

DT11 Forum Community Partnership minutes

Date: 10 August 2011

Venue: Winterborne Kingston Village Hall

1. **Apologies:** Helen Reed(Nordcat), Dave Astin(Milldowners and Durweston parish council), Peter Slocombe(treasurer), Carrie Lewis(Child Okeford parish council), Sylvia Hixson Andrews, Cllr Joseph Hickish(NDDC), Hilary Richie(NDDC), Mark Williams (Treads)

Attending: Scott Norman (Chair), Mike Jones (Iwerne Minster parish council), Keith Yarwood (Stourpaine), Graham Rains (Shillingstone), Keith Tempny (Spetisbury PC), Jennifer Harrisson(Milton Abbas PC/MATCH), Malcom Albery(Chair BSM Parish Council), Jane Gregory(Bryanston PC), Hugh de longh (NDDC), Steve Adamson (CPEND Broadband Project), Nicci Brown(Western Gazette), John Stayt(BFTC). Jackie Stayt(BFTC), Jo Rose(CPEND), Dianne Cooper(Vice Chair/Volunteer Centre)

In Attendance: Sarah Wilkinson, Julie Wigg (DT11 Community Resource Workers)

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2011, Cedar Hall Charlton Marshall	Minutes agreed. No discussion points.	

3.Matters arising	None.	
4. Treasurers Report	<p>Peter Slocombe (DT11 Treasurer) presented the figures for 1 April to 18 July 2011. The current account balance is £8398.75, and there is £129.12 in petty cash, giving a total of £8527.87. Sarah explained that the accounts were agreed to 18 July when she took over. There has been very little accounting since then however please note that £5925.83 had now come into the bank account from Wiltshire Council to cover Broadband expenses. This money has not yet been added to the DT11 accounts.</p>	
5. Chair's Report	Scott Norman presented his report.	
6. Update and questions on projects	<p>Three Choughs (Community Resource Centre)</p> <p>We now can confirm that the lease has been signed. Jo Rose is currently looking for funding with expected success within 2 months. Awaiting dates from Hall & Woodhouse (H&W) to confirm the next meeting. All DT11 partners will receive an invitation along with prospective facility users.</p> <p>H & W are in on-going negotiations with the planners. Rona has now left with Abbie taking up the helm in a temporary position. DT11 has confirmed all existing agreements with them to avoid any further delays. Peter Solocombe has volunteered to head up the working party however we are still looking for volunteers to support him.</p>	

Fording Point

Keith Yarwood told us that the Williams and Williams Trust has suggested some land to accommodate a 150/200 seat performance space, cinema art gallery and coffee shop. There are impressive planning pictures of future impressions which were unfortunately too big to bring to the meeting. These pictures and more information will be available for public view on the Sat 17 September at the Parish Rooms in Blandford between 10-1.30. The Fording Point project needs to form a working party to take this project forward. The total budget is estimated at just under £1million pounds which both Keith and Jon Ivay hope to look towards some private funding as well as the usual funding sources. Jon works within the entertainment industry and has some good contacts that may be interested in supporting this project. Keith also mentioned that Blandford Town Council showed positive interest in this project as it will also benefit a larger catchment area than just the town centre. Keith stated that the Corn Exchange may not convert to a good performance area but would be ideal to work alongside the Fording Point. Scott then said that he'd spoken to Esme and there may be a general shift in town council thinking away from the Corn Exchange to this new project. Hugh de longh suggested we did a survey in the community for halls to which Jo Rose replied that the information had already been gathered in the DT11 office. Jo said that is would be a positive project for the community. We are looking to hold some of the

	<p>drawings in the DT11 office as well as arranging a display in Blandford library. Anyone in the DT11 area should be encouraged to join in with this project.</p>	
	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Scott and Steve then talked about the on-going success of the Broadband project. CPEND/DT11 are way ahead of other community groups in Dorset and are respected within this area. They have recently travelled to Lancaster and London gathering information and advice from other groups. The overall question is based on cost which is a difficult one to answer as there are so many different variables to consider ie, type wireless, fibre optic and of course individual requirements ie, distance from box etc.</p> <p>CPEND recently had an interesting meeting with Broadway Partners looking at a different ways of funding this project with private investment. Steve asked them whether a 70 million investment was possible to which they replied yes. Steve also met with David Howell from Eriksson to talk about a new way of funding Broadband via a private sector funding. 7 Billion euros will be made available by European Investment Bank to be used by Oct 2020 which indicates the seriousness of the project.</p>	

Unfortunately Dorset County were unsuccessful in bidding for BDUK money. One of the reasons stated was, that they hadn't embraced community groups within their bids.

