

Minutes of Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 28th August 2013 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Holmes Chapel

1 Attendees

1.1 Present:

- Jacqui Barton, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Hazel Sutcliffe, Les Gilbert, Glyn Chambers, Steve Ranger, Heather Jones, Daniella Russo.

1.2 Apologies:

- Dorothy Davison, Harry Brooke

1.3 Previous Minutes.

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July were approved

1.4 Actions from Previous Minutes.

- H.S confirmed that Mandevilles had agreed to bake souvenir gingerbreads for the AMT delegates.
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2 Correspondence

1. S.G had received several emails congratulating the project board for the work on the play area.
 2. An email had been received complaining about potential nuisance from the development of the Elm Drive play area particularly nuisance from skate boarding.
 3. Complaints had been received regarding closure of the Dane Meadow during development.S.G had passed details onto Clr John Clowes.
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3 Communications Update

1. S.G gave an overview of how the Partnership was currently engaging with the Community including newsletters and websites.
 - S.G opened the discussion to identify what needed to be done to reach more people in the village. Suggestions included stepping up the newsletter,
 - D.R suggested the website should have more appeal to young people and the Partnership should use twitter. It was agreed that D.R should take on the responsibility of the Partnership's social networking and microblogging through twitter enabling the Partnership to send and read tweets.
 - D.R also suggested that she could integrate this with the high school's twitter account. S.G advised that we had a facebook page and groups set up however D.R may consider taking on the facebook page as well.
 - S.R reported that the Parish Council were having discussions with the village mag and enquired as to whether the Partnership had also considered placing something in the magazine.

2. S.R outlined a Parish Council proposal to have a single community website/magazine which all organisations could use and input information.
 - It was agreed that a small working group be established to research working more closely with the village mag and setting up a community news facility. The group to include J.B, S.R, D.R and Nicola Clarke.
3. **Actions:**
 - D.R to set up and run Twitter account and take on facebook account and work with S.G to develop the website to make it more appealing to young people.
 - S.R, J.B, D.R,N.C to set up working group looking at improving communications working with other organisations such as the Village Mag.

4 Job Clubs and Career Support

1. G.C gave an update on the latest information regarding setting up job clubs in the Congleton lap area.
2. All Towns other than Holmes Chapel now had active job clubs including Middlewich which was operating from the library. Investigations were underway to check out the suitability of Holmes Chapel library for a local job club.

5 Arrangements for the AGM 26th October 2013

1. After some debate it was agreed that the 2013 AGM be in the form of an exhibition of the Partnership's work followed by the formal meeting.
2. The venue was agreed to be St Lukes Church Hall and the exhibition would run from 10.30 a.m with the formal meeting at 12.00. The content of the exhibition and meeting details to be discussed at the next Partnership meeting in September.

6 Events Update

6.1 AMT conference

- G.C gave an update on the A.M.T conference confirming that the Holmes Chapel and Sandbach joint Partnership board were developing details for the event in Sandbach on the 6th November. The words for the flyer to market the event had been agreed and are as follows.

The 5 Town Partnerships – Achieving More Together

- The 5 Town Partnership Forum is a successful model of “super partners” working with a common purpose to enhance the local area by harnessing the support and enthusiasm of local communities.
- This interactive workshop focuses on Partnership working. It will provide you with the opportunity to find out about:
 - Joining together and **unlocking the power** of local communities.
 - **The results** of active volunteering, and what “interest and involvement of local residents” really means.
 - **Achieving significant investment** from grant funding for things which may seem impossible.
 - **Working with local authorities to achieve the maximum benefit** by sharing resources.

- **Our successes but also our failures** and how we worked through them.

Whilst we will be sharing some of our achievements we welcome the opportunity to work with delegates to hear about their aspirations, successes and any current issues.

6.2 Christmas Market

1. S.G gave an update on the Christmas Market. D.D has spoken to Laura Wilson and she is going to work with her street dance group to hopefully arrange them to process through with lanterns as an opening to the market, and it is thought she could perhaps lead Father Christmas - when we find one!!
2. D.D has heard from Rod Pickles of the wine circle, he said that Rotary still want to do their Saturday morning in the precinct and therefore wine circle are going with them and not the market.
3. D.D is working with G and D to get a temporary licence and have a stall on market site.
4. D.D has arranged for Left Hand Drive to play in G and D at end of market.
5. D.D has have written to both primary schools asking about entertainment and further to ask to have PTA stalls. She is also planning to ask Rotary about sleigh and a Father Christmas.

7 **Project Updates**

7.1 Playareas

1. S.G confirmed that the Middlewich Road Play area was now open following an absolutely fabulous and well attended opening event with over 200 people in the play area having a picnic. The event was opened by the Her Worshipful the Mayor Cllr Dorothy Flude. S.G suggested that the Partnerships thoughts now turn to the Elm Drive play area.
2. **Actions. S.G and G.C to make contact with residents interested in working to develop the Elm Drive play area.**

7.2 Dane Meadow

- Work in the Dane Meadow has commenced and will continue until the end of November. Further funding of £30k had been now offered from WREN for creating a nature trail. The first spade event to celebrate work commencing was successful and several dignitaries including the M.P Fiona Bruce and the deputy mayor and leader of Cheshire East Council.

7.3 Cycling Village

- H.S confirmed that the cycle maps had now been printed and distributed copies to members of the Partnership. The maps would be available in the library and an advert would be placed in the Partnership notice board to promote the maps.

8 Business Updates

1. S.G reported that the food and drink festival had been cancelled due to lack of resources.
2. It was suggested that the business forum may wish to help with the Christmas market.S.G confirmed that the Partnership would provide support and guidance to help the business forum.

9 A.O.B.

1. S.G reported that. Sanofi Aventis appeared to be intent upon selling the AP Club site including the sports field. However we know that under planning regulations they cannot develop the sports field unless they replace it with something of equal or better quality IN A SUITABLE LOCATION.
2. Rugby Club is being allowed to use site for this season, then may well lose access. There are various options for the club including new site or using Comp field only if all weather pitch created.
3. SA have given notice to Beartown Brewery who run the club; there manager, is keen to work with all to see what can be done re the club's survival. There will be a further update at the next Partnership meeting.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th September @ 7pm, Bradshaw Room, Methodist Church