

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2013 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Holmes Chapel

1 Attendees

1.1 Present:

Jacqui Barton, Harry Brooks, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Hazel Sutcliffe, Steve Ranger, Les Gilbert, Heather Jones, Glyn Chambers, Dorothy Davidson

Liz McVeigh, Family Services, Cheshire East (item 4 only)

1.2 Apologies:

Bethan Wiggett

2 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th April 2013 were approved.

3 Actions from previous meetings

Hazel/Harry to liaise with Fine Decor and Northern Rail regarding access to the station platform from Eastgate Road.

4 Family Services

Liz McVeigh explained the role of Family Services and emphasised that the service was available to all, regardless of their situation or finances.

There was a general feeling that the service would benefit from a more positive name in order to engage with families in Holmes Chapel. It was agreed that there should be a discussion at the next meeting about role that the Partnership could play in promoting the service.

5 Communications/Young Persons Update.

It was suggested that the school representative should serve from January to December to avoid a clash with A level examinations.

Action: Stuart to liaise with Bethan.

6 Project Updates

6.1 Playareas.

The selection of a contractor to undertake the work had been agreed. A "First Spade" event and publicity were to be arranged. Completion was due by 19th July, with a formal opening on 27th July. The area was to be closed for the duration of the work.

Consultation about Hermitage playarea could start at the school Open Day in July.

Further thought needed to be given to possible locations for a skate park.

6.2 Dane Meadow.

Tender documents for work on the access paths were to be issued imminently. The intention was to start work on 19th August and complete in 60 days.

6.3 Cycling Village.

The area map had been drafted, and proofs were expected in 3 weeks. The intention was to have copies available for distribution before schools closed.

7 Business Updates

7.1 Business Forum.

A meeting facilitated by Glyn had agreed to progress the Business Forum, and the initiative was to be taken forward by Alan Bethal, Mark Tyson and Susan Cooper.

7.2 Work Club.

Heather had responded saying that the initiative was not viable in Holmes Chapel in view of the small number of potential participants (only 53 jobseekers in CW4).

8 Events Updates

8.1 Village Fair.

Stuart expressed thanks to all who had helped on the day and said that the displays had attracted a large number of visitors. It was felt that some displays needed more photos or diagrams and fewer words.

The post-it board had generated a number of comments which subsequently had been circulated, and David Cowgill had provided some responses.

Stuart to circulate David C's responses for discussion at the next meeting.

8.2 Holmes Chapel Showcase, 8th June.

A space had been booked for a Partnership display; Stuart to provide a table, Phil to supply display boards and to produce a form to collect information for the Partnership's Calendar of Events.

8.3 Christmas Market.

One stall had already been paid for, and four others booked.

Market Stalls, Electrician, Church Hall, Scout HQ and Fairground organ had all been booked.

It was agreed that two banners should be obtained at a cost of approx £80 each; Dorothy to arrange.

One of the large fairground rides used at the Village Fair could be made available.

Stuart to approach Chris Appleton and Handbell Ringers

8.4 Action for Market Towns Convention.

HC and Sandbach Partnerships were jointly concentrating on the role and successes of local Partnerships. There was a potential for significant benefits to the local community from the Convention, and a significant local involvement would be required.

Glyn to provide dates and further information

9 Neighbourhood Plan update

Steve said that the intention was to test local requirements against the Cheshire East Plan (due at the end of September), and only produce a plan for Holmes Chapel if there were significant differences or omissions. Glyn said that there were substantial benefits arising from the production of a local plan, and other Partnerships were actively pursuing their own plans. The process could be expensive, taking up to two years and involving a referendum.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 26th June @ 7pm, Bradshaw Room, Methodist Church