

Meeting : Projects & Finance Committee.

Date : 11.8.20 **Time:** 10.30am

Location: Zoom conference call.

In attendance: M.Smith G.Williams (Chair), R.Edwards, D.McGifford, , J.MacArthur, S.Munro , P.Aston, S.Foster, V.Cutcliffe

Guest

| Item | Agenda Item / discussion | Action / comment |
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| 1. | Welcome and Introduction. Meeting chaired by G.Williams. This meeting was held using Zoom. | Apologies:- D.Ritherdon and J.Money. |
| 2. | <u>Matter Arising from the last meeting (16.3.20)</u> Accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair. <i>Item 2. Destination Maps.</i> Price increase to bus station maps (£850) per stand. It was decided not to progress with these. 4 new maps have been sited around the town (OSM,WH Smith's wall, Library and within The market) J.Mac to progress the town centre map to be sited near the cycle racks with Cheshire East (permissions) Everything else in on the main body of the agenda. | . J.Mac |
| 3. | <u>Project updates</u> | |

Dementia Friendly Town.

Little physical activity since “lockdown” although both DR and MS have sat in on various Alzheimer’s Soc Webinars. Contact has been made regularly with the group sharing information, grant opportunities and activities that can be organised (remotely) to keep morale up in these trying times.

DR has now written to all members requesting updates as to their activities, currently The Cricket Club have restarted Company Corner, Chappell Centre has reopened its café areas, and The Old Saw Mill has reopened with some small group usage, café and supporting the “Big Lunch” idea involving around 50 residents each Friday.

May look to hold a Zoom conference during Sept, members interest permitting.

Destination Maps.

Nothing more to add. See action points from the last meeting.

Heritage Trail Project.

Possible linkage with Elizabeth Group and Heritage fortnight. No detail to add on this. Elizabeths’ Group supporting The Heritage fortnight with a presentation to be added to the virtual programme.

The only physical element looks like being the Beartown Car Rally

Elizabeth’s Group.

Currently activity has been mothballed. Heritage trail maps and plaques are ready to go. Website is going well, launching some crowd funding, another £10K would mean the group being able to go out and commission an artist to work on the statue.

Linda Hulse has written a book about Elizabeth that can be bought from the stall(when we have one) and through the website. J.Mac indicated that The Makers market has now started running again and

may be an opportunity for a stall once members feel safe enough.

The group has recruited a team of young people who are working on PR and You Tube elements.

Youth Forum

Play Day planned for Aug 14th at Bromley Farm, this outside event is by invitation and referral only. Funding has been received from The Inclosure Trust, Play items have been organised, young people to bring their own lunch. Joint event Partnership, Community Projects and The Police. Opportunity to discuss with young people what support they would like going forward. Between 15 to 20 have signed up to this activity, full report at the AGM.

Congleton Sports Trust.

David reported that Cheshire East's review of the Leisure Centre facilities and siting could have a long term effect on sport in general in Congleton. And that we need to improve our links with Cheshire East's Team to have real say in what is best for Congleton. Currently no coordinated push towards a sports hub.

Nothing else new happening at present. The formal merger of junior and senior football has gone through the club(s) now using one name and common kit.

The new 3G facility at EBA is virtually complete.

Cycling TOB Legacy. (Active Travel Congleton)

This should now be picked up with CSG (Active Travel)

MS to request a report from Ant Bolding re the funding (£500 P&F 16.3.20) we gave to get them going. MS then report back to P&F.

JM/GW

MS action.

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.

£10k received from the New Homes Bonus Scheme and the project is progressing nicely. Maps could be out by late summer, and PR /activity to launch them will be planned.

The planned launch event for April had to be postponed because of Covid 19. It was felt that with all of the extra walking that was going on we should PR the project and make the maps available to the public. An article plus photo appeared in a July edition of The Chronicle with a smaller article in the U3A newsletter also distribute widely in July. Maps are now available from TIC, Library and Astbury Mere Visitor Centre.

