

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday 25th January 2017

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

Present

Stuart Gammon, Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquar, Glyn Chambers, Les Gilbert

Apologies received from: Hazel Sutcliffe, Mike Blomeley, Stuart Smith

Guests:

- Phil Roberts (History teacher and community liaison coordinator at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School)
- Mike Oliver (Community governor at the Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School)
- Alison Wright (representing Scouts and Guides)

1. The school and the community

Stuart invited Mike Oliver to present the Comprehensive School's objectives in relation to working with the community.

Mike opened by explaining the school's commitment to building further and stronger relationships with the community. A Community Committee had been set up to oversee this process and its tasks include the following:

1. Work with school leadership team to promote the school.
2. Develop opportunities for school to work with and harness the energies of the local community.
3. Develop further links with the Parish Council and Holmes Chapel Partnership.
4. Look for ways for the school to become more community facing.
5. Initiate and become part of community events.
6. Develop strong links with charitable organizations exchanging skill sets to benefit both the organisations and the school.
7. Investigate and implement effective ways to bridge the generation gap.

Mike confirmed he was the chair of the committee and that Phil Roberts was the schools Community Liaison member of staff.

Phil R subsequently gave a brief presentation of his role and gave ideas for various projects that may help achieve the school's community objectives. His contact email address is phillip.roberts@hccs.info

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

All matters arising were included within the main agenda items.

3. Correspondence

- Stuart confirmed that Dani Russo had emailed him to confirm her resignation as Communications Officer (and Newsletter Editor), due to pressure of work. However the good news was that he had been contacted by a local resident, Bill Hartley, who has volunteered to produce the newsletter.

Following a question from Phil Roberts, Stuart will check who the newsletter is sent to at the school and Phil will ensure the school links it to the school's news releases.

- Stuart confirmed an email had been received from Jon Greatbach offering a presentation on Cyber Security. The committee agreed that this may be more suitable for the U3A and Probus to whom the offer will be transferred.

- **Actions:**

- Stuart to check to whom the news letter is sent to at the school to advise Phil Roberts and Phil to link the news letter to the school news releases.
- Stuart to pass Jon Greatbatch opportunity to other organisations

4. Events

Health and Wellbeing Fair

Stuart reported that good progress was being made on preparing for the health and wellbeing fair to be held at scout HQ on 1st April. He explained that the purpose of the Fair is to cover all aspects of Health & Wellbeing – across all age groups – informing members of the community about:

- health issues (both physical and mental) which could potentially respond to a change in lifestyle (e.g. a better diet, regular exercise, companionship); these issues could include any of the following
 - childhood/adult obesity
 - diabetes (*particularly type 2*)
 - substance abuse - cigarettes, alcohol, drugs
 - dementia
 - loneliness
- where to get help
 - Regional / National organisations
 - Local organisations

The format will be to have:

- exhibitors stalls in the main areas (across the ground and first floors)
 - *Note: there is a lift available for people with access issues to get to/from the first floor*
- demonstrations/talks on the first floor
- free refreshments, including healthy eating/drinking
- an opportunity to talk to health professionals in the Lifelinks Outreach vehicle.

Teresa will be responsible for project management of the event and will be responsible for inviting participants. She confirmed that the Scout HQ would hold around 22 to 30 exhibitors; she also confirmed that the Health Centre was likely to be involved, and that she and Stuart had a meeting planned to discuss this with the Health Centre Practice Manager (Paul Carroll). She emphasized that extensive advertising including banners and leaflets would be necessary.

Phil R offered to consult young people through the 'students voice' asking what would encourage them to attend the event.

Alison offered the use of the climbing wall to encourage young people to attend the fair - which was enthusiastically accepted.

Regarding content for the flyers and posters members of the Partnership were asked to send their ideas to Teresa by 8th February.

- **Actions:**

- All committee members to forward ideas to promote the health fair to Teresa a.s.a.p. and no later than 8th February.
- Phil R to consult young people through the 'student's voice' and report back.
- Alison to arrange use of the climbing wall for the Fair.

Celebrating Volunteering

Dorothy explained the email previously sent to members of the Partnership suggesting the idea of a 'garden party' event to be held in the Dane Meadow to celebrate Volunteering. This would be organised along the lines of the community coming together for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, where we invited all

the voluntary organisations to provide a gazebo with a game. Also to include a dog show. The date of Sunday 4th June (from 2pm to 5pm) was suggested and accepted by the Partnership.

- **Action:** Dorothy to consult organisations in the village regarding the celebrating volunteering project and then if supported to develop event with support of committee members.

Village Fair

Stuart confirmed that the date of the Vic Club's Village Fair was to be moved from the Spring Bank Holiday, due to previous bad weather conditions, and was now likely to be held on the 25th June*.

Phil R confirmed that he would like the school to have a practical and fun science stall at the fair which the committee supported.

***Subsequent to the meeting the date has been changed to Sunday 16th July**

5. Acceptance of Reports

Finances

Phil H confirmed that SECCAG had been granted £200 contribution to the reprint of the cycling map and £36 had been given to the St Luke's Church for hire of their hall for the Christmas Market.

Phil asked the committee to consider donating £50.00 to the Fire Service charity (Phil to check that a charity does exist) and this amount would reflect the Partnership's gratitude for the first aid cover provided by the fire service for the Christmas fair at no cost. This was voted on and unanimously agreed by the committee.

- **Action:** Phil H to investigate the existence of a charity linked to the Fire Service and if affirmative to donate £50 to that charity.

Health and Wellbeing Update

Les mentioned the difficulties being experienced by the Tatton Park walking project in Knutsford in so far that in spite of extensive publicity there had been little take up.

Skatepark Update

Stuart confirmed that the official planning decision for the skatepark was imminent and expected to be positive. Once received a final contract could be signed with the contractor and work could commence enabling the skate park to be completed by Easter.

Dane Meadow/Cycling Update

Referred to the next meeting when HS would be in attendance.

5 Towns Meeting Update

Stuart confirmed the following update after the 5 Town Partnership meeting held on 17th January.

It was confirmed that due to the costs involved the 5 Towns would not be accepting Active Cheshire proposal to undertake an inactivity survey. Holmes Chapel would continue as planned.

The Town Partnerships have all supported local groups applying for funding from CEC Participatory Budgeting Fund; the funding has yet to be allocated.

Dorothy Flint will be presenting to CEC Cabinet on Tuesday 7th February on the work of Town Partnerships, the hope is that the Town Partnerships can secure 3-year funding. All Partnerships have been asked to email a project from last year for DF to present to Cabinet.

The 5 Town Partnership Forum is expanding to include all Partnerships in the Cheshire East area; therefore, the name will need to change. All Partnerships are invited to send their suggestions to Sue Brereton for discussion at the next Partnership Forum meeting.

6. Partner Updates

None received.

7. Any Other Business.

None.

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

- 22nd February
- 22nd March
- 26th April **AGM**
- 24th May
- 28th June
- 26th July
- 23rd August
- 27th September
- 25th October
- 22nd November
- **Monday 11th December – Market review & social (Old Red Lion?)**

