



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 15th January 2024

7.00pm - Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Diane Tams, Rab Parry,

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Rich Wilcock, Russell Chadwick, Helen Ratcliffe

NOVEMBER MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- Accepted and further discussions in agenda below.

PRIZE DRAW - RICHARD / PETER

- Ran throughout December until 8th January. Three winners drawn and notified by phone on 8th Jan. One winner donated money back to HCP as thank you.
- Uptake not as high as hoped. Was £5 entry set by Donate too high? Also, prize draw postcards not always distributed by sleigh groups.
- Card reader bought to use for donations next year.

XMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Weather was against event - need weather contingency plan in future. Needed more volunteers to clear snow in morning.
- Busy and well attended. Stalls and businesses did as well as last year or other similar events.
- Safety issue with tea cups ride investigated by Joe White. Signage will be improved and more training provided.
- Need to speak to Tina re. village xmas lighting for future events.

SANTA SLEIGH - RICHARD / PETER

- £150 donated to sleigh during Christmas Market.
- Takings were down overall but significantly in Goostrey. Also no pub runs or HCP run which goes into total pot.
- Peter and Will Burnham only ones available to set off groups each night or drive sleigh if needed.
- Need more volunteers to help out. Set up a separate sleigh committee for 2024?
- Each group will receive £220 for each night.
- Costs include sleigh build which was spread over three years.
- Cheques will be given to groups on 27th January with photos taken for publicity use.

GERMAN TWINNING - HAZEL

- Enquiry received from Melanie Coltman, a local resident who grew up in Dusslingen in Germany about twinning our villages.
- Melanie has contacted the Dusslingen mayor to ask if they are in favour of scheme. Awaiting response.
- French twinning with Bessancourt has finished but was successful for many years.
- HCPC say it's worthy of further investigation.
- Will ask for general opinions via the February newsletter.

RECRUITMENT - PETER

- HCP needs more volunteers. Committee is currently too small to make things happen.
- Peter, Hazel, Richard and Gail to meet and put together a recruitment plan focusing on specific roles.
- Richard happy to hand over the treasurer role to someone new.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL

- Hazel has been in contact with PCSO Pam who has had new speedwatch training but not on new computer system - this will happen in March.
- Request for new volunteers in January newsletter and Sandbach Chronicle but no-one came forward.
- All current volunteers happy to continue and be retrained.
- Living Streets Walk to School week is 20-24 May. Will organise route to publicise need for safer roads.
- Possible walking route to highlight issues for those with mobility issues? Contact Dorothy Davidson. This will work well with HCPC 'Reclaim the pavements' project.

HARRY STYLES WALK - PETER / GAIL

- Route is still popular with visitors even throughout winter.
- Route is getting very muddy and slippery in places.
- Still need to find out who owns the field so signage can be put up / paths improved.
- Visitor books at the train station will be given to Harry's dad for his 30th birthday in February.
- Need to investigate whether government grant for rural tourism is applicable.
- Idea for themed event in summer still active. Needs to be business led. Peter to contact HCPC Steve Allott as business liaison.
- Keeping note of number of maps printed as currently only way to monitor visitor numbers.

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Waiting on payment from Patron sponsor Hurstwood Holdings. Richard chasing.
- Feeling loss of CE funding. PW to write to HCPC reiterating need for their support.
- Estimated 2-3 year lifespan of HCP without regular funding.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - PETER

- Always on lookout for more patron sponsors. Hard to entice new ones without the extra advertising from the Christmas Market. Need a hook / major project to bring new sponsors in.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- Meeting with Simon Wallace from CE about road improvements in HC.
- A50/A54 junction still waiting on release of S106 funds from Bloor estate. Should be released since appeal to build extra 25 houses has been rejected.
- Still looking at 20mph limits through village and traffic calming devices. CE don't have funds but may be available via other grants from central government. Also reviewing speed limits and signage on the entry points to the village.
- Decision on parking charges will be made on 25 January. Diane and Chris Jackson to attend. Concerns have been raised on impact on shops and health centre. Main argument is that HC doesn't receive funding as a town so shouldn't be classified as one for parking.

AOB - ALL

- February newsletter will be sent on 1st February. Gail to distribute hard copies.
- AGM will be held on 15th April in Massey Room.
- Hazel is attending a meeting with Transition Wilmslow Tree Group about need to plant more trees in CE. Old trees are dying and need replaced but must comply with new highway regulations.
- Gail will attend Cheshire East Neighbourhood meeting on 25th January.
- Richard - need to reduce HPC costs. Will cancel Zoom subscription and look at newsletter printing costs.
- Dementia Friendly Community meeting has happened and Dorothy Davidson would like to organise a tea dance in the church hall. Aimed at Memory Cafe attendees but all welcome.

Date for next meeting is 19th February, 7pm at St Lukes Church Hall

Common acronyms:

CE = Cheshire East County Council

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCHC = Holmes Chapel Health Centre

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council