

DT11 Forum minutes

Date: 03rd February 2010

Venue: Tarrant Gunville Village Hall

1. Apologies: Nessa Hickish, Chris Tomlinson, Bob Brannigan, Sylvia Hixson Andrews, Brian Isherwood, Hilary Ritchie, Dianne Cooper, Simon Everett.

Attending: Scott Norman, Peter Slocombe, Steve Adamson, Carrie Lewis, Graham Rain, Keith Yarwood, Barrie Cooper, Frances West, Jacquie Bolson, Nigel Thompson, Nicci Brown, Dave Aitchison, Dave Astin, Doc Addison, Simon Evans, Roger Pike, Susan Bennett, Angela Schofield, Mike Jones, Pat Osborne.

Resignation:

Guests: Georgina Morgan, Operations Manager, Dorset Community Action

In Attendance: Jo Rose CDW, Pauline Figg Admin

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th December 2009, Stourpaine Village Hall	None	
3. Matters arising, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda	None	
4. Treasurers Report	Balance at bank as at 02 February 2010 is £15,901.38. Accounts proposed by Steve Adamson and seconded by Keith Yarwood.	

<p>5. Questions on projects</p>	<p>Environment/Arts Centre - Barrie Cooper reported back on the Milldown Primary school old site - it is anticipated that educational facilities will still be the required use for the building. The site is owned by the Diocese of Salisbury. No definite plans for the old site have been identified yet. The Forum asked whether the site could be used as an Education environment centre for the Trailway. There are certain funds around which we may be worth looking at to support this type of project. Scott Norman suggested that it is something we as the DT11 Forum could look at taking forward.</p> <p>Dorset County has indicated that the structure of the bridge will need to be considered and that at present no further funding for the Trailway can be expected. Providing a cafe or similar could be put on site and if it is used as an educational centre and could provide funding. Scott asked if Keith Yarwood is willing to carry this forward The Forum agreed that Keith would be mandated to do this.</p> <p>DT11 to make a formal request to salvage some of the Milldown middle school building possibly for a Community Arts centre. This site will stop being used as a school in about a year's time. Peter Slocombe undertakes the structural survey of the building and is of the opinion that 90% of the building is sound.</p> <p>Carrie Lewis suggested expanding the environmental centre to include an environmental change show case for green business opportunity, for it to become a whole environmental centre. Steve Adamson worried about the planning permission which will be needed to carry this type of project forward and with Sowing Seeds things have to move along quickly. Sowing Seeds is an unusual piece of funding as you can put forward applications for revenue funding as well as capital funding.</p> <p>Keith Yarwood to arrange a meeting with Steve Adamson to see what boxes can be ticked as regards to using Sowing Seeds as a form of funding for this project. Carrie Lewis, Geoff Jones, Francis West and Roger Pike have volunteered to get involved in this process.</p>	<p>Further information to be sought as a priority SN /BC/</p> <p>Keith Yarwood</p> <p>SN to write formally to DCC to ascertain current situation and make initial enquiries re : both Milldown sites</p> <p>Working Group Keith Yarwood, Carrie Lewis, Frances</p>
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	<p>The Trailway - Scott Norman informed that an agreement has been formulated with Mr. Pitt Rivers, but not sure if has been signed off. The Forum agreed to await the outcome via Giles Nicholson of the DCC Ranger Service at this time. Scott thinks it might be worth a phone call to Giles to see if he signed. Further support for the Trailway has been suggested as a local advocate and intermediary for the next phase of access agreements.</p> <p>DT11 to look at funding for contracting out the.</p> <p>There will be a work party to clear the Trailway at Gains Cross, near Shillingstone, on Saturday 13th February from 10am. Volunteers are needed and refreshments will be provided.</p> <p>PC Simon Evans suggested Trailway clearance could be an opportunity for the Pay Back scheme - for people who commit offences and doing community work.</p> <p>Community Resource Centre - Several meetings have taken place with Age UK and CAB to see if we could have a community hub in Blandford.</p> <p>Further investigations are needed with the aim to establish the "hub" by Jan 2011 Have looked around various shops in Blandford. Looked at shoe shop Stead and Simpson as an example.</p> <p>Scott told the Forum that the estate agents in Blandford are keeping in touch with regards to anything that may come up that will be suitable.</p>	<p>West, Roger Pike</p> <p>SN to contact GN</p> <p>SN/ PS/ JR & others</p>
<p>6. Environment Update</p>	<p>Geoff Jones has been recruited to help he is a fantastic asset to the team.</p> <p>Anyone interested in helping with The Big Green Week or planning for a greener future in any of the DT11 parishes is invited to attend a meeting</p>	<p>Carrie Lewis</p>

	<p>at the Methodist Hall, Blandford (next to the Woodhouse Gardens) on Wednesday 17th February at 7pm. The Big Green Week will be held from Saturday 4th - Sunday 10th July.</p>	
<p>7. Chairman's Report/Next steps for DT11 Partnership</p>	<p>Scott referred briefly to our last meeting and reported that Jo and Pauline have both accepted their new positions.</p> <p>Georgina Morgan who is the operational manger at DCA reported that all current staff have been recruited or redeployed other jobs. Training and support will be given to those who are taking on new roles. Overall work programmes will be drawn up by the Partnerships. Jo will be working across the whole of North Dorset.</p> <p>Scott and Georgina did confirm it's not a money saving exercise. The Partnership needs to accept the fact we are where we are and we need to move on. DCA won't be laying down policy. The work programme will come from the Partnerships.</p> <p>Carrie Lewis feels that DT11 requires a higher level of support as it is a young partnership and needs more expertise. DT11 requested a larger portion of Jo's time to begin with. However the 4 Partnership chairs will decide how Jo's time will be split. Jo won't be operating from Blandford but from Gillingham. Hilary Ritchie identified we need more help than some of the other Partnerships. Scott believes we need to move forward with DCA. Georgina trying to protect the rights of the employees and will be pushing funding advice and training this way.</p> <p>DT11 is the youngest of the Partnerships but has the biggest parish base. We need to make the work programme as robust as we can to ensure that time will have to be given to us. Peter Slocombe thinks it is important to get a diverse number of people interested in the partnership. Keep the communication going and the relationship issue going.</p> <p>Scott attended the CPEND meeting yesterday, he will report at the next meeting what CPEND are doing. Keith Yarwood would like to see more</p>	

	people step up into these very important positions. Scott needs some volunteers to project manage each project and it cannot be the chairman. Will need people who can project manage to move thing on.	
8. Any other business/Questions from the floor	Keith Yarwood raised the concern whilst BT is installing a fast internet connection for the Olympics; they are threatening to withdraw it if there is insufficient subsequent demand from the business community. The general consensus at the meeting was that we should be writing to BT and to our District and County Councillors to ask them to ensure that the network is maintained and extended to the rest of Dorset. Local businesses should also be encouraged to write. A preliminary survey was being completed on Monday so time is of the essence.	SN to write to DSP (Colin Brady), Robert MP, BT, Angus Campbell
9. Date of next meeting	DT11's AGM Tuesday 27 th April 2010, Durweston Village Hall	