



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership AGM Monday, 17th April 2023

7.30pm - Holmes Chapel Methodist Church

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins, Sarah Archibald, Linda Lewin, Kate Fallon

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Diane Tams

Hazel Sutcliffe welcomed everyone to the AGM, including four members of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM (11/04/22)

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- Due to status change following withdrawal of Cheshire East funding.
- Other changes made to prepare for charity status application.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT - HAZEL SUTCLIFFE

Hazel gave her report for the last year. Main points include:

- New VCP (Volunteer Co-ordination Point) role for HCP from Cheshire East following Covid volunteer project success.
- Peter Whiers dropped Project Officer role in June to become Vice Chair.
- Two part-time staff recruited (Gail Griggs and Debra Cummins).
- Will be last Chair report from Hazel as she and Peter will swap roles.
- 2022 projects include; newsletter, What's On guide, Xmas Market, sleigh rebuild, Safe Walking Routes, Walk to school event, safety on Macclesfield Road, Harry's Wall map including feature on BBC news, Speedwatch, Dane Meadow, HGVs through village and Bridge the Gap support.
- Withdrawal of core Partnership funding by Cheshire East.
- Other events: Jubilee beacon lighting plus work on future Coronation event and Summer Celebration.

4. TREASURERS REPORT - RICHARD GARTON

Richard gave the Treasurers report and explained all items including:

- Main costs include basic admin, website, Zoom, MailChimp, insurance, newsletter printing.
- Main expense is staff salaries: 2 x part time staff totalling 16 hours, plus Project Officer until June '22.
- Xmas Market direct costs were covered by sponsorship but doesn't include staff and volunteer hours.
- Sleigh rebuild costs have been spread over 3 years as the Anwyl grant didn't cover the whole build. Over £4k raised despite reduction in cash usage.

5. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

As there has only been one nomination for each post there was no requirement for a vote. Posts are now as follows:

- Chair: Peter Whiers
- Vice-chair: Hazel Sutcliffe
- Treasurer: Richard Garton

6. ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

Debra Cummins, Gail Griggs, Marie Bennett, Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Linda Lewin, Liz Alcock

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Holmes Chapel Parish Council only member now that Cheshire East has withdrawn.

8. FUTURE PLANS - PETER WHIERS

Peter gave an overview of the Partnership's plans for the next year, including:

- Events: Christmas Market, Coronation, Summer Celebration
- Ongoing: Website, Facebook, newsletter, Dane Meadow, Safe Walking Routes, Walk to School Week.
- Future plans: Harry Styles points of interest, Safe Spaces, HGVs, Charity status and funding options.

9. Q&A / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Dorothy Davidson asked how many volunteers and requests we receive. Peter and Debra explained the Cheshire East AML system didn't generate any requests for Holmes Chapel but as needs arise we

were able to help. Most Covid volunteers no longer available now life has returned to normal. Can be hard to reach the older generations as often isolated from Community but we have worked with Steph Harris, the Social Prescriber at the Health Centre..

- Hazel asked Pat Macmaster about CommuniCARE status. Pat responded that they currently have 27 drivers and do 60 trips per month, mostly to the Health Centre, Leighton and Macclesfield hospitals. Hazel will add info into the next newsletter.

Hazel thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Date for next committee meeting is on 22nd May in the Massey Room at St. Lukes Church Hall.