



Meeting : Congleton Partnership Executive.

Date : Tuesday 5th June 2018 **Time:** 5.30pm.

Location: Bridestones Congleton Town Hall.

In attendance:

Executive Members:- M.Smith, D.Murphy, P.Aston, G.Williams, J.MacArthur, P.Pinto , R.Edwards, J.Crowther, D.Jones, M.Gleave ,S.Foster (Chair),P.Bates, M.Gartside, D.Topping, J.Stewart, G.Baxendale & S.Munro.

In attendance: Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome, Introduction & Apologies:</u></p> <p>The meeting was chaired by S.Foster.</p> <p>Steve welcomed Susan Munro to her first Partnership Executive Meeting in her role as Chair of the Dementia Friendly Congleton Group.</p>	<p>Apologies were received from :</p> <p>P.Houldsworth,J.Beardmore A.Morrison, J.Money V.Cutcliffe.S.Akers Smith D.McGifford.</p>
2.	<p><u>Minutes From Previous meeting / actions arising.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the chair.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising:-</i></p> <p>There were no matters arising, all action points from the last meeting had been carried out.</p>	

3.	<p><u>Town Centre Report – J.MacArthur.</u></p> <p>1. Town Centre: You may have noticed the Town Council has had a little disagreement with Cheshire East over vacancy rates – with Cheshire East Council saying we are 19% empty and the Town Council saying around 10%. The dispute is over what is classed as marketable properties – CTC doesn't count the ones in the bottom of the Bridestones centre, inside Capital Walk, or space above shops. In the town centre over the past few weeks we have seen a new café, a new pet shops, a new ladies clothes shop and a new nail bar and salon. Another food premises is due to open soon in Mill Street and Rumba is close to opening in Swan Bank. A new clothing shop should also be opening in Swan Bank. The empty property on the outside of Capital Walk is also let. Footfall has been on the increase over the past few weeks – see separate report from Springboard. As part of the Big Data Small User we will keep the footfall and reports until at least December – and there is a chance it could continue. This data is sent to the Town Council and we can chose who to share it with. There was a suggestion that it should be shared with estate agents (action Jackie)</p> <p>2. Public Realm - the contract with Pronin is complete – apart from any outstanding snagging business. The Town Council has asked for quotes for two new lamp post heads in Victoria Street. We have yet to have the meeting with Cheshire East Assets about responsibilities going forward – so for now everything is still a Cheshire East Asset. The Town Council will be planting up the big tubs with summer bedding and doing a deep clean.</p> <p>3. Makers Market - We have held the first two Makers Markets- both a great success. The stall holders thought Congleton was the most positive first market day that they had ever experienced. Probably thanks to the Food and Drink festival making Congleton really receptive to events! On both days the footfall increased by over 4,000. The feedback from shops has been largely positive – some had better days, some didn't really see any uplift in their sales, but felt that the town benefited from being busier. Each time there have been some issues to improve on – the team behind the makers market are receptive to working with local people and keen on feedback.</p> <p>4. Easter Treats –Easter Egg hunt was not as successful as in 2017 - we think this may have been due to Easter falling on the first weekend of the Easter holidays – whereas in 2017 it was at the end of the holidays – in 2019 Easter is late. When Easter is early it may be better to do Spring Hops around the</p>	
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	<p>Shops!</p> <p>5. Calendar of Events 2018 – this leaflet has been out for a few weeks and has been distributed to neighbouring towns. You can see a copy on the link here www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/discover-congleton/town-attractions We are also featuring events on the Cheshire Life where to go online site http://www.cheshirelife.co.uk/out-about/events/congleton-summer-1-5537896</p> <p>6. Congleton in Bloom – Lots of In Bloom work is underway – the North West in Bloom judging day will be on the 24th July and the Britain in Bloom judging on the 2nd August. There is another clean up around the park this weekend from 10 – 12. Still lots to do and all help gratefully received!</p> <p>7. Neighbourhood Plan – nearing Regulation 15 – spent most of today on it - the Basic Conditions Study has been complete, most of the changes added so tomorrow I hope to send it back out to the team to double check and then it can go to Cheshire East.</p> <p>8. Carnival – takes place on the 7th July. A full day of activities with the parade starting at 11am and activities in the park continuing until 8pm. The carnival brochure should be out early next week.</p> <p>9. Bear Necessities The next edition will be distributed from the 24th June– copy needed by next Tuesday 13th June– it will be a six page edition this time and covers July, August and September.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Community Projects – J.Money</u></p> <p>Food & Drink Festival next Sunday 10th June, bigger than ever, should be a great day.</p> <p>Jo could still do with some volunteer support on the day please contact her direct to offer your support.</p>	

