

# Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 at 7.00 p.m.  
at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

**Present:** Jacqui Barton (JB), Glyn Chambers (GC), Stuart Gammon (SG), Les Gilbert (LG), Phil Hargreaves (PH), Steve Ranger (SR), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS).

**Apologies:** Jess Cragg (JC), Heather Jones (HJ).

## **1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April 2012 were approved.

### Actions from Previous Meeting

GC to contact HJ to assess progress in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Walking Week.

GC had investigated LAP funding, there is a total of £70,000 to be divided between the 7 partnerships.

SG had e-mailed Dean Grice at Holmes Chapel Health Centre but had not received a response.

SG had spoken to the Police in respect of the cycle shelter vandalism, various e-mails had been circulated to the Team. The latest information we have received is that JC and her sister had been in the precinct a week ago and they had seen children in the cycle shelter who they was able to name who were Year 7. Sergeant Coppock from Middlewich is currently looking into the continued vandalism of the shelter. The Police confirmed that they have tried to look at the CCTV footage but that the curvature of the shelter deflects the light and therefore makes it difficult to see anything.

## **2. Correspondence**

SG had received a letter from a Mr. Swash from Goostrey praising the cycling initiative and map.

A letter had been received from Stephen Wright (ex CEC) offering the opportunity of taking part in seminars as a cost of £119 plus VAT.

A cheque for £500 had been received from the William Dean Trust which is to be split between the planting of a new tree on Macclesfield Road and Home Grown in Holmes Chapel for the purchase of fruit trees. It was agreed that when the tree planting takes place, publicity should be organised in order to promote William Dean Trust and that they should also be invited. As Dorothy Davidson has put in so much time and effort on behalf of the Jubilee Celebrations, it was agreed to ask her if she would like to plant the tree.

SG to speak to John Clowes to find out when the tree is due to be planted.

A flyer had been received asking for volunteers for the Balsam Bash which is due to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Action: John Clowes to be approached to find out date of planting tree

Dorothy Davidson to be invited to plant tree.

### **3. Review of Village Fair and Litter Pick**

It was agreed that the Village Fair went very well and that the gazebo was impressive. Dave Monks had been given 2 bottles of wine as a thank you for the loan of the gazebo.

It was thought that in hindsight we should have some sort of signage on the front of the stand so people knew who we were.

Litter Pick Day – there were four volunteers from the Team, the day went very well and it was thought that there was significantly less litter than last year.

HS reported that there was a significant amount of litter and weeds in and around the planters surrounding the Plus Dane properties on Bramhall Drive. SR agreed to contact Plus Dane to see if they would give permission for Home Grown in Holmes Chapel (HGHC) to use the planters and the surrounding area as part of their project. If permission is forthcoming, HS to contact Sue Mitchell of HGHC.

### **4. 2012 Events and Projects**

Music Event – to be discussed at a later date as JC not at meeting. It was agreed that we should speak to JC regarding her successor.

Diamond Jubilee – SR reported that there had been a problem in connection with PL insurance, as it was thought that participants taking part in the event would require their own PLI. GC offered to ring round his contacts to see how they manage events with regard to insurance.

It was thought that more marshals would be needed for the day (Sunday 3rd). PH to circulate a programme of events and a list of things that will need to be done on the day i.e. roping at the back of the stalls along the river and marking out gazebo pitches with flags. It was agreed to meet at 9.30 a.m. The picnic lunch will run from 12.30 – 1.30 followed by the parade led by the Town Crier and the band at 1.45. The official opening is to be at 2.00p.m.

The Partnership have agreed to donate the sum of £70 towards the cost of bunting.

Any money collected by the relevant stalls will be used to cover costs with any remaining being donated to charity.

It is proposed that more publicity will be carried out in connection with the beacon, more posters are to be distributed around the village and the local press have been informed.

HJ had sent in a report to say that she is arranging a U3A display in the library – memories of Royal Occasions and this will be in the library for 2 weeks, the week before and the week after the Jubilee weekend.

In connection with the walking project, HJ reported that several routes have now been chosen and written up as a first draft. These will now be walked by others following the directions/instructions and where necessary the directions/instructions will be refined.

