



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 15th August 2022

7.30pm - Chairman's house

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins, Karoline Peach, Rich Wilcock, Kate Fallon

Apologies: Peter Whiers, Diane Tams, Katy O'Regan, Sarah Archibald, Rab Parry

BRIDGE THE GAP - HAZEL

- No update since last meeting – no progress on bank details.
- Hazel has contacted Alison to remind about advertising BtG September event in Newsletter

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH HCCS - KATY

- Awaiting update from Katy via email.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL

- If funds are available the pond needs work as has dried up due to dry weather and / or damaged liner.
- Rich W to check with PC on status of funds.

XMAS MARKET - DEBRA

- Stall prices have been decided as £50 for food, £40 trade and £25 for charities / schools.
- Previous stall holders will be contacted on 22nd August to sign up, others will be able to apply at beginning of September.
- More food options will be available but targeting existing food outlets rather than more stalls. George & Dragon, Red Lion, Holmes Sweet Home, Miola all confirmed. Will all be promoted in run up to event in return for a £50 donation.
- Starting to approach sponsors, fairground is booked, Fire Station confirmed as First Aid point, sound booked. Bellringers approached.
- Richard to confirm Santa.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - RICH

- **Road improvements:** PC agree that Bloor S106 money should not be used for extra parking for HCCS, as Dane Valley Ward Councillors suggested in newspaper interviews. Should be used for improvements to A50/A54 junction. PC is working on a response. Hazel has responded in a letter to Sandbach Chronicle.
- ANSA have stated that Macclesfield Road does not meet the criteria for school crossing patrol following their assessment in July. VI committee will respond at next meeting. HCP response – leave until after Christmas at least or at latest when new Victoria Mills housing development is largely occupied.
- HS2: PC have put in a petition alongside CE against expanding Chester Road/Middlewich Road junction.
- **General:** Verge side weed killing will be ongoing for the next 6-8 weeks.
- Video camera has been moved to Sandiford Road cut through.
- Hazel has requested PC include HCP in a more timely manner on road issues in HC.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Currently 3 families in HC. Debra and Hazel met with one host to discuss what they need: help with language, local knowledge and events, form filling, housing etc. Kate to find out if any NHS assistance available.
- CAUSN (Congleton Area Ukrainian Support Network) offers support via website and FaceBook.
- CE focus is on finding new host families.

NHS UPDATE - KATE

- New social prescriber started at beginning of August. Kate will provide an introduction and overview of their role for the October newsletter.

HCP WEBSITE - GAIL

- New home page has been launched. New pictures? Updating of content to be undertaken when possible.
- Now working on Christmas Market information and application forms.

FINANCE UPDATE - RICHARD

- 22/23 Funding has been received from CE.
- Current biggest cost is the monthly newsletter. Do we still need to pay for Zoom subscription?
- Costs for building Sleigh will start in September.

MEDIA AND COMMS - KAROLINE

- Karoline will pass FB log in details to Gail to update Christmas Market info.
- Copy for Villages Mag to be produced including Xmas Market info, sleigh rebuild and requests for groups to pull sleigh to raise funds.

TOWN PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Debra's first opportunity to see how other Partnerships within CEC operate – very diverse approaches!
- No news on Partnership funding for 2023/24.
- Sandbach Partnership still not up and running again.
- Congleton Green Fayre and Makers Market will be held on 24th September. Could be useful for recruiting stall for Xmas market if needed.

AOB - ALL

- HCP has been invited to the PC Civic Service on September 25th.
- Hazel received a request from CE to fill in a survey to find out if HCP is suitable for CE representation. Has been no-one from CE on the committee since Les Gilbert withdrew his support.
- Insurance renewal: Richard explained we are coming to the end of a 3 year fixed period for the HCP insurance policy. Expects costs to increase, especially as Xmas Market is now a bigger event. Needs investigation.

Date for next meeting is 19th September in the Massey Room at St Luke's Church Hall