

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

held on Wednesday 24th August 2016

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

Present

Stuart Gammon, Hazel Sutcliffe, Glyn Chambers, Kathy Cornford, Phil Hargreaves, Dorothy Davidson, Cllr. Les Gilbert, Cllr. Mike Blomeley

Apologies

Cllr. Anita Armit , Teresa McFarquhar

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th July 2016 were accepted as a true record. All actions arising were complete or included within the main agenda.

2. Correspondence.

The Health Centre has a new Practice Manager, Paul Carroll. Stuart has suggested meeting with him to discuss how we can best work together, and will invite him to a future Partnership meeting

Having joined their mailing list Stuart has received several communications from Cheshire Fire Service but so far nothing directly relevant to the Partnership.

An email was circulated about Defibrillator training on 7th September in Goostrey. Phil has already attended such a session and recommended it.

PACE newsletter has sent a request for articles. Teresa is to write about 2Gs project

Media release from Holmes Chapel Community Centre informing of new facilities which will open in November. (see later for details)

3. Christmas Market Arrangements.

2 more bookings for stalls have been received.

Dorothy made a suggestion to book a Techtruck as a facility for teenagers at the Market. Truck is 6m long so would need to find suitable site: SD car park was suggested

Parking restrictions on Precinct have been relaxed so fears of stallholders getting parking tickets are reduced. Phil felt it would nevertheless be wise to get written confirmation nearer the time.

Reindeer: costume £50 to hire. It was agreed to hire one. Glyn is still pursuing giants seen at Alsager Christmas Market

Suggestion to use cones instead of barriers to control entry to the Coop car park as sourcing the barriers is difficult.

If no PCSO (see PC update) there will be a need for some low key police presence, so need to review at a later meeting.

4. Project & Financial Updates

- **Finance**

The £8000 grant that Partnerships receive from CE in April each year has been delayed because of a technical error. Stuart has recently received a legal document which the Partnership now needs to sign in order to be granted the money, as procedures have changed. However the parameters of this document seem unreasonably demanding for a volunteer group. Other Partnerships are equally unhappy with the document so it was suggested that we should coordinate our views and act collectively in our response to CE.

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

Project is coming to an end. 30 to 40% of participants have reported back and generally in a positive way. We need to write reports for Active Cheshire and CE Community Grants. Not all the funds have been spent as project was quite economical to run so some could be returned to Active Cheshire. Although not as successful as we had hoped. It has been an interesting project and has revealed a lot of information

- **Youth Facilities Working Group – Skatepark**

Tenders are due back on 1st September; they will be evaluated on 2nd September when it will be suggested who should get the contract - this will need to be approved by the Amenities Committee on 15th September. Planning Permission will then need to be sought.

Extra money has been promised by the PC for cover to protect the rugby pitch during the construction of the skatepark..

- **Tour of Britain**

Arrangements are proceeding well for this event. Bunting and balloons have been provided to local businesses and are gradually appearing along with orange bikes etc. Publicity posters and leaflets have been distributed, an article will go in the Newsletter but much information as gone out on social media. Glyn has kindly agreed to provide some tape and stakes to form enclosures for Primary School spectators.

- **Cycle shelter**

Cycle shelter was dismantled and removed by Elliot Brisco who was paid £50. The actual cycle parking ('D' bars) remains.

- **Future projects**

These will probably be based on the findings emanating the Neighbourhood Plan research. So far only green space projects have been identified but Mike Blomely is creating a list of all possible projects which derive from the findings of the NP

It was suggested that given the large number of people who contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan the Partnership should try and recruit some of them (to form Working Groups) when we identify new projects

5. Partner Updates

- **Parish Council**

Referendum for Neighbourhood Plan likely to be in February next year after various examination procedures have been completed

PCSO is leaving shortly, and currently there is neither a replacement in view nor has a contract been drawn up.

Speedwatch team is getting frustrated by lack of police response to information on speeding motorists, as well as threats from motorists. Want to improve signage for HGV to reduce the numbers of transgressions.

Community centre making progress now that asbestos issues have been resolved

- **Cheshire East Council.**

Planning: two applications in Twemlow have been refused using Jodrell Bank's objections because more building would interfere with their operations.

Director of Public Health is to be made redundant at a cost of £300,000 to CE but will be replaced at a lower grade

Local Plan still with Inspector

- **Everybody Trust**

Bookings for the new social facilities will start on Oct 1st. The café is to open around this date. From 26th September it will be possible to view the new facilities. Booking fees have not yet been set.

Membership currently stands at over a 1000. It was suggested that the Partnership help to promote activities at the Community Centre through the Newsletter.

A suggestion that the Community Centre could become a Community Hub will be discussed at future meeting.

Need an update on the Community Centre for Welcome Pack

6. Any Other Business

Glyn spoke about Participatory budgeting. The money on offer from CE will be distributed according to votes by the public in response to bids for projects drawn up by local organizations and communities. Glyn suggested All4U should participate and has offered his help in putting together a bid.

Volunteer hours: CE have requested an estimate of the hours that members of the Partnership have put in on its various projects during the last 12 months. Stuart consulted and drew up a list.

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