

DT11 Forum AGM minutes

Date: 27th April 2010

Venue: Durweston Village Hall

1. Apologies: Simon Evans, Joe Hickish, Graham Case, Angela Schofield, John Goode, Damian Holden, Mark Williams, Barrie Cooper, Sue Bennett, Nessa Hickish, Peter Webb, Caroline Jones, Doc Addison, Sylvia Hixson-Andrews, Pam Eaton, Pat Osborne.

Attending: Scott Norman, Peter Slocombe, Dianne Cooper, Steve Adamson, Hilary Ritchie, Hugh de longh, Georgina Morgan, Mike Wills, Clive Struver, Jane Struver, Nigel Thompson, Mike Jones, Sue Atkinson, Julie Wigg, Keith Yarwood, Bob Brannigan, Rob Leenderts, Graham Rain, Jo Rose, Carrie Lewis, Giles Nicholson, J D Astin.

Resignation:

Guests:

In Attendance: Jo Rose, Pauline Figg, Hannah Solloway

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 th April 2009 at Cedar Hall, Charlton Marshall	Minutes proposed by Bob Brannigan and Keith Yarwood.	
3. Matters arising, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda	None	
4. Acting Chairman's Annual Report	A copy of the Acting Chairman's Annual Report was distributed to all partners prior to the meeting. Scott Norman spoke briefly about his report. He highlighted the point that the DT11 Community Partnership should work closer with Blandford town council in the future.	

	A DVD was shown detailing the winning of the Best Community Partnership Award by North Dorset District Council.	
5. Financial Statement	Bank balance as at 31/03/10 is £15,078.89. Peter Slocombe explained the notes to the accounts in detail. The yearend accounts were accepted by all present.	
6. Questions	None	
7. Election of officers	Scott Norman - Nominated as Chairman. Duly elected (No abstentions) Dianne Cooper - Nominated as Vice Chair. Duly elected (No abstentions) Peter Slocombe - Nominated as Treasurer. Duly elected (No abstentions)	
8. Priorities 2010-11	<p>a) Arts/Community Centre: The current Milldown middle school is due to be knocked down within the next two years. The plan is to save part of the school from being knocked down and use it as an Arts/Community Centre. Barrie Cooper had a meeting with Dorset County this last week. Still in discussions with this.</p> <p>The Fording Point produced by Jon Ivay was discussed briefly by Keith Yarwood. It details a unique new space in the heart of Blandford Forum incorporating a cinema, theatre, music, gallery, meeting place, comedy and also including a new library for the town. Jon Ivay will be moving into the area and would like to take this project forward. This will be discussed fully at the next meeting. If anyone would like a copy of this report please contact Hannah or Pauline at the DT11 office.</p> <p>b) Trailway/Environment Centre: Infact school at Milldown. Scott in contact with Dorset County Council and with Sowing seeds. Jo Rose stated Sowing seeds is the last major opportunity to receive funding for this type of project. Sowing Seeds brings together hearts and minds projects. The Trailway links not only the parishes here but reaches up to</p>	

Sturminster Newton. A project of this scale would be seen favourably by Sowing Seeds. Jo hopes everyone in the DT11 area will come behind this project. A community development trust will be needed for the asset transfer and this is a major thing. This is a massive opportunity on our doorstep. Both buildings at Milldown are held by the same authority at the moment. Sowing Seeds needs some big projects. Please support DT11 through this. In the future months we are going to need that support to convince the council that this is a brilliant project.

Sturquest are now sending a representative to Trailway meetings.

c) Community Resource Centre: Scott has had conversations with Jo and Dianne regarding this, continuously looking for new properties to house this centre. Age UK have been given notice at their current offices. The Lease for DT11 Community Partnership runs out next January. Leases do change hands quickly so we need to work quickly on this.

d) Broadband: A Cable and Wireless representative Rob Leenderts attended our meeting. He has agreed to support and help this project. Dorset is a black hole as far as BT is concerned.

Steve Adamson is going to project manage this project along with the help of Keith Yarwood. Scott has given Steve 3 months to come back with a report to the Partnership. Hilary Ritchie and Hugh De longh have offered their support on this project. Steve asked at the meeting for more volunteers to join this small working group.

e) Green Week: Carrie Lewis - Running a green week 4th to the 10th of July. This will entail a far wider range of activities. Also having a green fair at the Corn Exchange on Friday 9th July. If you would like a space at this event please let us know as soon as possible as places are booking up

	<p>quickly. It would be great to have one thing happening in every parish in the area.</p> <p>f) The Trailway: Graham Rains is working alongside Dorset County Council to get the next leg of the Trailway under way.</p> <p>Giles Nicholson - Working for many years as a ranger. The Trailway links towns together. Sturminster to Shillingstone all linked up now, money to fund this element of the Trailway has come from DCC and Liveability. Another Liveability contribution of £150,000 and equal contribution from the county council for the next leg of the Trailway. By the end of the summer the bridge will be built to provide a viable route from Stourpaine to Sturminster. 74,000 clicks on the electronic counter placed on The Trailway shows how many people are using The Trailway, it really is all things to all people. It is linking up the larger communities. Looking at having a link from Poole to Bristol. Bath to Bristol already done. Get a coast to coast cycle route. All very positive, community partnerships have been a great support.</p> <p>g) Volunteer Centre: Has been around in Dorset since 1981. The Volunteer centre gained the reputation of high standards of practice in six core functions. The role of outreach workers encompasses all of these things. Different approaches required for each town. 110 volunteers commit to roles each year. Getting the right volunteer for the right role is very important. The Volunteer Centre provides free CRB checks and training and provides a lot of information on good practice. It is promoted through many areas. Anyone can go into the library and fill in a booklet. Events and talks are held throughout the year. The Volunteer Centre works with other organisations for example connexions and the job centre. They run a garden help scheme.</p>	
9. Thanks and close	Scott summed up a few things. We will go through a very tough period	

	over the next few years where grants will not be readily available. DT11 will help as much as we can. Pauline and Hannah will be happy to help. The DT11 Partnership needs a robust business plan to apply for funding. It is very important we get people involved. Apology to Hugh De longh for spelling mistake in the Acting Chairman's report. Scott thanked Jo for all her help.	
10. Date of next meeting	16 June 2010 at Milborne St Andrew village hall starting at 7pm.	