The Broadband team are committed to bringing all local groups together helping each other to work more efficiently. Hilary has been to a meeting today about the Broadband. Even with local government offers of funding estimated to be 10million and BDUKs match funding of the same amount and with an estimated (130million) cost, we have to have a firm business plan in mind.

Both Steve and Scott acknowledged all the hard work and support that Hilary Ritchie and NDDC has shown the project.

Jane Gregory (Bryanston PC) asked whether anybody had done any surveys for small business run from home within the North Dorset area. Scott replied that we had had a good response rate from the survey for North Dorset which had been better than the survey that DCC had done for the whole of Dorset. It was stated that Bournemouth has a speed rate of 100 whilst North Dorset has a speed rate of 2. Broadband is critical not only for economic growth but for future education and health needs. The NHS is looking to use Broadband for uses within surgeries.

Graham Rain (Dorset Training Group) said that he'd found sometimes the speed rate can be altered with the supplier making technical changes. Steve mentioned that it's still not up to what

will be needed for future use. BDUK are thinking in terms of a speed up to minimum 24. BT offer a service to check lines which sometimes incurs a cost but it's only a temporary solution. Broadband services will be updated by BT to Wimborne/Blandford by 2012 however, this sometimes will create its own problems with other major companies not bothering to look at rural areas as they think its been covered by BT.

Trailway

There has been discussion re the Milldown Infant School allowing the Trailway project to have an acre of that site for an educational centre. We also have to take into consideration space for a car park as there are problems with lack of parking facilities at other sites. The Trailway has been a victim of its own success with reference to parking. We are trying to find a solution. Graham (Dorset Trading Group) comments that the sign at Gaines Cross direct people to parking. However, Haywood Bridge is presently dangerous with people parking of road. He's not sure who owns the land. This has been a 5 year problem. DT11 has written to Angus Campbell (DCC) with copies to Richard Walker/Giles/Graham Stanery asking for any information regarding this problem with a view to solving it. Graham also stated surface problems at Gaines Cross which is also a safety concern. A meeting has recently been held with Two Tunnels to exchange information re connecting the ends.

Keith says that the area from Milldown to Blandford is not a pathway as yet and needs to be followed up. He suggests that the working party needs to keep the pressure on to continue the Trailway through to East Dorset. They will need to negotiate with 5 landowners to complete the section. Steve Adamson warned to proceed with caution with the meadows section as people have previously held strong views on the Meadows. Graham suggested an alternative route via the Tesco roundabout. Scott mentioned a project he'd known about using a bridge however the cost was considerable.

Greenweek

We don't have a report or anyone from the Green Group. DT11 wants to acknowledge and thank Carrie Lewis for all her hard work supporting the Green group and has now resigned from chair. They do not as yet have a new elected chair. Sarah (DT11) said that the Green Fair held at the Corn Exchange was a great success. The Green group said that they will concentrate on the Greenfair next year rather than all the events.

Meadows

Dianne and Scott attended the recent meeting regarding the

	<p>Meadows. There are problems developing this site as it's a flood area. They are looking to set up a working party of volunteers to work alongside the rangers. A large number of people are interested in helping so the project commence quickly. DT11 has offered assistance if required. Graham mentioned that they need to take care with the otters that are in the Blue bridge area. Also there are problems with people drinking in the area, however Dianne has suggested asking these people to become involved with the project giving them a pride in the area.</p>	
<p>7. Any other business/Questions from the floor</p>	<p>Mike Jones (Iwerne Minster PC) asked if we could invite Debra Crooney from NDDC to give us a presentation on waster services. He wants more information on the service changes.</p> <p>Jo Rose gave a Sowing Seeds update saying that she has good news that 1.9 million is now available for economic projects within the North Dorset area. DEFRA acknowledges the excellent projects that we have in the DT11 area. Previous projects that have been held up can now be completed, plus new projects can be applied for. All spending must be completed within an 18 month timescale. Some will require match funding but they are looking for projects that bring economic growth into the area. Please contact Jo Rose at</p>	

	<p>Jo Rose Partnerships Development Worker North Dorset Regeneration Unit 27 The Wincombe Centre Wincombe Business Park Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 9QJ 01747 850627</p> <p>07919167914</p> <p>She will be happy to help with any introductions to Sarah Dyke at Sowing Seeds.</p>	Scott Norman
8. Date of next meeting	Tuesday 4 October 2011 Durweston Village Hall	