Health and Wellbeing Fayre 6.10.20

Very successful event held on 1st October, 50+ exhibitors and around 180 residents attending. The event planned for 6th |October 2020 has been cancelled as a physical event. CTC Health and Wellbeing Group looking to do something online on that date using social media. Currently they are concentrating on Mental Health and Domestic Abuse. The latest survey monkey report (still ongoing) indicates a very high level of mental health issues resulting from Covid 19. Looking for funding to create a domestic abuse drop in for more regular activity and support.

Connected Communities Centres.

Still not seen as a real benefit to Congleton, although appears more successful where towns were not as well developed as ours with Partnerships/ Community centres.

TV 's should have been connected during April, need to see how effective they are in what they are trying to deliver once up and running.

Muka looking to set up a Zoom meeting in the near future. Really need to bottom what the aims and objectives are around this project.

J.Mac looking at funding grants.

Congleton Green Fayre (26th October 2019) 30th May / 31st October 2020

Both physical Green Fayres had to be cancelled. We are looking at alternative ways at reaching the public and getting the green message across.

Looking at developing regular webinars around a set programme of subject within a regular (monthly) slot time. A funding request has been put to this meeting to purchase the kit required (see later) the aim is to start the session off in October, possibly around the planned Green Fayre date. Whilst this will be a CSG project, there will be close working with The Two Council and their Green Group.

MMW Fund.

15 applications received totalling £9814. 7 groups received grants worth a total of £2450, with a further 5 groups on promissory notes for 2021.

Not sure with the current economic climate what will be available next year.

Town Centre Rejuvenation.

CTC subgroup with terms of reference being set up to look at various development sites primarily across the town centre. Working with CEBC, no current contact with Scarborough Group. Carried out some COVID briefing with businesses. Traders meeting 11th Aug, may get some ideas / issues from that. Bob and David McG will be attending.

Cenotaph.

Work currently on schedule to finish early October. No Major issues currently, PR via The Chronicle, Social Media and Websites. No British Legion parade this year, dedication event to be held Spring 2021, conditions permitting. MS discussed with R.Burgess re planting and landscaping. RB has all he current planning agreements to hand including plants and siting.

RB / Streetscape.

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| | <p>Once planted to these agreements then extra planting can be added to improve colour / impact.</p> <p>750 Year Celebrations</p> <p>J.Mac needs to meet with J.Money to discuss the current plans. Looking to create a whole series of events from around march to Oct/Nov. Looking for some flagship events eg. Elizabeth's Statue siting.</p> <p>MS try and get a small report from JM.</p> | <p>J.Mac / JM</p> <p>MS</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Funding requests.</u></p> <p>CSG . Funding support to purchase Zoom Webinar Kit and various PR material for Virtual CSG (Green Fayre- monthly) Request granted, £500 awarded.</p> | <p>£500 awarded. P.O number 211/2021</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Town Projects.</u></p> <p>CTC under budget pressure currently with lack of Town Hall usage a major issue. May have to look at all budgets 20/21 including support for The Partnership projects budget.</p> <p>Big issues that need to be address are Mental Health / Domestic Abuse / Childcare and Climate Change Emergency. May all be opportunities for joint CTC / Partnership working.</p> <p>Need to look for safe places to go and some more frequent clinics.</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>S.Munro. Sue to put to Elizabeth's group the idea of a soft launch and getting the plaques up as soon as possible.</p> <p>She also asked if there were and developments around Moody Hall. Jackie has spoken to Gian capitol, need to lobby CEBC (planning officer Nick Hulland).</p> | <p>CTC Lobby CEBC</p> |

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| | <p>V.Cutcliffe. A local lad is working on a documentary based around Jazz and Blues (history / background) this will be ready to be aired on J & B planned weekend. VC to send a copy to MS for circulation and adding to Websites.</p> <p>MS to send out VC's report to Partnership</p> | <p>VC / MS.</p> <p>MS (sent 11.8.20)</p> |
| 7. | <p><u>Date and Time of the next meeting.</u> Meeting ended 11.52am</p> <p>Next Meeting TBC</p> | |