



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

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Mandie Maddock, Russell Chadwick

Apologies: Diane Tams, Martin Elliot, Rich Wilcock, Jill Booth, Sarah Archibald, and Karoline Peach

JUNE MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- Holmes Chapel Train Station Mural update - Hazel and Gail met with Eamonn Murphy, the artist recommended by the Train Station charity. Eamonn made some suggestions on the artwork and location and will respond with ideas with the next two weeks. Has estimated we could have the boards installed in early September.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Will be held on Sunday 1st December in same layout as previous years.
- Peter Whiers to contact lighting contractors to get someone booked in soon.
- Gail to contact Hipswing about stage and potential sponsorship. Gail to book Lions Brass Band, email schools a save the date, and contact Dane Sound / Nigel Player and Laura Wilson.

SANTA SLEIGH - PETER / RICHARD

- Richard to look at current routes and dates, which may need changing as new housing developments are built.
- Richard to email the current groups who participate to see if they are interested this year. Some suggestions were made of new local groups who might like to get involved to fundraise.
- Need more volunteers to help keep the sleigh running through December.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL

- Contractor Kevin Cagna has provided a new quote for the pond liner. Higher than last one but Tina at HCPC has run past James Baguley at CE and signs are positive. Will be paid for out of S106 funds from the Cottons Estate developers.

HOUSING ON OLD FISONS SITE - PETER

- No planning application has been filed yet but a consultation is available on the developers website about the use of the land, which can be used for commercial purposes but the suggestion is for a housing estate.
- Do HCP need to alert the community to this development? Need to talk first to HCPC to find out if any communication is already planned. Russell will contact Tina.
- Discussion held over whether houses or jobs would be better for the village, and could any potential S106 money be used to improve roads.

CHESHIRE EAST LIBRARY CONSULTATION - MANDIE / RUSSELL

- New Tier system being implemented for libraries. Sandbach, Middlewich and Holmes Chapel all classed as Tier 2 which could have reduced hours. Tier 1 libraries are bigger and will be 'super-hubs'.
- Cheshire East trying to save money as over budget on adult and SEND services. These are often the same people who need to use libraries.
- Usage is being tracked by library card usage but so many other services and social groups available and are well used.
- CE is seeking approval for a consultation on Wednesday 17th July.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Peer review report: Published 3-4 weeks ago but delayed due to General Election. Russell gave a copy to Peter to read and circulate. Report shows issues within CE and how can improve with a list of recommendations. Communication and contact procedures are areas which can be most improved to make raising issues easier and quicker.
- Recycling: New government has outlined a need for councils to provide a weekly food collection.
- Ward Member budget: Has reduced from approx. £6k to £4k. Russell would like to work with HCPC to improve road issues.
- Ansa & Orbitas: Being brought back under CE management by April 2025, rather than current subsidiary companies.

- Missed bin collection complaints: Has received many of these which have been raised with CE. Access is an issue on many narrow roads.
- Refuse Centres: Middlewich to close on 4th August. From 5th August others will stay open an hour later to cope with extra demand. Will need to book a slot at weekends. A mobile tip will be in operation in Bollington, Middlewich and Poynton once a month. Changes will be communicated through local Parish Councils.
- Bidlea Zoo: Plans initially refused but revised plans have now been submitted. Will go to planning committee in August.
- Car Parking: CE have enquired about transferring the council car park at top of Parkway to HCPC. Price may be based on potential projected revenue. May not need pay machines as could pay by app.

HARRYS HOLMES CHAPEL TOUR (HHVT) - PETER, MANDIE, GAIL

- Bookings are steady with 250 tickets sold to date.
- German TV crew visiting on Tuesday 16th, with several Radio interviews held in last few weeks, including main Irish Radio station and Heart.
- Virgin Experiences deal fell through as HCP are not VAT registered.
- Discussion held on number of Guides needed for Tours depending on visitor numbers.
- Tour on 18th July will be adapted to accommodate a wheelchair user from Sweden. Jill to lead.
- Stile near Viaduct still wobbly and in need of repair. New contact at CE replaces Jenni Butler.

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Payments are made from WTM on weekly basis. A few discrepancies which are most likely 'Box Office' ticket sales through other pages.
- Application for Rural Tourism grant has been submitted via Richard Malkins at CE. Should receive 70% of total spend on Capital items and will receive result in 10-15 days from submission.

AOB - ALL

- August newsletter will be sent on 1st August.

Date for next meeting is the AGM on 19th August, 7pm in the Massey Room 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

HCLC = Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council