

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015

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

Present

Glyn Chambers, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Liz Osborn, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Bill Armstrong, Kathy Cornford, David Savage, Martha Chambers, Dani Russo

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising.

- Christmas Market: stalls been booked from Sandbach Market, Welcome Pack being updated, otherwise the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2015 were agreed as a correct record.
- No replacement for Bill as Youth Rep yet - suggestion to put together a job spec which can go in the newsletter, be sent to the school.

ACTION: Glyn to look for a format which he will circulate for discussion at next meeting

2. Correspondence.

- Heather Jones has resigned from the committee. The committee would like to thank her for her contribution
- Request from Parish Council for joint meeting to review projects. Stuart to suggest dates in September.
- PC interested in participating in Community newsletter. Advantage is that paper copies could be made available. Change way it is being sent out anyway as it is getting too big for some people's computers: link to website and put newsletter there.
- Fiona Bruce complimented Partnership on the Newsletter at opening of playground.
- Invoice received for leveling of Elm Drive Playarea

2. Elm Drive Playarea update.

Opened officially on July 11th by Fiona Bruce but, following complaints. ANSA was asked to inspect and found dangerous screws protruding and other problems. Playground was subsequently closed. HAGS have taken responsibility, will put everything right and organize a ROSPA inspection before re-opening. This is an unfortunate episode, especially because the playground has received a disappointing amount of negative comment from members of the public.

Joe Wheeler, a local resident, has offered to cut some steps into the path from Hermitage Drive. Formerly permission given by Marianne Hogkinson but she has now stated that Genni Butler needs to be consulted (as she handles Public Footpath and Bridleway matters for Cheshire East Council).

ACTION: Stuart to contact Genni Butler

General Updates.

a. 5 Towns Partnership Meeting (13th July)

- Hazel attended as neither Stuart nor Glyn were available. Cllr Les Gilbert was due to speak about Partnership structures but as there was a low turnout, this talk was postponed.
- Congleton presented ideas to commemorate the life and work of Margaret Williamson. It was suggested that 5 towns contribute a small sum each (£50-£100) towards a piece of artwork in her memory in Congleton Park.
- A cross Partnership project on the theme of Health and Wellbeing has been proposed. Various ideas were discussed. Members to bring individual Partnership proposals to next meeting.

Next meeting: 10am on 14th September 2015 at Sandbach Enterprise Centre

b. Treasurer's Report

01/04/15: £7199 brought forward from the previous year.

Monies received since: £1245 donation from the Minibus fund and £8000 from Cheshire East.

Budgeted expenditure at the start of the year was:

- £950 for admin, meetings etc., in line with previous years
- £1631 for Dane Meadow, from William Dean Trust
- £450 for the Cycling Project, from a grant some years ago
- £568 for the Christmas Market, retained from previous years
- £6000 Project Officer costs

The Minibus donation has been added to the Dane Meadow budget and extended to include Elm Drive Play Area. Expenditure to date is £32 for a banner and £1774 on levelling the Play Area, leaving £1070.

Remaining sum: £5600 not yet allocated..

It was agreed that Glyn should receive an additional £50 month, effective from the August payment. It was agreed that he provide a brief written report to the committee on his activities on behalf of the Partnership each month (in time for the Committee Meeting)

c. Health & Wellbeing Update

Healthy Hearts bid has been unsuccessful. It is still considered to be a worthwhile project but HC is up against areas with (higher levels of) deprivation. No feedback is given about the bid, but Glyn will ask for advice about sharpening up the project submission and then put in for 3 possible sources of funding : CE, Healthy Hearts and Awards for All.

d. Christmas Market

All stallholders have now received their booking forms. Dorothy has booked the Scout HQ. The Christmas Market is self-funding but it would be good to get a community grant to allow us to introduce new elements to maintain interest in the event – street entertainers were suggested.

ACTION: Dorothy to look into costs of street entertainers

e. 10K Run

Dorothy had positive feedback about the organization of the Colshaw 10K. It was suggested we should invite the organisers to a meeting. Dot Flint of Sandbach Partnership recommended we contact Mike Elcombe who organizes their 10K.

AOB

- Stuart and Glyn not available for September 23rd so meeting cancelled
- Village Fair organization – only interest expressed so far from Dane Sound. Request to appear again in next Newsletter
- Meeting with PC to discuss allocation of projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan. Wednesday September 7th at 7pm. Venue TBC.
- Next meeting discuss AGM preparation

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

- 26th August
- 23rd September *Meeting cancelled*
- 17th October (AGM and exhibition at **St Luke's Hall**)
- 28th October
- 25th November
- 16th December

