

# Minutes of Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm at the Methodist Church Hall

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## 1 Attendees

### 1.1 Present

Jacqui Barton, Dorothy Davidson , Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, , Phil Hargreaves, Heather Jones, Steve Ranger, Daniella Russo, Hazel Sutcliffe, Charley Pettit,

Apologies

Susan Cooper

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## 2 Previous Minutes

The minutes were read and accepted by all present.

### 2.1 Actions from Previous Minutes.

Carried forward

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## 3 Correspondence

1. Email from Dennis Hogg concerning Cheshire Skill Share (point 7 on agenda).
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## 4 Acceptance of Reports.

### 4.1 Treasurer's.

CHRISTMAS MARKET:

Stall hire and transport was paid for by the Parish Council.

The most significant expenditure was for the electrician, and the final figure won't be known until the invoice arrives:

Income:

From stallholders - £860

2012 surplus - £568

Total - £1428

Expenditure:

Fairground organ - £125

Banners - £142

Red Cross - £90

Electrician - £650

St Luke's Hall - £40

Total - £1047

The surplus is down from £568 in 2012 to around £380 this year, but taking into account the cost of the banners (which will not be repeated) the loss is likely to be less than £50.

#### OTHER EXPENDITURE

The only significant expenditure this month is £45 on web software and £21 on Hi-viz waistcoats (not included in the Christmas Market figures as they will be used for other events).

### 4.2 Play Area.

The process of initiating the renovation of the Elm Drive play area will get underway in the New Year.

### 4.3 Dane Meadow.

The signs have been installed but the top dressing of the roadway has been delayed because of weather conditions. There has also been a delay in the in the second payment from the Rural Payment Agency as the National Audit Office is inspecting P4C procedures. Contrary to initial instructions, payment via the Partnership account is not acceptable so the PC have to register with the RPA to receive the money directly to get reimbursed for the payments made to the contractors. The deadline for finishing the project has been extended to early March.

- Three quotes are necessary for the work on the nature trail project funded by WREN. These have been sought and hopefully work will commence in the New Year.  
**Action: Glyn and Hazel to meet CES (one of the bidders) at 10.30am January 3rd**
- The opening event for the site is planned May 11th 2014.

### 4.4 Cycling Village/SECCAG.

Hazel missed the last meeting but reported that a cycling checklist for planners of new developments is being drawn up to try and improve the connectivity of cycling infrastructure.

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## 5 Communications Update.

- After input from Charley and Daniella, Stuart has purchased new software improve the Partnership's website and has started to work on it. He will consult further before publishing.
- Daniella had lots of Twitter communications from local businesses before the Christmas Market but this has not been sustained. Stuart suggested developing the Partnership initiative. The Calendar of Events would also be a source for tweets but organisations are slow to respond to requests for information about their activities.

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## 6 Christmas Market Review.

This was once again a great success although there was less enthusiastic feedback than last year. There was criticism of the price charged for the hook a duck stall, that the event still had not been adequately advertised and that the stalls could have been better distributed.

Stuart thanked Dorothy and Phil for their leading roles in organising the event.

**Action: ALL to feed back to Dorothy ideas and suggestions for next year's market**

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## 6 Cheshire Skill Share

This is an organisation which aims to team up the voluntary sector with business organisations in order to provide expertise for charitable projects at no cost. It was suggested that this could be of great interest in the future but that specific projects needed to be identified. One possibility might be the creation of a Village Newspaper. Stuart distributed leaflets and has forms to fill in to request this service.

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## **7 A.P Club Update.**

**WWW 4HC** website has been created along with a Facebook page. An online questionnaire has been developed to find out what the community wants for the AP Club and initial reaction has been positive. It will also appear in paper form but the question of distribution of the questionnaire has not been resolved.

It appears that Cheshire East Council will register the site as an Asset of Community Value so that a moratorium can be placed on the sale of the site for six months allowing the Community/local council to raise funds to buy. It is thought that the site value is circa £1 million.

A public meeting has been arranged at the Vic Club for January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 to publicise the campaign.

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## **8 Forward Planning.**

This item was postponed until the January meeting

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## **9 Any Other Business.**

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## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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