5.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Youth Forum – GWilliams</i></p> <p>We are now at the delivery stage of the PB grant award project. 3 of the 7 elements have been delivered, with a 4th (40 things to do in Congleton) booklet being completed by J.Money once Food & Drink Fest is out of the way.</p> <p>Good feedback on some of the sessions.</p> <p><i>CSG – P.Aston.</i></p> <p>New cycle map- has been produced in partnership with Cycling Group, Sustrans and Local Authorities (Congleton / Staffs) to support the route along Biddulph Valley Way from Congleton to SOT.</p> <p>Hydro Scheme – CEBC Planning Dept have raised several issues around the planning application. CSG have temporary withdrawn the application for further surveys to be carried out.</p> <p>Fracking – New planning conditions being brought in to side step local government and allow easier granting of permission nationally. CSG to meet with F.Bruce MP to raise our concerns.</p> <p>Old Saw Mill – Experienced a real surge in trade following the Royal Visit / PR created, this has now flattened out to pre visit turnover. Apple juice and Cider going well, good sales from Makers Market and Rode Hall events, looking for good day at F&D festival.</p> <p>Connected Communities Centre – Early days, difficult in reaching socially isolate residents.</p> <p>Plastics – CSG are trying to get a view together on what can be done to tackle the issue. CEB new document has been circulated and in planned to go to all homes in the near future.</p> <p>PP commented that schools should pick this up through their Marine Project https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/topics/marine/</p>	<p>J.Money complete 40 things booklet</p> <p>PA/BF to meet with FB</p>
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Bob Edwards commented on behalf of The Town Council that they would wish to be involved in anything that CSG / OSM does.

Bob to let PA have contact detail for CSG to visit the new ANSA recycling plant.

Creative Congleton – P Lea

No report as yet. If anything arrives MS will circulate.

Senior Forum S Akers Smith / MS

Health & Wellbeing Fayre joint project with Mid Cheshire Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust is being held in The Town Hall on Tuesday 2nd October. The event will run from 10.30am to 1.00pm, it will have around 40 exhibitors with a mix of clinical and community organisations. More information as the project develops.

Dementia Group – S Munro

Currently working on 2 strands.

- (a) Creating awareness of dementia across both the general public and business. We have run close on 30 sessions with 319 new Dementia Friends gained. More sessions general and business planned.
- (b) Activity Programme. A range of activities planned / run with a varying degree of success. Social Media and a 2 monthly activity programme produced and circulate to support the programme.

Time now to reassess our plans, we have 2 grants coming to the group £500 from Redrow with at least £1000 from the Tesco Bags for Help scheme.

MS to approach F. Reynolds CEBC for Congleton Data so that we can more accurately target our activities.

We are also involved in the DemCom study which as well as giving us a voice should also help us direct our

Bob Edwards let PA have ANSA contact details.

MS contact F.Reynolds

	<p>efforts more successfully in the longer term</p> <p>Projects & Finance – SF/MS</p> <p>MS circulated a copy of the latest project report prior to the meeting. Most of the projects well covered in the group reports.</p> <p>PR being arranged to support the completed Mountbatten Way Tree/ Greening Project. MS to action</p>	<p>MS M'way PR / Plaques.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Cenotaph Funding.</u></p> <p>Currently we have around £25k committed / promised towards the refurbishment fund. Waiting for the next full Town Council where they will be discussing their financial support for the project. Once we know what we initially have we will know if the project is a goer and fundraising will begin in earnest.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Bradshaw House.</u></p> <p>D.Topping took us through a statement from the trustees of Congleton Museum document. This explained the reasons given by Cheshire East in rejecting the museums bid for Bradshaw House and their challenges against this decision, the benefits they could offer by moving there, and a call to arms from Congleton residents to support this plan. F.Bruce MP is very supportive and has written to Cheshire East asking them to reconsider their decision.</p> <p>MS to circulate a copy of this document with the minutes. A version of the document will appear in The Chronicle</p> <p>Bob Edwards indicated that the Town Council were strongly supportive of this project and asked for some extra time to work on this.</p> <p>The Partnership fully supported both the Town Council and The Museum in pursuing this project and keeping Bradshaw House as a jewel in Congleton's crown.</p>	<p>MS circulate document.</p>

	<p><u>Mountview.</u></p> <p>MS read out an email from Dan Coyne where he summarised what work had gone on to mitigate the closure of Mountview. He has been discussing the issues with The Town Council, Plus Dane and New Life Church. Working on a business case to put to Cheshire East senior managers by the end of June. He will raise the issue at the next Congleton Neighbourhood Group meeting and the Dementia Friendly Congleton group.</p> <p>M.Gleave added comments that there were 23 people who had been involved in the consultation, that 2 strong options had come to the forefront, a Venue and Service Provider working jointly.</p> <p>The consultation also showed a desire for the venue to be in Congleton and to be reasonably consistent (ie not a different one every day).</p> <p>PB added that Mountview would not be closed until places had been found for all of the clients.</p> <p><u>Heritage Trail / Heritage Fortnight.</u></p> <p>8th to 23rd September.</p> <p>This included 2 x Heritage Open Weekends, 40+ events (talks, open days, activities) the lead for this event is Nino Mancini.</p> <p>They are working on putting together a Heritage Tour using QR codes on pavements outside of our more interesting and historic buildings. This should all be in place for the In Bloom Judging as heritage is an important aspect of in bloom too.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AOB.</u></p> <p><i>St Peters Church Bells.</i></p> <p>Denis advised the meeting that St Peters Church is going through quite a large regeneration and that this will mean that the bells will be silent for around 12 months. His concern is that once they start up again we will receive complaints from residents close by.</p>	

	<p>The meeting ended at 7.18pm</p> <p>Next Meeting is:- AGM / Executive Meeting ,Tuesday 11th September 2018 , Bridestones Suite , 5.30pm.</p> <p>Signed:- Chair.</p>	