

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019

7.00p.m. in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

1. **Present:** Teresa McFarquhar, Anita Armit, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Pat Macmaster, Peter Whiers and Alison Wright

Apologies received: Hazel Sutcliffe, Dorothy Davidson, Paul Pitman, Michelle Boath, Sarah Archibald and Karley Brougham

The meeting commenced at 7.00. Teresa started the meeting by saying how wonderful the Sensory Garden was looking at the moment and when she passes, someone is always sitting there enjoying the beautiful new asset for the village.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Previous minutes agreed and action will be discussed later.

3. Update from Publicity Group

- ◆ Alison produced a simple list of drop-in activities which will go on the back of the forthcoming Newsletter. A further calendar will be produced to go on the Website. Focus is on 'what can we do today' i.e events that are open to everyone. A copy will also be put on the Partnership Noticeboard.
- ◆ Dorothy has prepared a letter which will be sent to the entrants in the H/C Guide asking them to update their details. It will also include information relating to the change in focus of events to be included in the newsletter.
- ◆ A 14 page newsletter costs £1.85 each. It is not economical to supply all Communicare drivers with a hard copy.
- ◆ Anita will distribute this month's newsletter around the village.
- ◆ Paul's idea of small cards will be discussed at the next meeting and will be raised by Pat at the Communicare meeting.
- ◆ It was suggested that Dennis Eborall could be invited to a future meeting to discuss social isolation and the possible collaboration with Communicare.

Update from Sleigh Group

Peter has already sent out his report on the "Sleigh" meeting. Work will proceed on the Sleigh so that it is in full working order for December.

- ◆ Peter brought the idea of a Christmas Card to be delivered to each household we visit on each Sleigh Run and he will now design a card letting all the residents know what the Partnership is all about. He will ask Marie for the photo of "H/C in the Snow". He will use the Partnership Identity Statement on the Card which Alison will also use on the Facebook page. Alison, Peter and Hazel will work on this statement but ideas are welcome from everyone.

4 Bridge the Gap

- ◆ Alison read out a report, from Paul in his absence, about the meeting held on 19th September. There are no more activities organized although there will be a suggestion on Facebook that parents with their children could meet on a Friday morning at the Community Centre.
- ◆ Paul would like to see Policies and Procedures in place.
- ◆ There could be grants available from Connected Communities and to that end Anita will invite Dan Coyne or Mukta to the next meeting to outline any suggestions he may have.
- ◆ It was agreed that we should step back from the BtG project in the immediate future.

5. **Christmas Market**

Hazel had sent a message to say that the new Manager at Sainsbury's, Dan Sutton, has agreed they will be able to help set up the Market as part of the 35 "Community Hours" they are offering.

The price of the Mugs are a bit expensive so we will forget the idea for this year.

Road Closure - There are a lot of issues on this so it is not practical for this year. It is suggested we form a Sub Committee to look at a road closure for, perhaps, a summer event.

Half of the stalls have already been booked.

There is still a discussion taking place about staging.

6. **Updates from Committee Members**

Phil – Finance – Phil reminded the meeting that he is retiring as Treasurer in April. Phil had already sent out his report. Peter will speak with Dan Coyne again about our £8,000 grant for this year.

Peter – Projects Officer - Peter had already circulated his report.

Peter will try to attend the next business meeting of the H/C Business Group previously called Junction 18. He will also attend the Youth Council meeting on 26th September when they will hopefully have a result on the survey of the Youth Shelter. A meeting is also scheduled with Jade from Everybody on 27th September. At the last Town's Meeting there were discussions on the funding for the next 3 years, which just needs to be ratified by CEC.

Les – Cheshire East – Still awaiting feasibility study and costings from Jacobs on the proposed roundabout on the A50/A54 junction. It is looking like the project will cost significantly more than the £550,000. Will it go ahead??

Schools – Parents can now apply for places at our schools for the 2020 intake. Cheshire East are very aware that there will not be enough places for all applicants.

Local historians will be pleased that there will be 2 new History Centres at Chester and Crewe due to Heritage Lottery Funding for Cheshire Archives.

Parish Council – Nobody present at the meeting

7. **Any Other Business**

Dane Meadow - Hazel has secured the go ahead for the tree planting. The ground has been prepared for the Wild Flower Plug planting on Saturday, 5th October 10.00 – 12.00, Daresbury Gate. If anyone is free please come along to help. The Cubs will be there as well as someone from Sainsbury's (35 hours initiative). Please think about how much one should donate to have a tree dedicated to a loved one, for example, or as a gift. Hazel, Peter and Teresa will form a sub committee.

5 Towns Circular Walk – The Map has been produced but a number of errors were found. The maps will be printed before Christmas but the launch will not be until next spring. Each Partnership have been asked to take a stretch of the route to attach way markers on suitable trees, fences etc.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Future Meetings will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm (unless otherwise noted)

23rd October

27th November

December ? – Hazel to define a suitable date and venue