

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

held on Wednesday 27th July 2016

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

Present

Stuart Gammon, Hazel Sutcliffe, Glyn Chambers, Phil Hargreaves, Dorothy Davidson, Teresa McFarquhar, Cllr. Les Gilbert, Cllr. Anita Armitt, Cllr. Mike Blomeley,

Apologies

Kathy Cornford,

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2016 were accepted as a true record. All actions arising were complete or included within the main agenda.

2. Correspondence.

Stuart reported that most correspondence had already been forwarded to members of the partnership. However he wished to update members on his attendance at a meeting of the Cheshire East Council cabinet. Following concerns raised regarding a report on partnership working, several members of the 5 Towns partnership including Stuart attended a cabinet meeting and gave verbal representations on the issues of concern. The cabinet was extremely receptive **and** asked for the report to be presented at a later date having consulted the Partnerships.

Arising from this matter Dot Flint chairman of the 5 Town Partnerships has been invited to discuss the matter with the Council's chief executive.

3. Village Fair Arrangements.

Dorothy reported that 55 invitations have been sent to potential stall holders, 5 have given positive response. It was noted that Co-op have agreed to send their band which includes 10 to 12 members who will march walking across from the precinct and play at the village fair. However it has been agreed that they will be allowed to have collecting boxes for their charity. The ensemble will form at precinct and cross at the pedestrian crossing. Following some debate regarding the fairground organ it was decided not to have it this year and Phil would write to the owners to confirm, thanking them for their previous support.

Following a discussion regarding plans for the parade, it was suggested that we try to find a horse/reindeer for Father Christmas to parade in. Glyn agreed to research. Glyn also confirmed that he would continue to try and find the giants previously used in Alsager. PH mentioned his concerns regarding parking for the traders. He emphasized the need to ensure people don't get fined if they use the car park for the Christmas weekend. What is needed is a suspension of parking restrictions for the whole Christmas activities weekend. HCPC clerk to write to the owners of the precinct, to Sainsbury. SG agreed to write to the Co-opp. Glyn agreed to look into source of barriers.

Actions:

- Phil to write to owners of the fairground organ advising them that the organ is not required this year but thanking them for their previous report.
- Glyn to research procurement of reindeer for Santa and the provision of crowd barriers.
- Anita and Mike to contact HCPC clerk asking her to write to the precinct owners and to Sainsbury requesting lifting of parking restrictions for the Christmas weekend celebrations.

- **Stuart to write to the Co-op requesting lifting of parking restrictions for the Christmas weekend celebrations.**

4. Project & Financial Updates

- **Finance**

It was agreed that £200 be given to the tour of Britain cycling project. The Cheshire East grant money is expected imminently. Phil confirmed the partnership currently holds £6500 for skate park including community safety fund money.

Stuart reported that Holmes Chapel Action Group have £450 for projects left over now they are winding down, which has been offered to the Partnership.

- **Health & Wellbeing - 2 Gs Challenge**

Teresa reported that the 2Gs project was coming to a conclusion.

- To date 100 people have signed up and we are just waiting to receive completed forms from cohort 2. Regarding the first cohort, only 17 went through to completion.
- The final date for completion by cohort 2 is 2nd August, after which time Teresa will send out letters for return of questionnaires and record sheets. Participants will then be given a letter to enable them to have 12 weeks membership for £12 at the Community Centre. However if participants are already members of the Community Centre gym then their £12 will be refunded through Phil.
- Teresa also confirmed the email from Martha confirming that to date £194 is owed to the Community Centre for participants from cohort 1 who have completed the challenge.

- **Youth Facilities Working Group – Skatepark**

Stuart reported that good progress is being made.

- HCPC are adding £5000 to the skatepark budget giving a total budget of approximately £52000 for the project.
- Stuart explained the decision to procure a concrete skatepark. This type of facility looks better and it is what the young people have asked for.
- Detailed designs of the skatepark provided by the successful tenderer will be required before a planning application can be submitted.
- Regarding the contracts although the original intention was to have two contracts covering infrastructure works and skatepark structures it has been decided to combine the two.
- The skatepark will only be available for use during daylight hours. Currently security around the playing field is through secure fencing with a lockable access onto the field. The intention is to create an additional lockable gate nearer to the skatepark area.
- Tenders are expected to be sent out over the next week.

- **Dane Meadow / Cycling (SECCAG)**

Hazel reported that there had been a further work session within the Dane Meadow last Wednesday which included maintenance of the bird hide and removal of graffiti. Hazel also confirmed that she had sorted out the bin store to store bird feed.

- **Tour of Britain.**

- Hazel confirmed that she had attended 2 meetings and the project is progressing well.
- Dorothy confirmed that there will be stalls on precinct for the day.
- Molly Mumbles is organizing yarn bombing and free bike checks have been arranged for community cyclists.

- Primary schools will be attending, the George and Dragon have arranged for big screen showing TV coverage of the race.
- Shops will have themed windows and an organised bike ride is planned for the morning of the race.
- Free Parking at Saltersford has been arranged and H.S will be providing further details.

- **Cycle shelter**

This item is still outstanding. Hazel will resolve this matter.

Action: Hazel to expedite removal of the cycle shelter.

5. Partner Updates

- **Parish Council**

There will be a further delay to the official opening of the Community Centre due to ongoing asbestos removal. The Centre is now scheduled to open in October.

It is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Plan final submission to Cheshire East will follow with a referendum in early 2017. In the interim developers can still come along with planning proposals.

HCPC wishes to consider the relationship with the Partnership regarding the Dane Meadow, specifically in relation to future maintenance and management plans. Hazel confirmed that there continued to be a shortage of committed Friends of Dane Meadow, with only a small cohort of local volunteers turning up regularly. It was agreed that a meeting be held between Friends of Dane Meadow and the Parish Council to agree a way forward.

- **Cheshire East Council.**

Les reported that the lack of an accepted Local Plan continued to provide a risk of predatory planning applications. The existing 5 year housing supply isn't sufficient.

6. Any Other Business

None.

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

28th September
26th October

23rd November
12th December (Mon) – Old Red Lion