

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting
held on Wednesday 28th October 2015

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

Present

Martha Chambers, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Teresa Mcfarquhar, Liz Osborn, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Kathy Cornford, David Savage, Glyn Chambers, Phil Hargreaves, Dani Russo.

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising..

There seems to have been no further discussion about naming the Community Centre anything other than Community Centre

- **Action: Stuart to follow up with David / Nicola**

All actions carried out. Minutes accepted

2. Correspondence

- Request for article for PACE (Partnerships Across Cheshire East) newsletter
Stuart to send an article similar to the one he produced for 5 Towns Partnership
- Junction 18 Business Group – John Curran has provided information for the newsletter. Now has circa 50 members. Meeting planned for January.
- Dave Wilcox – plans to retire from Village Volunteers due to ill health. Article in Newsletter to celebrate his contributions to the community
- Aaron Collis contacted Stuart about the Remembrance service on 8th November
Stuart to lay a wreath on behalf of the Partnership.

3. Christmas Market

29 outdoor and 9 indoor stalls so far. There will possibly be some late applicants.

Application for a doughnut van turned down but the trader will have a stall with proviso that there are no hot drinks on sale.

Father Christmas needs extra power so will need a generator – one can be provided at extra cost.

Martha will provide a bubble bike and a smoothie bike.

The Parish Council is funding a front page advertisement in the Villages Mag

Set up will be from 1pm, stalls to be up by 3pm for the traders to set out their stalls in time for a 4pm start

Only three entertainments so far: both Primary Schools and St Luke's singers. Laura Wilson's dancers.

- **Actions:**

- Dorothy to contact doughnut trader
- Dorothy to discuss power requirements with Rotary Club (Richard Garton)
- Hazel to put together a design for the Villages Mag front page, having received a photo from Phil and wording from Dorothy
- Martha to speak to Leisure Centre to find volunteers to help erect and dismantle the stalls.
- Glyn organizing stalls and barriers.
- Stuart to put out a request on Facebook for further entertainers and advertise remaining stall vacancies.
- Hazel to contact Steven Docker to request the use of his car park again for stallholder parking

4. General Updates:

Vacancy for a Youth Rep

There are currently no candidates. It was suggested that we approach Head of Sixth Form at HCCS for recommendations or likely candidates.

- **Action: Dorothy to contact school.**

Health and Wellbeing

About to kick off The 2 Gs Grand Challenge – bid submitted to Active Cheshire was successful but sum is up to £4,000 which is rather less than the bid for £10,000. There are possibilities to pare back project. However bid to CE for £1,000 has been successful.

- **Action: Stuart to send out a press release this week.**

Challenge to start on December 1st.

Stuart had a meeting with Declan O'Regan who is part of Community Centre team. He has registered to organize a Sport Relief Run at the Community Centre. He suggested we collaborate with that project.

Welcome Pack

Welcome Pack has been updated.

Letter to be sent to builders and estate agents making them aware of online version and encouraging them to provide copies to their potential clients (at their own cost)

- **Action: Stuart to send revised letter to Phil, to send out.**

Community Newsletter

A new *What's on* section has been introduced in the November edition allowing groups who want to publicise their events 40 words to do so.

Most recent statistics show that there have been 500 hits on the September newsletter on the website.

Still awaiting a decision from the PC about their possible involvement with the online newsletter.

- **Action: Stuart to follow up with Nicola**

Neighbourhood Plan

There has been a high level of involvement: 75% response rate. The results have been analysed and the various groups are writing policy documents. Draft policy is due in December.

AGM

There were not too many visitors to the exhibition at the AGM on the morning of October 17th. Since the exhibition at the Village Fair usually generates a lot of interest we should perhaps concentrate our efforts on that instead.

It was proposed to make the AGM an extension of the regular October meeting. It will be advertised in the usual way.

5. AOB

- HCP Committee plan to have a tour of and hold their monthly meeting at the Community Centre on November 25th @ 7pm. Official opening is scheduled for November 28th
 - Action: Stuart to confirm with Declan O'Regan / Graham Middleton
- Walking map prototype displayed at AGM.
 - Action: Hazel and Liz to meet before next meeting to move project forward.

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

- 25th November – **Community Centre, please arrive promptly!**
- 16th December

Provisional 2016 Meetings *(all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)*

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| • 27 th January | • 25 th May | • 28 th September |
| • 24 th February | • 22 nd June | • 26 th October (AGM) |
| • 23 rd March | • 27 th July | • 23 rd November |
| • 27 th April | • 24 th August | • 21 st December |