

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 25th May 2011 at 7.00 p.m.
at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), Andrew Butler (AB) Part, Glyn Chambers (GC), Alison Dale (AD), Dennis Eborall (DE), Stuart Gammon (SG), Les Gilbert (LG), Phil Hargreaves (PH), Heather Jones (HJ) Nancy May (NM), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS), Joe Wheeler (JW).

Apologies: John Clowes (JC), Sheila Hodges (SH), Chris Jones (CJ).

1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th April were approved, with no matters arising.

2. Group Reports

2.1 Children and Young People

1. AB reported that a new Head Boy and Head Girl had been appointed but that their roles had been split into components and that at this stage he wasn't sure who our representative would be. He would inform us at the next meeting.
2. AB was trying to recruit volunteers for the Village Clean-Up Day to be held on the 10th July and he proposed doing this by using Facebook, the area to be cleared would be round the school.
3. SG had reported that he had been into school to present the vouchers to the winners of the Logo competition.
4. LG reported that a planning application had been received in connection with the Sanofi Aventis site for 230 houses, it was suggested that possible use for any Section 106 Agreement monies could go towards a community centre with facilities for a youth centre.

2.2 Economic

1. Alison Dale reported that she had attended a meeting with David McGifford where the benchmarking document was discussed and a further meeting is to be held in this respect.
2. She also reported on a Cheshire East initiative entitled "LOVELOCAL Life", this was basically a loyalty card which independent businesses could sign up to and thereby encourage people to use local facilities. This scheme requires 14 traders to make it viable in Holmes Chapel and the card can be used within Cheshire East at participating retailers. It was felt that this initiative could "kick start" a Traders Association.
3. The scheme requires the backing of the Parish Council and there is a cost involved for set up, i.e. producing the cards and literature, although it was not known how much this was. It was agreed that we need to find out the cost before the Parish Council can be approached.

4. AD has agreed to speak to a sample of traders to do a pilot survey and would report back to the Group, it was also suggested that as part of this survey, the traders would be asked as to how they would wish to take the scheme forward and the Group could then use this information to present to the PC .
5. AD also mentioned that there were issues within the Village that needed to be dealt with, e.g. the old Bridgfords office in the centre.

Action: AD to find out cost of setting up LOVELOCAL Life scheme
 SG to e-mail traders list to AD
 AD to carry out a sample pilot survey
 GC to obtain more leaflets from David McGifford

2.3 Community Safety and Security

CJ not present at meeting.

2.4 Health and Wellbeing

1. HS reported that the Village Fair and Holmes Chapel Today had proved very successful in terms of the Cycling Project with many people showing an interest in the scheme and potentially joining this project.
2. Peter Jones is producing a draft of the leaflet/map and these should be ready in the next couple of weeks and will then be distributed. Once the map is available the project can be moved on to the next stage, e.g. the opening up of footpaths etc.
3. Following a long discussion at the meeting the previous week, it has been agreed that a cycle shelter should be erected and the proposed site is next to the Library.
4. GC had spoken to Tim Allen and Peter hAll at Cheshire East in respect of the permission to use the space. It was hoped that Cheshire East would perhaps be able to erect the shelter on our behalf. However, extra funding may be needed in this respect. It was reported that delivery for the shelter would be 5 weeks from placement of order.

Action: GC to continue to liaise with Cheshire East

3. Project Updates

3.1 Play Areas

1. NM reported that she hadn't received any correspondence in this connection but that at the Village Fair a number of people asked when the project was likely to start.
2. SG reported that Karen Freeman (who is the Secretary of the Middlewich Road Primary School PTA) had recruited 4 more volunteers to work on the project.
3. SG had spoken to Nich Guthrie and had suggested that a committee be formed to take this forward.

4. NM to call a meeting with Nich Guthrie, Karen Freeman and the other volunteers. GC also agreed to attend.
5. It was agreed that an alternative quote would be required before grant applications could be made.
6. It was also suggested that a cycle lane could be incorporated to run alongside Middlewich Road and additional funding may be forthcoming for this.

Action: NM to arrange Meeting

3.2 Traffic Management

LG reported that there was nothing to report in this connection but now that the elections were out of the way he would push for a public meeting to be held.

Action: LG to liaise with Cheshire East in respect of public meeting

3.3 Dane Valley Project (New)

1. This is a new project for the Partnership and GC reported that he was currently working on this scheme, it was hoped that work to the footpath would be carried out together with the formation of a nature trail but that the cost of a bridge link (£250,000) was prohibitive at the present time.
2. GC is liaising with Tim Allen at Cheshire East in respect of this project.
3. It was agreed that we need to ascertain if any funding would be available from the PC.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. PH reported that there was no change since the last report, apart from £15 had been paid out for the cost of the meeting room. There is £3,000 in current account.
2. SG reported that the new Noticeboard had arrived and therefore the cost of this would be taken out of the account.

5. Review of Village Fair/Holmes Chapel Today

1. This item is covered above. NM had asked if the contact list that was put together at the Village Fair was available, GC has this in his possession and HS is in possession of the list of names in connection with the cycling project.
2. There was a discussion with DE regarding Holmes Chapel Today who informed the members that it may not continue in its present format, but he would keep us informed.

6. Mission and Vision

GC to organise a half day seminar at a weekend for the Partnership. He would send out a list of available dates in this respect.

Action: GC to send out list of dates.

7. Publicity/Newsletter

7.1 Newsletter

SG reported that since the newsletter went out, some positive feedback had been received, it was agreed that this could go on the new noticeboard and copies be made available in the Library. It was thought that a newsletter could be sent out on a quarterly basis.

7.2 Website/e-mail

1. Everyone agreed to have their photographs taken for the newsletter/website, it is proposed that this would be done at the seminar.
2. There was a discussion regarding e-mail addresses for each member of the Partnership. SG agreed to look into the setting up of individual e-mail addresses.

8. Any Other Business

1. GC said that he felt the Partnership had made excellent progress to date.
2. SG asked Heather Jones, Alison Dale and Joe Wheeler if they wished to be formally elected to the Committee. HJ and AD agreed and JW to consider his position.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting is due to be held on 22nd June at 7.00 p.m. in the School Room at The Victoria Club, but as there are several members unable to attend the date may be changed.