

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 21st December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.
at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), (JC), Glyn Chambers (GC), Alison Dale (AD),
Stuart Gammon (SG), Les Gilbert (LG), Phil Hargreaves (PH),
Heather Jones, Geoffrey Males (GM), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS),

Apologies: Jess Cragg (JC), Steve Ranger (SR).

1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 23rd November 2011 were approved.

Matters Arising – LG asked if the Group were working with the PC in respect of the AP Club, this was confirmed.

2. Correspondence

SG had sent items of correspondence to the Group via e-mail in connection with funding, it was noted that we were not eligible for one as Holmes Chapel was not large enough. He confirmed that he had sent the other information to the Scout Group (relating to green energy) as they may be able to apply for this during the refurbishment of the Youth Club building.

SG had received another letter from Fiona Bruce MP which enclosed a letter from a Minister stating that they encouraged community events but that it was up to the relevant Council to approve a road closure.

3. Funding Update

The 5 partnerships have submitted the bid for £40,000 (the same amount as last year) and a decision is expected in February 2012. An application for £8,000 has been submitted to the Parish Council, a decision for this is expected in January as the PC meets to set the budget on the 12th. Once we are aware of the level of funding, we will need to plan carefully as to how this is spent.

4. Project Updates

Cycling Village - SG reported that the shelter had arrived and was currently at his house. The base had been prepared and concreted at a cost of £500 - £600 and it is hoped that the Direct Works Department will also erect the shelter. GC is arranging for a brass plaque to be made detailing where the funding had come from and it was agreed that a large Partnership logo should be applied to the cycle shelter.

There was a discussion regarding the provision of cycle racks at the railway station, although there is some on the Crewe side (although these could be increased), there was nothing on the Manchester side and this should be addressed.

It was agreed to have a launch to mark the installation of the cycle shelter in the New Year. HS and SG to co-ordinate. Nigel Player to be approached to take a photograph of the shelter plus cyclists that could be submitted to the local press and Peter Capps for possible insertion in the community matters half page section of the trader magazine.

HS reported that she had had a meeting with the relevant co-ordinator from Middlewich Road Primary School, who had initially appeared very enthusiastic about the scheme but that despite e-mail chase ups, had not received any further response. Hermitage Primary school had sent out leaflets and Alan Bethel who organised their Eco Day in September would like to involve cycling in the event next year.

HS would like to produce another map for the surrounding areas and is hopeful that this could be launched in the Spring.

GC agreed to send an e-mail to the Middlewich Road Primary School to see if the initial enthusiasm could be regenerated.

HS to ask JC if she could approach the relevant person at the Comp in this respect.

The path to the front of Middlewich Road Primary School was discussed in respect of possible inclusion as a cycle path but this may not be cost effective.

Action: [HS/SG to co-ordinate launch of cycle shelter.](#)

[GC to send e-mail to Middlewich Road Primary School.](#)

[HS to speak to JC regarding contact at HCCS](#)

Play Area – SG reported on a meeting he and GC had attended on 5th December and although approx.350 leaflets had been distributed to advertise the meeting, only 5 people were in attendance. NG had tabled some new plans for the phasing of the area which had changed slightly from the original ones in that there were 2 structures (a ship and a castle) and the skateboard area had been reallocated to the east/west as opposed to north/west. NG had approached CEC to ask if they would approve the scheme in general.

GC suggested that it would be a good idea to form a Project Board for this scheme consisting of a member from the PC, Play Area team etc. The PC have approved the setting up of a Project Board.

GC reported that he had sent some grant funding material off to them together with some information as to the setting up of a Project Board.

Dane Valley – GC reported that the funding had been received for the preliminary habitat assessment to be carried out. It is hoped that the project will not just be about the pathway but that bird boxes and sculptures can be erected and that the Scouts, Brownies etc., will be able to use the area for their activities.

Love Local Life – AD reported that no further progress had been made on the loyalty card scheme since the PC had confirmed that there would be no funding for this project. AD had raised the issue at the newly formed Business Forum and it had been agreed that this would be discussed again in the new year.

The Business Forum had held 3 meetings and another one is arranged for the new year. GC asked if an update was available for the Partnership, AD would enquire but thought this would be possible.

5. 2012 Events and Projects

There was a long discussion about possible events for 2012, these to include Diamond Jubilee events, Christmas Fayre etc., and it was decided that ideally an Events Committee for the Village would be the best way forward to deal with this. It was decided that the Partnership would speak to individual Groups (U3A, Scouts, Brownies, Round Table, WI etc) to possibly recruit members. LG commented that the PC had only received 2 – 3 replies from the leaflet drop they had carried out in respect of the Jubilee. AD reported that she was aware that Steve Ranger had been asked to co-ordinate events as far as the PC was concerned, a decision was therefore made to speak to Steve Ranger to ask what is happening and to offer help and support from the Partnership if needed. It was also agreed that we would continue to meet with the organisations to make them aware of what we are about and to ask them if they need our help in any way.

6. Communications

LG agreed to look at the Holmes Chapel Today list to compile a list of organisations the Partnership can visit in January/February. PH to look at the wording he used to for the Presentation at the U3A. SG to forward AGM Presentation to PH. The "About Us" page from the web site to be printed off to leave with the groups.

GC offered to accompany whoever carries out presentation at organisations to provide continuity.

Nigel Player/Peter Capps to be asked if either of them would like to undertake the job of Promotion/Marketing/Communications Officer, or to be asked if they know of anyone who could undertake the role.

Action: LG to look at HC Today list
 PH to look at wording from presentation to U3A
 SG to forward presentation from AGM to PH

7. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Partnership should speak to John Berry from Rotary to encourage mutual support.

SG made 2 presentations, one to GC thanking him for his continued and invaluable support to the Partnership and one to JB for providing refreshments.

8. Date of Next Meeting The next Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the Committee Room at The Victoria Club.