

**Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 23rd November 2015**

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

**Present**

Glyn Chambers, Kathy Cornford, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Teresa Mcfarquhar, David Savage, Hazel Sutcliffe

**Apologies**

Martha Chambers, Phil Hargreaves, Liz Osborn, Dani Russo

**1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising..**

- Actions all carried out
- Christmas Market on the agenda
- Minutes accepted

**2. Correspondence**

- M6 smart motorway information distributed
- Crewe Rail Partnership – Christmas Market publicised on their What's On website
- Moot – Manager has expressed an interest in getting involved with community
- Community centre naming – nothing been done to poll people for alternative name. PC suggesting Partnership could undertake survey.
- Cheshire Leader Fund – EU funds to support economic development in rural communities, may be a source of funding for future projects

**3. Christmas Market**

Dorothy has produced a comprehensive plan of action for the Christmas Market which was distributed with the agenda. The following items were discussed/confirmed in the meeting.

- Banners – it was proposed that these should advertise the fact that the Christmas Market is organized by Partnership
- Barriers – ideally to be delivered on Friday pm and stored by the side of Scout HQ
- Stalls - Dorothy to liaise with Glyn about pick up and return of stalls. (22 double stalls)
- 37 outdoor stalls and 15 indoor stalls (so fully booked outside and inside)
- Entertainment from St Luke's community choir, both primary schools and guitarist

**4. General Updates:**

**1. Young Person Rep:**

- No progress has been made on this. It was suggested an approach could be made to the Scouts.
- The poster created for the AGM could be displayed at the Scout HQ during the Christmas Fair.

## 2. 2Gs Challenge:

- Posters and leaflets have been distributed.
- Martha and Cathy have visited local schools and brownie/beaver groups, flu clinic, Mother's Union.
- So far about 30 people recruited. Health Centre, Leisure Centre receiving forms.

## 3. 5 Towns Forum:

In the November meeting the joint 5 Town project to promote Health was discussed:

- Congleton is putting on fun runs at Astbury Mere every week and is putting up signage for walking/cycle routes. Sandbach and Middlewich keen to follow 2Gs challenge idea.
- Other items included Operation Shield: a Smartwater marking initiative by Community Police. Totally locally – “Fiver Fest” is a new development to promote business.
- Congleton Apples: volunteers collect unwanted apples which are sent to Dunham Massey and juice/cider sold to benefit town. An initiative which could be copied here. Possibly run by Home Grown in HC?
- Cheshire Partnership Team meetings: there was a suggestion that a representative from 5 Towns should go to meetings as there is a perceived lack of communication between CE and the towns.

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January

## 1. Youth Facilities Project:

- There have been a couple of meetings involving 5 youngsters from local schools.
- PC will be giving £20,000 of funding.
- A company called evolution has produced a design for a skate park, cost will be approx £50,000 so the remainder will have to be found through grants and fund raising. Latest technology involves steel and wood framework with resin surface rather than concrete.
- Youngsters have been delegated to find out from their peers exactly what is required.

## 5. AOB

### 1. Cycle shelter:

- This is in a parlous state.
- The actual bike parking will remain but the shelter is to be offered to the community centre?
- **Action: Stuart to liaise with Brian Bath / Graham Middleton**

### 2. Walking map:

- Hazel produced a prototype for display at the AGM but has not met up with Liz yet. She has liaised with John Clowes concerning his work on footpaths for the Neighbourhood Plan

## 6. Next Meeting

- 16th December, 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> January
- 24<sup>th</sup> February
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 25<sup>th</sup> May
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- 27<sup>th</sup> July
- 24<sup>th</sup> August
- 28<sup>th</sup> September
- 26<sup>th</sup> October (including AGM)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- 21<sup>st</sup> December

