

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 25th October 2017

7.00p.m. in the Goostrey Lounge at the Methodist Church

Present:

Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Hazel Sutcliffe, Alison Wright, Kate MacKay and guest Jess McFall (Alzheimer's Society)

Apologies received from: Phil Roberts and Stuart Smith

Stuart Gammon opened the meeting at 7.05 with a welcome to Jess McFall

1. Dementia Friendly Village Update

There was a lengthy discussion on how we were to move forward with the project.

- Jess told the Committee how she could help with our project and confirmed she had ordered stickers to be given to businesses who “signed-up” to the project; she reiterated that when a business displays a sticker and has agreed to being a Dementia Friendly Business, they must also agree to present a caring attitude towards those living with Dementia. There was a suggestion that these businesses may display a certificate verifying they are part of the Partnership scheme.
- Jess said that also is going to get statistics of how many “Friends” have already chosen to send in their details to the Society. She has also arranged a meeting with the Health Centre Manager (Paul Carroll); it was suggested that she may contact the Optician (Paul Toleman) whilst she is there.
- Dorothy gave an update on the Memory Café which is bringing in new people each fortnight. In Alsager, couples living with dementia are encouraged to go into the High School with a Memory Box which the students then are able, through SWAY (a computer program), to create a collage/presentation that can be used as a memory jogger at a later date.
- Dorothy advised that we must follow all Safeguarding policies – agreement must be gained from the individuals concerned before publishing any photos or videos taken at Memory Cafes, or any other DFV event.
- Stuart suggested that we set up a Dementia Friendly Village web page on our site.
 - **Action:** Stuart and Dorothy to agree content
- Kate reported that at the Comprehensive School each Year Group are having talks about being Dementia Friendly, and hopefully students from the Sixth Form will arrange visits to local Care Homes
- A discussion took place about the wording on the Alzheimer's Society card, which should be filled in by individuals after completing the Dementia Friends education, as there was concern that this (implicitly) committed them to further action, and may deter them from registering as a Friend. Jess will take this back to the Society.
- Dorothy and Stuart G will be attending Dementia Friendly Community Awareness Event at Warrington on 27th November.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd August were agreed.

- All actions had been carried out.

3. **Correspondence**

a. **Cheshire East Public Health**

Stuart, Hazel and Dorothy attended a meeting with Dan Coyne regarding the Connected Communities Strategy. Connected Communities initially worked with the top 25 most deprived areas (of which Holmes Chapel is not one), but then changed their focus to work with town Partnerships, finally coming to talk to us.

The team have a number of objectives, the most relevant of which (to us) is “services” which they commission from external professional groups; these services include assistance with health issues, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, anti-social behaviour and loneliness. etc. A scheme is being run to provide a grant of £5000 over 2 years to fund 5 of commissioned services hours a week in a suitable local venue.

The question to us is whether there is a need for these services in Holmes Chapel? We currently do not have the statistics to prove a need, and they are not easy to obtain. It was agreed that this would be discussed again once Dan Coyne had come back with more information about our village needs

b. **OneYou Cheshire East**

An email was received from Johnny Gorman, who wanted to talk to us about OneYou, which is a group commissioned by Cheshire East Council Public Health to provide services in the Health & Wellbeing arena. OneYou work closely with Everybody Sport & Recreation to provide a number of services, including the free cookery classes (one being currently run at the Community Centre).

Stuart suggested to Johnny that he would be better off working directly with the Community Centre, rather than us, but that we would be happy to publicise free courses through our Facebook page and the Community Newsletter.

c. **Other Correspondence**

- The Community Resilience Plan desktop test meeting, attended by Stuart, Dorothy and Teresa, was very interesting
- Sue Davies has been appointed as the new Parish Council clerk
- The damage at Dane Meadow has been reported to the Police
- Phil and Stuart G are going to the Connected Communities meeting in Congleton on 31st October
- Stuart had planned to attend the Active Cheshire ‘Part of the Movement’ conference, but could not attend
- **Jill Cope Memorial Bench**
 - Teresa had obtained, and circulated drawings from Sam Dale
 - All were in favour of proceeding with this, once approval for siting it has been received from the Parish Council.
- Partnership Newsletters have now successfully been delivered to various destinations; from this month extra copies will be printed for the library - a loose leaf copy to be placed in the information folder, and a bound copy to go in the newspaper rack.

