

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 24th January 2018

7:00 pm at the Methodist Church

Present

Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Kate MacKay, Hazel Sutcliffe and Alison Wright . Alison Dale was also present

Apologies received from: Les Gilbert and Phil Roberts

Stuart Gammon opened the meeting at 7.05 with a welcome to all.

1. Village Fair Update

Alison Dale, who has organised the Village Fair at the Victoria Club for many years, outlined her concerns about the 2018 Fair and asked if the Partnership could assist her in any way as nobody was coming forward to assist in the running and organization of the event.

- Alison Wright was able to contact Dan and Alan Jackson from Scouts and are willing to assist.
- The Partnership will advertise the Fair in upcoming newsletters and Alison (Dale) was most grateful.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

The Minutes of the meetings held on 22nd November and 10th December were agreed.

The following were discussed:

1. Stuart and Dorothy attended the Dementia Awareness Alliance Community Networking event at Warrington on 27th November
2. Dane Meadow: Phil Roberts together with Jason Jones at HCCS suggested that the students could use this as part of the Duke of Edinburgh volunteering section
3. Parish Council: **Mike still to present wish list**
4. Liz Chesters, PSCO, did not attend the Christmas Market, due to illness
5. There are still no Hi Viz Jackets – mystery!
6. **Hazel has still to reserve the stalls for 2018 Christmas Market**
7. Stuart has visited Bill, editor of the Partnership Newsletter
8. There was a discussion about potentially using Walkie-Talkies at future events.
 - The Scouts could perhaps lend theirs for our next event in lieu of a donation from us.
 - Would the Parish Council like to buy a set? (Mike did state that they already pay for the lighting at the market.)
 - **To be reviewed next meeting**

3. Correspondence & Side Meetings

- a. Stuart will respond to a letter received from Mike Oliver regarding Holmes Chapel Singers no-show at the Christmas Market.
- b. Stuart, Dorothy and Hazel met with Julie Walker and Dan Coyne, from the Cheshire East Connected Communities team.
 - Julie is trying to set up a Centre in Holmes Chapel where there would be 5 x 1 hour sessions per week covering various themes, based on perceived needs within the village.
 - A stakeholder meeting has been organised for 1st February; Stuart and Dorothy will represent the Partnership (Hazel has already submitted her apologies).
- c. Stuart has committed to give 2 talks about The Partnership to Mothers Union in February (13th evening, 21st afternoon) – similar to the WI talk in November. Dorothy will be talking to the same group in April regarding the Dementia Friendly Village project.
 - He would like to borrow the digital projector from the Parish Council Office, if it is available.

4. Projects

1. Rumble in the Jungle

Alison asked if we should continue with this venture and it was given the go-ahead.

- A one-liner advert will go in this month's newsletter and a further notice will be shown in the February issue.
- Maybe the winner could be announced at a children's disco.

2. Welcome Pack

Dorothy and Phil are making changes and updates to the original pack.

- There was discussion about the title, format and content of the revised pack. If a new brochure is published it must clearly display the Partnership logo and contact details.
- As an example, a quote of £630.00 has been received from South Cheshire Print for 3000 copies of an A5 version.

3. Dementia Friendly Village

Stuart and Dorothy attended a Dementia Awareness Alliance meeting this week.

Dorothy reiterated that the aim of our project is to make the village AWARE of Dementia. The Dementia Friendly talks are purely for educational awareness.

The Memory Café on Wednesday mornings is very successful. Please encourage people to come and have a chat over a cup of coffee - everyone would be most welcome.

4. Jill Cope Memorial Bench

Teresa stated nothing has happened on the subject since October.

The Parish Council meeting on 25th January will discuss the quotes. They have agreed in principal that this should go ahead.

The cost will be taken from the Health and Well-being budget – which is likely to be in the order of £650

5. Sensory Garden

Hazel has a quote from ANSA via John Clowes for just under £5,000 (including VAT) for the creation of the new garden (without plants).

There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of our local house-builders or road builders being able to help us with this project.

Stuart will look out for Co-op Sponsorship.

Monies could come from the Cheshire East Grant or from the Health and Wellbeing budget.

6. Walking Map

The Towns Partnership wishes to create a walking map covering the whole area, with routes between the towns, suggested by Steve Foster of Congleton Partnership. At a meeting to set up a Working Group it was suggested that each Partnership should contribute £500 towards the cost of the project.

No decision was made – bring forward to the next meeting??????.

7. Chairman's Project

Stuart said he would like to set up a scheme to provide a Christmas Lunch for lonely people - more at next meeting

5. Events

1. Village Fair

As discussed earlier in the meeting, this will be on Sunday 8th July 2018 at the Vic Club

2. Celebrating Holmes Chapel

This has been confirmed as Sunday 16th September at the Community Centre.

- Mike to contact Classic Car enthusiasts for a repeat display

3. Christmas Market

This has been confirmed as Sunday 2nd December

- Hazel to book the stalls

6. Finances

Phil had already sent out his report.

There was discussion about the use of the current and future Cheshire East Grants

- No decision was made – discuss again next meeting

7. Partner Updates

HCCS

Kate announced that there has been a follow up to the survey, regarding young people's wishes, conducted earlier in the school year and she will have some results at the next meeting.

Regarding Dementia Awareness;

- One student is going into The Cedars to help regularly.
- Mount Pleasant Nursing Home has been contacted but no-one is going there yet.

Phil Roberts is pushing for students to volunteer with the Village Volunteers group.

As stated earlier Jason Jones is interested in getting students to help with the Dane Meadow with a view to helping with their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Parish Council

Mike stated that the Budget has been set.

The 319 bus service is now running 4 times per day but there are still ongoing discussions about the service.

The Railway Station update has been postponed

The London Road pedestrian crossing is being upgraded.

The Middlewich Road pedestrian crossing project will be finished at February half-term.

There are still talks about the Traffic Light project.

He has heard that the Rotary Club have a question mark about the Christmas Sleigh runs – **he will clarify at the next meeting.**

Cheshire East

No report as Les away.

Scouts

Alison raised the question about the Great Get Together - should the Partnership be involved?

- It was agreed that while we support the idea, we should not be involved in the organisation of the event

She will raise an invoice from the Scouts for their expenses at the Christmas Market.

Alison also has the name of someone who would be interested in providing First Aid at the Market, at a preferential rate. **Dorothy to follow up**

8. Any Other Business

Hazel advised that the Dane Meadow audit had been arranged, but had not taken place.

The meeting closed at 9.30

Dates of future meetings

28th February

28th March

25th April

23rd May (AGM)

27th June

25th July

22nd August

26th September

24th October

28th November

10th December