

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th January 2016

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

Present

Glyn Chambers, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa Mcfarquhar, Declan O'Regan, David Savage, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Martha Chambers, Kathy Cornford, Les Gilbert

Guest

Sharon Angus-Crawshaw: Strategic Partnership Manager, Cheshire East Council Partnerships and Communities

1. Introduction to Sharon Angus-Crawshaw

Sharon explained her role: she is part of a team of 25 including Area Partnership managers. She engages with rural communities and parishes.

The Partnership system has now been extended to other towns in CE. She welcomes the opportunity to engage personally with community groups. As CE is becoming a commissioning authority, she needs to engage with multi-agency and voluntary groups to deliver on CE's policies.

She informed the committee that Lisa Alcock is taking over from Donna Peddie as our Local Engagement Officer.

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- **Cycle Shelter** – supposed to be going to Community Centre (as agreed with the PC via Nicola Clarke), but David was under the impression this was no longer the case.
 - **Actions:**
 - Declan to check but needs attention sooner rather than later.
 - Stuart and Phil to remove broken plastic panel
- All other actions carried out
- Minutes accepted

2. Correspondence

- **Cycle Shelter:** there seems to be some doubt as to whether the Community Centre will take this over, but it continues to deteriorate
Declan to confirm Community Centre policy on this
Stuart and Phil to render it safe by removing remaining plastic, and tightening the screws
- **Parking and Road Safety:** Exchange of views on social media about Zebra crossing / works at The Swan and parking at Crofters Court. Stuart advised participants in dialogue to make their views known to the proper agencies (the Police and/or Cheshire East Highways, as appropriate).

- **Queen's 90th Birthday:** Is there a general consensus that the community wishes to celebrate the occasion?
 - Stuart to ask via social media.
 - PC to discuss at meeting on 28/01/2016.
- Station Road Bridge: Phone call from Fiona Bruce's office. Stuart to attend meeting with Fiona, Network Rail and Nicola Clarke about proposals to widen the Station Road bridge over the railway.
- **Meeting about Sport Relief on 28/01/2016:** This will take place on Sunday 20th March – people sign up to do 1,3 or 5 miles around the rugby pitch. Good way of promoting Community Centre. 42 runners signed up already. Publicity for the event to be included in Feb newsletter, if possible.

3. Project updates

- **Finance**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Income from Stallholders was £975

Expenditure to date was:

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| Hire of stalls | £400 |
| Electrician | £100 (in addition to £500 paid by the Parish Council) |
| St Luke's Hall | £31 |
| Temp Event Notice | £21 |
| Banner | £36 |
| Fairground organ | £125 |
| TOTAL | £713, giving a surplus of £262 on this year's event. |

We also have £567 left from our original grant, so we now have £829 ring-fenced for this year's event.

OTHER RING-FENCED BUDGETS:

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| Dane Meadow/Elm Drive | £1070 available |
| Cycling Village | £450 available |
| 2Gs Challenge | £902 available (out of a CEC grant of £1000) |
| Youth Group | £235 available (raised by a cake sale) |

In addition to the above, there is £5200 which is not yet allocated to any specific projects. A proposal to match fund the Youth Facilities Project Fund Raising up to £1000 was accepted.

- **Christmas Market:**

A review meeting was held in December in place of the regular meeting. It was suggested that we engage the services of a brass band to make more of a start to the Market. Dorothy has contacted Coop band.

The Idea of "Holmes Chapel starts Christmas" is developing which would involve local music and art groups and go on for the whole weekend. Date of next Christmas Market: December 4th 2016

Concern was expressed about parking for market stallholders, now that parking is limited to 1 or 2 hours in most car parks.

Parish Council (David) to investigate

Difficulties experienced in 2015 with pick up and delivery of stalls but alternatives are few.

Glyn to book 20 stalls from Sandbach

Sharon suggested we should apply for a CE Community events grant of £1000 .

- **Village Fair:**

Dane Sound (Marie Bennett from Print Room is the contact) has volunteered to organize the booking of stalls to raise funds for the radio station. It was suggested that the Partnership should again offer the use of their bank account and supply an email address and possibly take on entertainment and offer assistance to Dane Sound

Partnership to organise meeting to clarify role with Vic Club and Dane Sound

- **2Gs Challenge:**

To date just 24 participants but need 150. Leaflets have gone out but response is rather slow, so the challenge has been extended to parents/aunts/uncles and children/nephews/neices (2 Generations).

There appear to be some difficulties with administration – form too complex. The pedometers which were part of the original project seem to have been dropped.

Glyn to organise a project meeting with Stuart, Kathy and Martha as soon as possible to address the above issues

- **Youth Facilities Project:**

£235 was raised by a cake sale at Community Centre, run by 5 young people on the day. Suggestion to raise further funds by having a stall at Village Fair (but maybe not cakes).

- Partnership to match what the young people raise, pound for pound, up to maximum of £1000.

Other suggestions include crowd funding.

The Parish Council have confirmed that they will contribute £10000 in the 2016/7 financial year.

The Police & Crime Commissioner has allocated £5000 towards project.

- Stuart to clarify details and conditions

Glyn is putting together an application to Veolia for £39,000.

Nicola Clarke is checking whether Planning Permission is required, and also making sure United Utilities will allow it to be built over service pipes/cables.

Hoping to install skate board park by mid to late summer

4. AOB

- Community Newsletter has settled into an excellent format and is widely read and found to be useful. The Parish Council is now putting news into the Newsletter as well as the Villages Mag.
- Dates of June and December meetings have been changed (see below)
- Glyn is on holiday 5th to 15th February inclusive – please address any project issues to Stuart whilst he is away.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th February• 23rd March• 27th April• 25th May• 29th June (was 22nd)• 27th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th August• 28th September• 26th October• 23rd November• Monday 12th December (was 21st) – venue TBC |
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