- Liz Chesters, the new PSCO has been welcomed by the Partnership. She is to be asked to write something for the Welcome Pack
- Les Gilbert gave figures about the Police Enforcement Day in Sandbach, Middlewich and Holmes Chapel where there were significant speeding convictions and 5 weight restrictions, 1 driver being arrested for FTA

4. **Events**

a. **Holmes Chapel Show – 17th September – Celebrating Volunteering**

There had been a lot of positive feedback.

- It was agreed that the venue at the Community Centre was very good and that we should ask Stuart Smith if it is possible to book again for next year – Sunday, 16th September. but
- We will ask the owners of the Manor Lane site if it is possible to park cars on their site for the afternoon.
- Perhaps we should think about hiring a Marquee?
- Maybe add some dancing and more music items
- **Action:** This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

b. **Christmas Market**

- All the outside stalls have been taken.
- Dorothy and Phil are going to look at the space available at the Scout Headquarters to see if more stalls could be made available there, e.g. outside, along the boundary between the Scout HQ and Lovell Court.
- It was agreed that the Partnership would pay £100 for the advert for the Christmas Market to be on the front cover of The Village Mag.
- There was another plea for help in erecting and the taking down of the stalls.
- 2 banners will be sufficient, one to be erected by Alex at David Peake's
- The Rotary sleigh will be available.

c. **Poppy Appeal**

Malcolm Coates has arranged for a Remembrance Day wreath for the Partnership, priced £18.50; it was agreed to top this up to £25.00.

- **Action:** Stuart to collect from Malcolm, and take part in the Parade

5. **Towns Partnership Update**

Stuart attended the latest meeting. A walking map linking all the towns was discussed; Keith Stevens and Terry Dykes from U3A are interested in helping with this.

6. Project and Partner Updates

a. Finance Report

- Phil had already sent out the report.
- He has received a cheque for £140 from St Luke's Church from the Mother's Union Quiz Night, which is being donated to the Sensory Garden project.
- A cheque payable to the Vic Club for the Village Fair has not been cashed
- Phil had received fraudulent mail and the bank is looking into it.
- It was agreed that the Partnership would purchase a 3m x 3m metal framed gazebo, similar to the one owned by Hazel, for use at local events; Hazel offered to make hers available as and when we needed more space, e.g. at the Village Fair and Celebrating Holmes Chapel.
 - **Action:** Hazel to investigate and purchase

b. HCCS

Kate McKay circulated a survey which had been taken from the Sixth Form students indicating what the 16–18 year olds would like in the village. The outcome being:

- A Swimming Pool
- Somewhere to go, e.g. Internet Café,
- Leisure Centre Improvement,
- Music Festival etc.

It was noted that they do not go to groups which are already available.

Kate and Charlotte Stevens raised £357.00 for donations to Formal Friday and a Cake Sale; This money is earmarked for the Swimming Pool appeal.

c. Parish Council

Everything had been covered previously in the meeting

d. Cheshire East Council

No Report

e. Everybody Sport & Recreation

No Report

7. Any Other Business

- Sensory Garden – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Dane Meadow – to be discussed at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Provisional 2017/18 Meeting Dates (all at 7.00pm at Methodist Church unless otherwise noted):

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| • 22 nd November | • 28th February | • 27th June | • 24th October |
| • 11 th December
(Monday) | • 28th March | • 25th July | • 28th November |
| • 24th January '18 | • 25th April | • 22nd August | • 10th December
(Monday) |
| | • 23rd May (AGM) | • 26th September | |