Action: It was agreed we need to speak to JC in connection with her successor

GC to ring round his contacts in connection with insurance at events

PH to circulate programme of events

Christmas Event – There was a lengthy discussion regarding road closures as to whether this should be the Western end of Macclesfield Road from Mandevilles to Sandiford Roads which is a “B” road, the cost of carrying out such a closure would be £700, this payable to CEC plus the cost of employing a traffic management company (e.g. RAC, AA) to create signage etc. We would therefore need to charge for pitches. It was then agreed that the car parks could be used for the pitching of the stalls, thereby avoiding costs for road closures.

A date needs to be formalised hopefully to tie in with the Christmas light switch on but not to clash with the Christmas Tree weekend or Alsager’s event (need to use stalls belonging to CEC). The first Sunday in December would be favourite.

PH had received a call from David Savage asking if the Partnership could help with the Carol Service as one of the original organisers had moved, it was agreed that we could do this.

SR suggested that once a few ideas have been formulated and a date has been agreed, a public meeting should be held. This to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. John Berry of Rotary to be approached to see if Rotary would like to join us with this project.

## **5. Project Updates**

Cycling Village – HS has redrawn the maps and reported that there is a cycling meeting on Monday (HS to attend). Harry Brooks from Holmes Chapel has volunteered to be Chairman of the South Cheshire Cycling Project.

A quote has been received in connection with the replacement of the curved panels for the cycle shelter, these would be £200 each plus VAT. It was agreed that we would defer this decision until we have heard further from the Police. We also need to decide what form of punishment would be appropriate for the individual(s) concerned.

Play Area – GC reported that there is a very active funding group set up by mums from the Middlewich Road Primary School. Nich Guthrie had put together a tender document. A meeting is due to be held next week with Marianne Bailey at Streetscape to see if this can be moved forward as transferring of the asset may take a while.

Dane Valley – There is a Paths and Communities grant available of £150,000 and it was thought this could be applied for to create new paths and possibly a bridle way/cycle route/bridge into Cranage. A draft action plan to be put to the Programme Board next Wednesday which will then be submitted to the PC, this will form the basis for submission to Wren for a grant.

The Wildlife Trust are helping with the environmental educational project.

Love Local Life – David McGifford was going to organise a meeting with local traders. He proposes to write to Nigel Player and see if this can be resurrected. The PC had carried out a survey of the local traders who felt that this was not too important to them.

## **6. Communications**

Presentations etc – it was agreed to put this on hold for the time being and to revisit in the future if thought necessary.

Communications Officer – it was agreed that it is important that this is moved forward and a poster is to be designed between SG and SR to be A4 size which can be placed in the Notice Board and other places throughout the Village. GC to e-mail SR with a “Wanted” poster he had seen on the internet.

It was agreed to ask JC to see if anyone from the 6<sup>th</sup> form could help in this respect as it was thought this would be a useful point to add to their UCAS form.

Action: SG/SR to liaise in connection with poster

GC to email SR with "Wanted" poster

Speak to JC to see if there are any possible "candidates" at the 6<sup>th</sup> form

## **7. Funding Update**

GC informed the group how the Wren funding works. It runs from May to September there will be a bid in for the Dane Valley project next month. It was thought that possibly the Play Area/Scout HQ could be applied for out of the next tranche.

PH tabled accounts which showed £3,647.67 of uncommitted funds, although it was noted that approximately £70 is to be deducted from this figure to take into account the cost of the bunting for the Jubilee event.

## **8. Vision**

A meeting is due to be held on Monday to try to move this on further.

## **9. Any Other Business**

LG had requested an item on this Agenda to collate a list of qualified First Aiders – as the meeting had run over, it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

It was agreed that in future the Agenda should be reduced possibly by the Project Leaders submitting a report in advance of the meeting.

HS reported that a meeting had been held for Leisure Centre users, but unfortunately only two organisations had attended.

It was agreed to invite a member of the Blue Sky Thinking Group to attend one of our meetings.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 at 7.00 p.m. – venue to be confirmed.