

Meeting : Projects & Finance Committee.

Date : 11.3.19

Time: 9.30am

Location: Congleton Town Hall, Spencer Suite

In attendance: S.Foster (Chair) M.Smith ,J.MacArthur, , J.Money , D.McGifford & S.Akers Smith

Guest

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1.	Welcome and Introduction. Meeting chaired by S.Foster.	Apologies:- Bob Edwards,G.Williams P.Aston.
2.	<u>Matter Arising from the last meeting (14.1.19)</u> Accepted as a true record of the meeting. The action points will be picked up as we work through the projects.	.
3.	<u>Project updates</u> <i>Dementia Friendly Town.</i> New target for Dementia Friends set at 1000, currently at 576 (61 gained last week at Smallwood Primary School) .26 organisations / businesses involved. We have 14 businesses that we are currently working with to improve their physical environment. A new Dementia Friendly leaflet is due to be issued in the next few weeks. Next Dementia Group meeting is 12 th March, a Dementia Friends network meeting is being held in the Town hall on Wed 13 th March. <i>Destination Maps.</i> JMac reported that the maps and pads had been updated (EPH – Post Office – etc) and are	

ready to issue.

Jackie contacted both Northern Rail and Transport Solutions re large maps at the Railway Station and main bus shelters. Manager sorting out a frame at Congleton Station, the map is now available to site.

New quote being obtained from Sue Benson, Transport Solutions regarding the maps for the bus station shelters.

JM/JMac/GW review site for the town centre map, agreed on the old telephone box site, this now needs signing off with Cheshire East. J.Mac to action.

Jackie to get 3 quotes for display boards including one from Nature Signs.

Heritage Trail Project.

Nothing new to report. Agreed we would support the 2020 Heritage & Antique Fortnight.

Keep the project on the agenda MS/SF to meet with Ian Doughty (Museum) to discuss any plans for this the Museum may have.

Youth Forum - PB Project.

Project on Mental Health and Substance Misuse is now coming to its conclusion. Quite a bit of sustainability around what has been delivered, with ongoing opportunity to keep delivering.

P.Bates to look at what external support there is to help us. No feedback from Paul Bates as yet.

Eaton Bank Academy happy to support both Congleton High School and other schools within Cheshire East with what they are successfully delivering with their students.

J.Money to have the new "60 things to do" leaflet ready by the mid March (5000copies) so that it can be issued before the Easter break.

J.Mac new quote from Transport Solutions.

J.Mac check with Cheshire East.

J.Mac to get 3 quotes.

MS / SF meet with Ian Doughty.

P.Bates to feedback information.

JM 60 things leaflet.

EBA should have their new students contact card available, check at the next youth forum meeting 26th Match.

Congleton Sports Trust.

Work ongoing with Football Foundation and Cheshire FA. New 3G being planned for EBA subject to funding, Vale Juniors leading on this. Total project cost c£750K . FF have provided £600K, balance is being sort. New Homes Bonus will provide some of this. This application is now with planning.

Sports Trust met with CEBC re shortage of pitches across the board and our growing population issue. CEBC have no provision for growth currently, Town Council will need to put some push behind this. A complete “Sports Centre” for Congleton is the aspiration.

Cycling TOB Legacy. (no new report at this meeting)

The project is a collection of individual projects that can be delivered separately.

GW to write to PA (Chair of CSG) re Cheshire East’s stance/ support of Congleton’s long term cycle plans.(AS per last meeting, no report back received as yet).

SAS still waiting for an appointment with Jesse Norman and Cllr Wardlaw to discuss Congleton’s scheme.

SAS to write to developers and our CEBC Ward members for a commitment to support cycling in the new build plans and linkage to the new link road.

Possible questionnaire during Food & Drink Festival where The Cycling campaign will have a pitch.

Walking Map Project.

5 Towns Partnership Project similar to the cycling map project link the 5 old Congleton Borough Towns by a safe and interesting walking route. Sub group of ramblers and partnership chairs. Good progress being made with a route agreed and draft map produced. Next step is signage and any legal elements that arise. Sounds positive around funding support from new homes bonus.

GW still to contact PA

SAS write to developers /ward members.

Health and Wellbeing Fayre 1.10.19

Sub group being put together, plan to meet around Easter. Jackie has received requests from some interested parties wanting to be involved. Jackie to get them to register their interest so that they can be invited once work begins on the project. All new exhibitors are welcome, we need to offer a broad as base of providers/exhibitors as possible. First subgroup meeting 8th April.

Connected Communities Centres.

The Partnership is currently working with CEBC Connected Communities Team to set up 4 CC Centres in Congleton.

