

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting  
held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

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

**Present**

Stuart Gammon, Dorothy Davidson, Mike Blomeley, Phil Hargreaves, Les Gilbert, Teresa McFarquar, Glyn Chambers, Hazel Sutcliffe

**1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising**

- Stuart had a meeting with Paul Carroll, the new Health Centre Manager, to introduce himself. Paul is keen to work with Partnership. Les also met with Paul on another occasion and reported that although the local population is expanding and the current premises are to some extent not fit for purpose, there was no appetite to transfer the practice to a new purpose built facility on the edge of Holmes Chapel.
- Christmas Market and Participatory Budgeting on agenda
- Minutes approved by the meeting

**2. Correspondence**

- Several press releases from Fiona Bruce forwarded to the Committee

**3. Christmas Market**

- 36 outdoor stalls, 12 indoor booked.
- Graham Ashmore to pick 20 stalls up on the Saturday.
- Team to erect stalls to arrive at 1.30 pm.
- Parade from Precinct at 3.45pm over the zebra crossing, along Parkway, past the Coop to St Luke's.
- Stallholders to arrive by 2.45 – Parkway has to be cleared before parade can proceed, so stallholders will need to get vehicles out in good time.
- Marshals: Scouts and Fire Brigade have been asked to provide marshals to help the Committee who will all be acting as marshals.

**4. 5 Towns Update**

- Cheshire East Funding: £8000 from CE now received. Hope is that next year that it can be transferred electronically rather than by cheque
- Participatory Budgeting: Stuart and Glyn met with Lisa Alcock from CE . The latest version of this is:
  - Sums of money have been allocated to each community – in Holmes Chapel's case this is £7000 (to cover the entire Dane Valley Ward); the maximum that any one group can bid will be £1500.
  - Stuart sent out details of the process to local organisations by email, and also put a message about the scheme on Facebook
  - There is public a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November (5.00-6.30pm) in the Community Centre to create a team to vet applications, which have to be submitted by January 4<sup>th</sup> . Sessions to help potential bidders will be run on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December between 5:45 and 6:45 in the Library.

- Those groups whose bids have been accepted (projects must be Health and Well-being related) will present their case on February 4<sup>th</sup> and then those present at this meeting will vote - the projects with the most votes will receive the funding.

## 5. Project Planning Meeting Feedback

**Key Objectives for the Partnership:** The following objectives (in order of priority), discussed at the Planning Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November, were accepted:

1. To facilitate of Community Projects
2. To promote Community Spirit.
3. To accomplish what the Parish Council cannot because of lack of funds

### Proposed Projects for the next 12-24 Months:

- **Physical Activity Survey** by Active Cheshire.

Not clear yet how it is going to be carried out. Carried out in Jan /Feb? It will be funded by the money remaining from the 2Gs project.

- To hold a **Health & Wellbeing Fair** in the Scout Hut on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> /8th April

(£100 per day cost of hire). Get in volunteer and professionals to have stands and offer sampler sessions. Need to address needs of all age groups.

- Resurrect the idea of a **Walking Map of Holmes Chapel.**

This could possibly be financed by a bid to the participatory budgeting process.

- Follow Alsager's example and create a **Dementia Friendly Village.**

As Dorothy and the Methodist Church have already started on this, they could be supported by HCP.

- **Projects from Parish Council list** including those extracted from the Neighbourhood Plan survey

Most interest was expressed in the projects related to "green spaces".

## 6. Project & Financial Updates

- **Finances:**

- No change

- **Health & Wellbeing:**

- 2 Gs Challenge. Final reporting underway
- **Action: Teresa/Glyn to send final report to Charles Maines**

- **Youth Facilities Working Group:**

- Skatepark. Ready to submit Planning Application. Potential delay to find out how much PA will cost as it doesn't fit into usual categories.
- Hope to have the facility up and running by Easter.

- **Dane Meadow:**

- **Action: Hazel to arrange Friends of Dane Meadow meeting / Cycling (SECCAG)**
- **Action: Hazel to attend Space for Cycling day organised by Cycling UK**

## 7. Partner Updates

- **Parish Council:**
  - Community Resilience Plan completed and submitted to CE. No decision as yet from the Inspector on NP, but the Referendum is now likely to be in March.
  - Meeting with Chief Constable to discuss PCSO contract.
  - SID on Station Rd vandalised on Remembrance weekend.
  - Recycling sites: report on possible closures.
  - Gladman development: possibility of judicial review by CE but costs could be prohibitive when funding for councils is already very tight
- **Cheshire East Council:**
  - Proposal to increase council tax by over 3% as central government funding diminishes.
  - Budget based on assumptions as no figures have yet been released by the Government.
  - Route for HS2 confirmed, Crewe is to be a hub station
- **Everybody Sport & Recreation:**
  - No representative attended the meeting

## 8. Any Other Business

- Dorothy received an email from Mike Oliver who is Community Governor. High School wishes to become more involved with the community.
  - **Action: It was suggested he be invited to the January meeting.**
- Christmas meal at Red Lion on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Action: Hazel to reserve a table for 7.30pm**
- Welcome Pack needs a reprint.

---

## Remaining 2016 Meeting date

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Market review & social (see AOB)

---

## Provisional 2017 Meeting dates *(all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)*

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| • 25 <sup>th</sup> January          | • 26 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| • 22 <sup>nd</sup> February         | • 23 <sup>rd</sup> August  |
| • 22 <sup>nd</sup> March            | • 27 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| • 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>AGM</b> | • 25 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| • 24 <sup>th</sup> May              | • 22 <sup>nd</sup> November  |
| • 28 <sup>th</sup> June             | • Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Market review &amp; social (Old Red Lion?)</b> |