

# Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Holmes Chapel

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## 1 Attendees

### Present:

Jacqui Barton, Glyn Chambers, Dorothy Davidson Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Steve Ranger, Hazel Sutcliffe, Bethan Wiggett

Guest: Mark Tyson of Holmes Chapel Business for the Community (HCBFTC)

### Apologies:

Heather Jones, Harry Brooks

### Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June were approved

### Actions from Previous Minutes.

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

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## 2 Correspondence.

Stuart had forwarded a newsletter from Sir Bob Kerlake

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## 3 Business Updates.

Mark Tyson informed the Partnership committee about the music / food event that HCBFTC are organising. It is to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 11am – 4pm around the Precinct (including the Doctor's and Library car parking areas). The profits are to be re-invested in the village. There will be:

- 50 stalls – mainly food oriented. Market stalls to be hired and erected by team from Sandbach.
- Fairground in Library car park
- Music from local bands – flat bed trucks to be supplied by Massey's and Stobart to provide stages. Local schools to participate + Laura Wilson Dance school
- Football competition to be held in car park behind shops belonging to Peter Morrey.

Mark informed the committee that all the plans were in place and Public Liability insurance had been obtained. Barclays Bank is supplying 20 marshals for the event. Steve proposed that the PC make a contribution in kind such as printing the programmes.

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## 4 AMT

Stuart and Glyn attended a meeting in Sandbach on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to start the detailed planning of the AMT convention to be held in the Congleton LAP area on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November. Holmes Chapel is

pairing up with Sandbach to provide an optional event for the 150 delegates expected to attend. There will be a team of 6 people from each Partnership at a two hour event on 6<sup>th</sup> November at Sandbach Town Hall whose task it will be to explain the workings and origins of the Partnerships to the delegates. A locally sourced light lunch will be provided. Each Partnership will contribute items for a "goody bag" for each delegate attending. Cycling maps, gingerbread men baked by Mandeville's - perhaps exploiting the Harry Styles connection, a small pot of local honey were suggestions put forward.

A further meeting is scheduled for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30 pm at the Sandbach Enterprise Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**Action: Hazel to consult with Simon & Liz Wakefield at Mandeville's about producing gingerbread men**

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## **5 Project Updates**

### **Play areas.**

Work to be signed off on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Official opening at 11am on 27<sup>th</sup> July by the Mayor of CE and the tape to be cut by a child chosen by ballot. A balloon modeller and a stall to promote summer reading have been organised. Tony Hartley is taking photos on behalf of the Partnership. The local press is to attend.

Consideration will now be given to the Elm Drive Play Area. It is hoped that a Friends group will be established for the Middlewich Rd Play Area and the existing Project Board will be replaced by a new Elm Drive Board.

**Action. Stuart to send out list of final arrangements for the opening event on 27th**

### **Dane Meadow.**

Two of the seven tenders came in within budget and the contract was awarded to George Cox. Contracts to be signed on the 26<sup>th</sup> July and work will commence on the 19<sup>th</sup> August and will take a maximum of 12 weeks.

First Spade Event scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm. Fiona Bruce MP, members of the PC and the Partnership, representatives of the contractor and Natural England have been invited to attend.

News of the WREN grant expected mid-August

The Friends group has cancelled the Community Activity scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July. It is to be replaced by a session on August 11th to work on the Bird Feeding Station before the area is closed during the infrastructure works. The Friends meeting planned for July 2<sup>nd</sup> was hit by last minute apologies so limited progress was made on the website and willow weaving. A further meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cycling Village.**

The new cycling map showing short leisure rides around HC is now available from the library, the doctor's surgery and Morrey's. The competition from the Wimbledon Finals proved to be too much for the family bike ride from the Hermitage School on 7<sup>th</sup> July 12.30 pm so the meeting at the Red Lion Pub in Goostrey involved only the organisers!

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The maps linking the five LAP towns are being finalised. They will be printed and ready for distribution in the week beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## **6 Events Updates**

### **Christmas Market.**

Locations, stalls and lighting have been booked. Responses to the invitation to participate have been rather disappointing: to date 20 outdoor stalls, 3 indoor stalls have been confirmed and 6 shops are to stay open. All the schools have been contacted and so far only the Hermitage School has confirmed participation. Two re-usable banners are to be ordered to advertise the event at a cost of £160. A Risk Assessment is in hand, as is liaison with the Events Safety Advisory Group and insurance coverage. George & Dragon to be approached about a licence for alcohol so that real mulled wine can be sold. Dorothy is awaiting a quote from the Red Cross to provide first aid. It was debated whether to also approach Barclays to provide marshals or to ask the Fire Cadets again. A programme containing an entertainment schedule was suggested.

**Action: Glyn to book barriers. Hazel to approach Steven Docker about using his car park again. Dorothy to do almost everything else.**

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## **7 Plans for AGM**

Community Room in Library unavailable on a Saturday morning due to a block booking by Weightwatchers. Dorothy has booked St Luke's instead for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-1pm.

Discussion of shape of event postponed until next meeting.

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## **8 A.O.B.**

As Bethan will be off to university she has been seeking a successor to represent young people on the Partnership committee and has two or three possible candidates. It had been suggested to change the term of the Youth Representative from the traditional academic year to a calendar year which means a longer period for the next incumbent. She confirmed that she has also found a potential Communications Officer from HC Comprehensive.

Jacqui asked members to confirm their availability for a Partnership meal at the English Dining Room as soon as possible

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## **9 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm, Bradshaw Room, Methodist Church