

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday 24th October 2018

7:00 pm at the Methodist Church

Present

Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Teresa McFarquhar, Hazel Sutcliffe, Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Phil Hargreaves, Pat McMaster, Phil Roberts,

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Skate Park Bench: Teresa has been in touch with Steve at Dale's. He is waiting to see the paint rep. Suggestion was made to make direct contact with the paint suppliers in order make progress.
- Potential newsletter editor: Stuart contacted Laura Henderson by email. Need to meet in person to ascertain her suitability. Stuart to organize a meeting at the school in the presence of Phil Roberts
- Minutes agreed as correct.
- Other matters arising were included within the main agenda items.

2. Correspondence and Side Meetings

- John Clowes is borrowing the display boards for the WW1 exhibition.
- Hazel attended the meeting on Oct 16th of the 5 Towns Trail group in Sandbach.
 - The map of a walking route connecting the 5 towns is making excellent progress thanks to Trevor Boxer of the Sandbach Footpaths Group.
 - Next step is to consult a professional cartographer. Peter suggested a good way of launching the map would be a charity walk.

3. Events

Celebrating Holmes Chapel

- Further discussion around Celebrating HC since Dorothy was unable to attend the previous meeting.
- It was decided to postpone detailed planning of next year's event until the January meeting.
- Agreement that: it should be a week earlier, the entry forms be freely available, a leaflet drop undertaken, the show classes reviewed.

Christmas Market

- Dorothy reported that stall bookings were good for the Christmas Market.
- As Theo failed to attend the meeting, it was difficult to make any progress on entertainment promised from HCCS but Hermitage School will perform, as will Laura Wilson's dancers.
- Further discussions were had about using Peter Morrey's car park as a performance space: apart from Chris Appleton shops backing on to it have been consulted.

- Could use market stalls to cover performers and equipment and bring seating from scout headquarters. Gazebos could be used in place of market stalls.
- Peter will consult with Andrew Rebbeck and Dane Sound about the music system.
- Alison confirmed that the scouts would offer First Aid in the Scout HQ. Dorothy to provide a list of actions at the Nov meeting.

Santa's Sleigh

- Peter has met with various organisations and drawn up a schedule for **Santa's Sleigh Run**.
- He suggested the Partnership take on the run on 4th December.
- No firm decision was made about this but it was decided to produce postcards to distribute which would allow people to pay by card to a Just Giving site Peter is in the process of setting up.

4. Finances

As Phil H was on holiday he sent in a short update.

- £4949 has been paid out for the Sensory Garden and £336 for Public Liability Insurance.
- Hazel has received a cheque for £60 from HG in HC as a contribution to the planting of the Sensory Garden.

5. Projects – Brief Updates

Pedestrian Safety Petition

- Confirmation has been received that CEC has started the preliminary design of the roundabout as they have received money from Bloor Homes.
- Once this has been completed they will invite stakeholders (including the Partnership and Parish Council) to comment.

Dementia Awareness

- Dorothy is due to speak to Junction 18 at their next meeting.
- Alison is involved in dementia friendly training for the Scout's Parliament week.

Connected Communities

- The 3 Connected Communities Centres in Goostrey, HC Community Centre and HC Library to be officially opened on November 24th.
- Stuart is to attend a meeting on Nov 6th on Social Isolation.

Sensory Garden

- The garden is now complete and has received many favourable comments.
- After conflicting opinions were aired about what information a commemorative board would contain, it was decided to just state it is for the enjoyment of all, date when it was done and joint project of HCP and HCPC.

- Action: Hazel to suggest wording.

6. Project Officer

- Peter had circulated a document prior to the meeting summarizing past and current projects.
- He is investigating sources of future funding and future projects.
- One suggestion was for a footpath connecting the Russell Homes estate with the Elm Drive area of housing.

- Since the more immediate concern was plans for the Sleigh run it was decided to delay discussions until January meeting.

7. **Partner Updates**

HCCS

- No representative

Parish Council:

- The Neighbourhood Plan is to be reviewed in the light of recent planning issues.
- A tree planting scheme is proposed using PC funds and public donations.
- Various issues with inadequate street lighting to which CEC have not responded adequately.
- Concern about the lack of an NHS dentist in HC now that the only practice is going private – there are various complex funding issues behind this.
- A meeting has been arranged between Persimmon and the PC to discuss the path connecting the Cotton hall estate to Ravenscroft.
- The entrance area to HC Community Centre is shortly to be remodeled. Street signs are being refurbished

Cheshire East Council:

- Planning requirements by Bloor have changed from 190 units to 244 smaller units.
- The pedestrian crossing on Middlewich Road should be completed by mid November.
- Balmoral Drive has been repaired and is awaiting a coat of micro asphalt.
- The mini roundabouts will be resurfaced at the end of November.
- CEC has agreed to a set of double yellow lines on Selkirk Drive opposite the entrance to Portree Drive.
- Les has involved the Flood Risk department in an effort to combat the flooding in the Precinct and Sutton Oaks which regularly occurs.

Everybody Sport & Recreation:

- No representative

8. **Any Other Business**

- Alison reported that the Scouts will be presented with a cheque by (and in) the Coop on 24th Nov
- The WW2 ambulance will be present at the Remembrance Day parade.
- Discussion about the application to build a block of flats on Bramhall Drive in front of one of the access points to the Dane Meadow. Hazel has objected as Chair of Friends of Dane Meadow.

Provisional 2018 Meeting dates *(all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)*

- 28th November
- Monday 10th December - Market review and social