

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 17th December 2014

7:00 pm in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

Present

Bill Armstrong, Jacqui Barton, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Heather Jones, Steve Ranger, Dani Russo, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Glyn Chambers

Guests

Liz Osborn, Susan Cooper

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Still waiting to hear more details about request from The Victoria Club to help with Village Fair
- 10K run – waiting to hear back from Tom Birtles who is currently busy with Poynton 10K.

Minutes accepted as correct.

2. Correspondence

- Email exchange with Carol Chadwick about problem with market stalls.
- Co-op complimented Partnership on organisation of Christmas Market
- Stuart contacted Chris Appleton and Graham Ashmore to thank them
- Hazel emailed S Docker to thank him for the use of his car park

3. Christmas Market Review

- Simplified booking process so that most had booked and paid by October reduced the workload
- There were some problems with electricity for stallholders
- Outdoor stage was a big success, although could perhaps do with a bigger stage. Getting commitment from performers is hard work.
- Use of St Luke's for stalls and refreshments worked well.
- PA system really not audible throughout market
- Volunteer turn out for setting up was adequate but too few for breaking down afterwards. Need some firm commitment next year or we pay a crew to take the stalls down and away.
- Lighting could possibly be more expensive next year

- There were one or two parking issues which could perhaps be resolved by submission of registration number on stallholder booking form
- Susan (Village Lantern) is grateful to the Partnership for organising the Market. Customer comments very positive. Some stallholders were disappointed with takings however.
- Suggestion for a plan of the Market to be displayed on the fence behind the Village Lantern.
- Susan to research another source of stalls.
- Suggestion to push the event back a week so as not to clash with Four Oaks.
- PCSO played a very positive role.

4. Health and Wellbeing

- Glyn had produced a document as a basis for a funding bid but was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. In order to run a campaign need to collate existing provision. Leisure Centre wants to get more involved with the community and would be keen to cooperate.
- Hazel to obtain list of groups involved with health and movement. Contact Age UK for cooperation.
- Hazel to work with Heather to progress walking map. There is £500 available from the PC to produce the map. PC also offering mapping software that they hope to have by February.
- Steve suggested that the decision about the Elm Drive Play Area with fitness trail should be delayed until the AP Club situation is resolved, as it may result in a duplication of facilities

5. AOB

- A Strategic Planning Session had been proposed for next year – it was decided to cancel the regular meeting on 28th January and devote a Saturday afternoon to this. Stuart to send out possible dates.
- Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 28th January at the library.
- PC meeting with the developers Gladman on Dec 18th re their proposal for a large project to the south of HC.

Next meeting:

- Strategic Planning Meeting – Saturday 24th January, 2-6 pm, Methodist Church Large Hall

Provisional 2015 Meetings *(all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)*

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| • 25 th February | • 26 th August |
| • 25 th March | • 23 rd September |
| • 22 nd April | • 17 th October (AGM)? |
| • 27 th May | • 28 th October |
| • 24 th June | • 25 th November |
| • 22 nd July | • 16 th December |

Reports

1. Summary of the Christmas Market finances:

Income from stallholders -	£945	
Expenditure:		
- Stall transport	£150	
- Fairground organ	£125	
- First Aid cover	£100	
- Banner	£36	
- Temp. Event Notice	£21	
- Odds and sods	£50	
Total to date	£482	= £463 surplus

Stall hire is expected to be around £320.

The Electrician's invoice for £500 + VAT has been forwarded to the PC.

For comparison:

In 2012 we had a grant of £1000 from CEC plus £605 from Stallholders, and we paid all expenses, leaving £568.50

In 2013 we received £857 from Stallholders and the PC paid for the stalls, leaving £551.50 (which we still have).

Phil Hargreaves

2. Elm Drive Play Area Update

The November Community Newsletter described plans for an upgrade of the existing play area off Elm Drive and the creation of a Project Board to oversee the process.

Ideas and suggestions have come in from local residents and from Primary School children, and there is overwhelming support for the provision of safer and more up-to-date play equipment. There is also a demand for facilities for older children and adults, possibly in the form of a "Trim Trail" with a gravel track and outdoor exercise equipment. This could be installed adjacent to, but outside, the fenced play area, so that parents could exercise whilst supervising their children. This would also have the much-needed benefit of tidying-up the rather overgrown area at the side of the play area.

There is still much to be done to develop the plans, and discussions will continue with all those who are interested. More information will be shared with local residents as and when it becomes available. In the meantime, comments can be made by email to the Partnership, and anyone who can offer advice or assistance to the project would be welcome to join the support group "Friends of Elm Drive Play Area"

Stuart Gammon