

DT11 Forum minutes

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Venue: The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

1. **Apologies:** Peter Slocombe, Malcolm Russell, Hilary Ritchie, Bob Kempson, Doc Addison, Jennie Rake, Andrew Pemberton, Chris Tomlinson, Nessa Hickish, Deacon Michael Hughes, Simon Everett, Peter Webb, Steven Richardson.

**Attending:** Bob Brannigan, Scott Norman, Steve Adamson, Keith Yarwood, Dave Astin, Carrie Lewis, Joseph Hickish, Nigel Thompson, Pat Osborne, Jacque Bolson, Philip Clive, Mike Jones, Angela Schofield, Barrie Cooper.

**Resignation:**

**Guests:**

**In Attendance:** Jo Rose CDW, Pauline Figg Admin

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2009, Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall	Accuracy of minutes agreed with all partners and signed as an accurate copy of minutes. Proposed by Steve Adamson and Scott Norman.	
3. Matters arising, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda	None	
4. Treasurers Report	Balance at bank as at 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2009 is £4,061.27. This balance represents the operating budget for DT11 Forum Community Partnership and not project funding. Peter Slocombe has investigated business rates and we have been	

	<p>granted small business rate relief from 01.01.2008 - 01.04.2010. An amount of £933.33 has been credited to our account from North Dorset District Council which represents the rate relief.</p> <p>Signatories have now been changed on the DT11 Forum Community Partnership account.</p> <p>Jacque Bolson asked to see a comparison of figures between periods and years.</p> <p>Accounts proposed by Jacque Bolson and Joseph Hickish.</p>	<p>Peter Slocombe Pauline Figg</p>
5. Funding allocations for CPEND/DSP Projects	<p>Jo Rose - There is approximately £14,000 still remaining in the CPEND/DSP Small grants Scheme. This grant is available to registered charities and constituted voluntary community organisations, parish and town councils. The maximum amount of grant available to any one project will be £5,000.</p>	
6. Questions on projects	<p>Steve Adamson - Sowing Seeds is open for projects with a long term economic impact. Innovative ideas and creating jobs would be very welcome. There is £2.5 million left in the pot.</p> <p>Dave Astin - Talked about the Milldowners who are trying to save the Milldown from being knocked down and used for housing. The Milldown is owned jointly by the church and the county council. A question over the future use and exact title was raised. Barrie Cooper volunteered to find the information by 23<sup>rd</sup> October.</p> <p>Jo Rose spoke briefly about the Esmee Fairbairn foundation who grants £25 million annually towards a wide range of work. Their primary interests are in the UK's cultural life, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to</p>	<p>Barrie Cooper</p>

	<p>participate more fully in society. Jo has agreed to research this grant to see if it can be used to fund The Milldown project.</p> <p>Art Centre - The steering group has not been formed yet. Keith Yarwood feels the next step is to appoint an arts manager who could take this project forward. Carrie Lewis agreed to speak to Mary Tambini about this.</p> <p>Once the steering group and art manager are in place, looking for sites will be the next step. The 1<sup>st</sup> school in Blandford may be made redundant, that could be an option, Barrie Cooper to investigate.</p> <p>Jo Rose to speak to John Ivay regarding the Art Centre.</p>	<p>Jo Rose</p> <p>Carrie Lewis</p> <p>Barrie Cooper</p> <p>Jo Rose</p>
7. Environment Update	<p>Carrie Lewis reported not a lot happened over the past few months. Currently looking for volunteers. Steve Adamson to send volunteers representing the Rotary club to the next environment meeting.</p> <p>Steve Richardson will give his first presentation about Transition Towns and climate change at the next DT11 meeting in December.</p>	Carrie Lewis
8. Chairman's Report/Next steps for DT11 Partnership	<p>Bob Brannigan spoke briefly about combining the company and the functions of the office into one and use the term Trustee instead of Director. The whole idea is to simplify the structure so that there is one tier (see paper circulated with agenda). This was approved unanimously.</p> <p>DT11 Meetings - It was suggested to hold 4 meetings a year instead of 6. The AGM and the others themed meetings. The general consensus was to keep it as it is with bimonthly meetings. Pauline Figg to go ahead and book hall venues for next year.</p>	Pauline Figg
9. DT11 Forum Ltd	David Lang ran a seminar for directors on the 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 4 -6pm at Nordon which was very successful.	

<p>10. Any other business/Questions from the floor</p>	<p>Future funding for the partnerships are at the moment in the North Dorset District Council medium term financial plan until the end of March 2012. Joseph Hickish confirmed that the council has a clear commitment to the partnerships.</p> <p>POPP having an event in the Corn Exchange this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009, "Full of life".</p> <p>Blandford over 50's lunch 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at the British Legion.</p> <p>Nicci Brown attended a Civic Society meeting in which it was proposed that a diary detailing all the events for the future months be put together and kept updated. Steve Adamson confirmed that the Tourist Information Centre is planning on putting one together.</p> <p>North Dorset has been chosen as one of two in the country as a pilot area looking at Green Mapping. Jo Rose confirmed we are supporting this not running it. A workshop will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7pm at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton.</p> <p>Vivienne Tomlin our new admin volunteer will be starting next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Jo Rose spoke about our new communications consultant Isobel Norwell. A workshop will be held early November between 4 - 6 in the afternoon regarding the communications strategy, Jo would also like up to a dozen members to attend so if you are interested please contact Jo Rose or Pauline Figg.</p> <p>Jo Rose is very grateful to all our volunteers for their help. Jo on behalf of the DT11 Forum would especially like to thank Malcolm Russell for all his IT work which was much appreciated.</p>	<p>Jo Rose</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Shroton Village Hall</p>	