. Other problems that they are trying to deal with are inconsiderate parking on Sandiford Road by people using railway station, Sandiford Road being used as a rat run (technically contravening the access only restriction) and the noise/litter caused by people leaving the Aventis Club.
3. The pub watch scheme is no longer active due to low number of incidents.
4. The Home Watch scheme is still in existence and is managed by Alison Gabbot from Sandbach Police Station; Alison also manages the Key Individual Network lists which are a number of key contacts within HC.
5. There are record low levels of anti-social behaviour.
6. Speeding – as above. The neighbourhood team have access to a trailer SID and 2 smaller ‘Smiley SIDs’ plus 2 radar guns. The deployment of these assets is down to demand received at the policing surgeries.
7. Strategic Traffic Issues – There is a multi agency group chaired by the Fire Brigade targeting a reduction in killed and seriously injured incidents, they may welcome the existence of a group in the village who they can liaise with for traffic issues.
8. The Neighbourhood Team (Inspector, Sgt and PCSO) are happy to buy into the Community Safety Action Group as it will assist them to deliver on community identified issues and are happy for the PCSO to support/participate but they do not wish to chair the group.

Actions

1. CJ to meet with Alison Gabbot (AG) to discuss Home Watch
2. Use AG’s contacts to market HCP and CS thematic group with the aim to recreate Community Safety Action Groups and recruit volunteers

3. CJ to attend the Police surgery (24.3.11 – Library) to market HCP, to recreate the CSAGs
4. Think about if we have funding available, should we help PC part fund PCSO? - All
5. Transport Group Initiative
 - a. Possible project - funding for SIDS, Chester Rd & Middlewich Road
 - b. Possible project – double yellow lines opposite zigzag lines on Selkirk Drive – assist with traffic management outside Comprehensive School (may need buy in from the KSI Group to prove a need to prevent KSI).
6. GC to contact Tony Potts at the Community Safety Partnership to find out about the permanent Smiley Sids.

6.3 Economic

1. ZR had sent her apologies but had informed SG that she was getting a focus group together comprising local traders and requested a small budget to cover the cost of a meeting room and refreshments.
2. It was agreed that £50 would be issued to ZR.

Action: PH to issue ZR with £50

6.4 Environment

No group set up at present

6.5 Health and Wellbeing

1. HS reported that she was trying to obtain a suitable map of the Village on which walking and safe cycling routes both into and around the Village could be marked. SG suggested that Dave Wilcox may have a suitable map which he used for the litter bin survey. She was hoping to acquire support to develop these routes. There was a discussion as to how this could be publicised, it was suggested that leaflets could be printed (supplies in the Library and other appropriate places) and information boards could also be used.
2. HS had looked at Cheshire East, Visit Cheshire website and reported that the Holmes Chapel page was useless as there was no mention of any pubs, restaurants, shops or businesses relating to HC and the only society that is mentioned is the Music Society. It was agreed that there should be some input into this area.

Actions:

1. All to think about CE website.
2. HS to speak to Dave Wilcox in connection with map of Village.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Events

1. Holmes Chapel Today (Saturday 14th May) and Village Fair (Sunday 1st May)

The organisers of Holmes Chapel Today have asked whether they can share part of our stand for the Village Fair and in exchange they will let us have a table at HC Today, free of charge. This was agreed.

7.2 Date Of Next Meeting

The next Meeting is arranged for Wednesday 23rd March 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the Hall at The Victoria Club.