

# Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017

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

## **Present**

Stuart Gammon, Glyn Chambers , Tom Hibbs, Teresa McFarquhar, Hazel Sutcliffe, Mike Blomeley, Phil Roberts, Stuart Smith, Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Les Gilbert

## **1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising**

Action on Les to liaise with HC Action group has resulted in £442 being received.

Minutes agreed as correct. Actions all carried out.

Other matters arising were included within the main agenda items.

## **Correspondence**

- Fiona Bruce missives forwarded: school funding, alcohol abuse
- Email from Sam Matthews of Junction 18 about supporting H&W Fair
- Glyn's letter of resignation. Glyn was thanked for his tremendous contribution to the Partnership over the last 6 years.

## **2. AGM in April**

AGM has been postponed to the beginning of the May meeting as Stuart finds he is not able to attend April meeting.

## **3 Events**

### **Health and Wellbeing Fair**

With 23 stallholders. 5 talks from 4 speakers on topics including NW Ambulance Service, Active Ageing and Emotional Resilience.

Teresa has the organisation of the Health & Wellbeing Fair well in hand.

### **Celebrating Volunteering**

Dorothy has sounded out possible participants and the conclusion to be drawn is that the Dane Meadow is not generally considered a suitable venue for this sort of event. It has been suggested that the Community Centre might be a more practical alternative. A decision was made to work with the Community Centre on this event and hold it in September possibly 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> but on a Sunday so as not clash with the use of the field by the Rugby Club. Further consultation needed.

### **Village Fair**

- The date is **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**
- It was suggested that we once again have a Partnership stand to publicise projects like the new Walking and Cycling maps . Phil R said the High School would like to have a presence at the event.

## **2. Acceptance of Reports**

### **Finances**

We have built up a reserve of £5000 that is as yet unallocated. CE have confirmed their grant to Partnerships for two years and third year on a rolling basis. Need to consider priorities to underpin the next funding round.

### **Skatepark Update**

- Opening ceremony planned for May 6th which will include an opening ceremony and a demonstration both by professional and local skateboarding enthusiasts..
- The facility was already open for use in the Easter school holidays.
- There will be a Display/advertising of the Skatepark at H&W Fair by HCP. Facebook updates getting a lot of attention.

### **Dane Meadow/Cycling Update**

- There was a successful session raking paths in the Dane Meadow on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> by a team of about a dozen people. The following Sunday Will Burnham donned his canoeing wetsuit and pulled vast amounts of weeds out of the pond. A further session was led by June Petter on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> to continue the path raking and clearing. The next session is planned for Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Putting up notices and advertising on social media is slowly increasing the numbers of people who attend these sessions.
- The new edition of the SECCAG Cycling Map is due to be delivered for distribution just after Easter. The CE Cycling Strategy has finally been published. There was a meeting of CE Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> March at which funding was agreed to implement some of the proposals outlined in the Strategy document. SECCAG held an informal meeting to discuss the final version of the document. Although the publication and the promise of funding were welcomed, we were disappointed that some of the ambitious targets for increasing cycle use had been watered down. Matthias has prepared a response to the document and has asked for clarification on some points.
- The Walks around Holmes Chapel map is almost ready for print. There are a few amendments to make and suitable photographs to be found.

## **3. Partner Updates**

### **HCCS**

- Messages been sent out from school about the issue of parking on junction between Portree and Selkirk during the school day which obscures the access/exit to Portree Drive. To be flagged up at Parents Evenings
- Community committee to be set up in school consisting of governor, teachers, parents.
- Green Crew to be set up in school to address recycling issues and involve community.

### **PC**

- Referendum result pleasing 41% voted 97% yes. Plan accepted by CE 11<sup>th</sup> April but still ongoing participation in plan.
- Croco path between Glencoe and Dunoon work underway. The river bank is being shored up. Finished by end of month.
- Parking in Selkirk Drive discussed at Amenities Committee and referred on to Les Gilbert to see if official action is warranted.
- Defibrillator to be installed in redundant telephone box in Chester Road. Contribution from Partnership from HC Action Group money.

### **Everybody Trust**

- Event on June 24<sup>th</sup> proposed by Rugby Club
- Dementia Awareness morning planned
- Capturing funding to combat health inequalities – courses in cookery and fitness

#### 4. Any Other Business.

Tom wants to hand over as youth representative because his exams are approaching. He suggests having two representatives at a time to spread the load.

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

- 26<sup>th</sup> April
- 24<sup>th</sup> May **AGM**
- 28<sup>th</sup> June
- 26<sup>th</sup> July
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- 27<sup>th</sup> September
- 25<sup>th</sup> October
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- 11<sup>th</sup> December (Monday) – Market review & social event)