These are The Old Saw Mill, Ruby's Fund, Parnell Sq Hub and Bromley Farm Community Centre.

3 of the 4 are now up and running, with some activities now running in them all. M.Gleave is still driving the social isolation project, broadening his consultation base for better understanding of the issue.

Play Area/ Play Day Event.

MS updated the group on planned play area improvements for West Rd, Quinta and Townsend Rd.

Quinta is now completed with 9 new pieces of adult gym equipment, West Rd is currently being worked on which includes renewal of some equipment, painting, removal of the old fence, extending onto the grass area, siting 2 x picnic benches and new perimeter fencing.

J.Money looking to organise a play day in the town centre Tuesday 6th August, volunteers will be made welcome. M.Gleave to assist as last year.

Should look to launch a new Play Area leaflet at the event to support all of the refurbishment / improvements that have gone on, may include some of the new developer sites

MMW Fund.

The fund has generated £5000 for projects this year, 8 groups have benefited from this with £4900 being allocated. This time each successful group will be given a copy of Margaret's book at a presentation night being arranged by Jackie. This will give us an opportunity to publicise the award

JM MG Play day 6th Aug.

JM/Petra new play area leaflet.

	<p>scheme and remind residents that the book is still available to buy.</p> <p>Trim Trail. Joint working with CEBC and Friends of Congleton Park. S106 from Sutherland Works development? Keep on file. Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Town Centre Rejuvenation. D McG to call a meeting between The Town Council, Cllrs A.Arnold & P.Bates (Cheshire East) plus S.Foster to discuss their assets within Congleton and their plans to develop them.</p> <p>Sub group to be set up once we know the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan, with a competent chair to run it.</p> <p>D.McG comment on work / discussions ongoing with CEBC regarding use of the land (temp) where the old CBC offices stood.</p> <p>750 Year Celebrations</p> <p>JM / JMac to have a discussion with Sue Dale re her ideas for celebrating Congleton's Charter 750th year in 2022.</p>	<p>JM/JMac see Sue Dale re</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Project Update.</u></p> <p>Cenotaph.</p> <p>Cenotaph. Planning application has been passed we have nearly 3 years to deliver the project. 250 names missing on the original cenotaph. Project has been scaled down to around £150K, without losing any of the elements. CTC have agreed to underwrite the project by £90K with the proviso that we carry on raising as much cash a possible to offset the burden to the tax payer. Work has now started on the project with a view to completing by end of October 2019.</p> <p>JMac / MS / JM and D.McG to put a fundraising plan together to help offset as much of the underwrite as possible and aim to get more general public financial support behind the project.</p>	

	<p>Create a page on CTC Website, involve Army and Air cadets, use both local and social media, crowd funding, collection buckets, Chamber Magazine</p> <p>Possible collection days (Makers Market) 30th March / 27th April.</p> <p>Public Realm Strategy.</p> <p>A few issues to be resolved. Parking on Swan Bank, the bollards and small amount of signage. CEBC have offered CTC advice on cleaning materials.</p> <p>Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Planning application in (18/6319c) and work is planned to begin May/June with around 18 month to complete. This will not affect Hankinson’s Field and will offer both improved and increased range of activities.</p> <p>The Mills.</p> <p>No contact with Scarborough since the last meeting they cannot discuss anything with us as they still have issues they are discussing with Cheshire East.</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Bradshaw House.</p> <p>This property is currently on the market and closed bids are being accepted. CTC are currently consulting/ asking for residents views on whether they would be prepared to support them making a bid for the premises and increasing the precept by just over £13 a year to support this. CTC put in a bid now awaiting results.</p>	
5.	<u>Funding requests</u>	

	<p><u>1.</u> Friends of Congleton Park. Request for support of their Brass on The Grass Programme. £500 awarded MS send out notification and criteria document. Purchase order number 937/1819</p> <p><u>2.</u> Triathlon. Children's medals - £300 awarded. To be paid internally</p> <p><u>3.</u> Community Projects / Congleton Creative. Hidden Talents /Hidden Places project. £500 awarded MS sent out confirmation and criteria document. Purchase order number 938/1819</p>	
6.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>SAS commented on 2020 and Princess Irene Brigade. CT to look at how we handle this internally.</p> <p>SAS Suzie to carry out a scoping exercise to see what Health And Wellbeing activity is going on in and around Congleton.</p>	<p>CTC to action.</p> <p>SAS to action.</p>
7.	<p><u>Date and Time of the next meeting.</u> Monday 13th May 2019 The Spencer Suite , 9.30am.</p>	