

## DT11 Forum minutes

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Venue: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

1. Apologies: Brian Anderson, Julie-Ann Foster, Pat Osborne, Joe Hickish, Nessa Hickish, Tony Dyer, Helen Reed, Mark Williams, Steve Adamson, Doc Addison, Peter Webb, Graham Rains, Jill Bryant.

Attending: Bob Brannigan, Scott Norman, Peter Slocombe, Hilary Ritchie, Nigel Thompson, Mike Jones, Graham Stanley, Dave Aitchison, Malcolm Russell, Nicci Brown, Simon Everett, Dave Astin, Carrie Lewis, Keith Yarwood, Jacquie Bolson, Timothy John.

Resignation:

Guests: Stuart Caudle, North Dorset District Council lawyer

In Attendance: Jo Rose Community Development Worker, Pauline Figg Admin Assistant

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2009, Pimperne Village Hall	Accuracy of content agreed with all partners. Bob Brannigan signed accurate copy of minutes.	
3. Matters arising, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.	Parish list has been completed by Carrie Lewis and Jo Rose. Steve Adamson is yet to provide an update on Economic Development. Carrie Lewis has found it very difficult to get hold of a speaker on Transition Towns will try and get it sorted for the next meeting.	Steve Adamson Carrie Lewis
4. Treasurers Report	This report represents the operating budget for the DT11 Forum office not for the Company. Rates are the biggest expenditure so far	

	<p>representing £402.75.</p> <p>Bank balance as at 1 April 2009 was £6456.00, Receipts 0.0, Expenditure £913.01 leaving a closing balance on the 17 June 2009 of £5542.99.</p> <p>There is a grant of £2752.96 due in from North Dorset District Council in the next few days which will bring the fund value up to £8295.95 for the next period. This grant will be used to upgrade the IT equipment in the DT11 Office.</p> <p>Dave Astin - What type of IT package are we looking at and how much are we going to spend on it? Bob Brannigan - Research has to be carried out as to what package will most suit our needs, so no definite figures have been agreed yet.</p> <p>Peter Slocombe working with Pauline Figg on budget monitoring and budget forecasting.</p>	<p>Bob Brannigan</p> <p>Peter Slocombe and Pauline Figg</p>
<p>5. Liveability Projects (Including Prioritising)</p>	<p>Bids have come in for the £250,000 Liveability Fund which is all for the DT11 area. DT11 Forum Partnership has been asked to put the projects into high medium and low priority. Bob Brannigan and Jo Rose asked for volunteers to help with this process. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon at Nightingale Court to go through a sift system and prioritise the projects.</p> <p>Simon Everett and Malcolm Russell have volunteered to help and will attend the above meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Sustainable Communities Act - Comments</p>	<p>Stuart Caudle gave a presentation to the Partnership about Sustainable Communities Act Proposals.</p> <p>Stuart discussed 7 proposals which are going to go through to the next stage.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 09/004 - Weymouth and Portland Transition Towns - Non-domestic rates on car parking</b></p> <p>The Partnership is not in support of this proposal.</p>	

	<p><b>Proposal no: 09/005 - Weymouth &amp; Portland Transition Towns - Additional tax on second homes</b></p> <p>The general consensus is that 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners should pay the full council tax not discounted.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 09/006 - Weymouth &amp; Portland Transition Towns - Single Transferable Vote</b></p> <p>The partnership tending towards broad support of this proposal, 6 in broad support, 3 against and 2 would like more information.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 09/007 - Individual - Empty Homes Council Tax</b></p> <p>The partnership did not support this, but felt it does need addressing.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 09/014 - North Dorset District Council - Local Authority Business Growth Incentives and Business Rate Relief</b></p> <p>Broad measure of support from the Partnership, it needs to be recognised that there is a difference between rural and economic areas.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 09/015 - North Dorset District Council - Rural Precept</b></p> <p>The Partnership is broadly in support of this proposal it just has some concerns. This proposal has been supported by county council.</p> <p><b>Proposal no: 0/016 - St Andrew's Road and Residents Association - SATNAV</b></p> <p>Broadly in support of this proposal awaiting Ordnance Survey information.</p> <p>Bob Brannigan thanked Stuart for his presentation.</p>	
7. Questions on Projects	Bob Brannigan presented a draft proposal for managing and monitoring DT11 project development. Each project will be entered on the current project register and given a colour rating:	

	<p>Red - Project is in conceptual stage. No applications for funding. No Business Plan. No Strategy. No project plan.</p> <p>Yellow - Some work towards project. Working Group in place. Draft Business Plan. Funding sources identified. Written strategy.</p> <p>Green - Business Plan Accepted. Funding Secured. Work commenced.</p> <p>Projects will fall under the headings of Community or Economic or Environment.</p>	<p>Bob Brannigan to forward copies of the presentation for dissemination.</p>
Stourpaine Bridge	<p>DT11, Dorset County Council and the Dorset Trailway Group are now at the second stage of their application for Grant Aid from the Liveability fund. The application is for £198,000 for the building of the bridge over the River Stour at Stourpaine. Dorset County Council has also agreed to give £90,000 towards the project in principle. An update will be given at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Scott Norman</p>
Stour Meadows	<p>A public consultation was held in May. Very few supported the complete perimeter path. This plan has now been dropped.</p> <p>There was support for the idea of a path alongside the river between the Blue and Black bridges. Funding for this has been applied for from Liveability.</p>	
8. Green Day Update	<p>The Big Green Day is being held Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at Stour Meadows, Blandford St Mary (10.00am - 6.00pm). The Big Green Day is a chance to celebrate the wonderful local environment in our part of Dorset and find out about practical ways we can live in a more sustainable and eco-friendly way.</p>	
9. Chairman's Report/Next steps for DT11 Partnership	<p>Bob Brannigan asked at the meeting if partners could step up to do more work for the DT11 Partnership. Bob would like to fill 4 posts, position 1 is for a Communication Officer, this person would need to deliver the</p>	

	<p>communication strategy, oversee the website and the production of a newsletter. The other 3 posts are for co-ordinators for the Community, Environment and Economy, these represent the pillars of the DT11 Forum Action Plan. Volunteers expenses can be reimbursed.</p> <p>Bob asked if there were any objections to his proposals, no objections were stated at the meeting.</p>	
10. DT11 Forum Ltd	<p>The company will act as the legal entity for the Partnership and the new directors have been appointed. The company currently has 3 Directors, Bob Brannigan, Peter Slocombe and Scott Norman. Scott stated that the company needs up to 5 more directors with a specific skills base that includes Project Management, Marketing and Promotion and Finance. If anyone is interested in these positions please contact the DT11 Forum Partnership office on 01258 489998.</p> <p>David Lang at Blanchard's has offered to run a course on the responsibilities of company directors.</p>	
11. Any other business/Questions from Floor	<p>Peter Slocombe asked about BLCAG -Jo Rose replied BLCAG was still working on the Leisure Centre, but time is very short, at the moment the pool would still close on the 31st March 2010.</p> <p>Nicci Brown - Asked about the progress of Angus Wood. Jo Rose confirmed she has been contacted by The Woodland Trust.</p> <p>Malcolm Russell confirmed that Angus Wood is a potential financial liability and was not supported by Blandford Town Council.</p>	
12. Date of next meeting	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2009 at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall	