

## MEETING OF THE SANDBACH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**DURATION:** 18.00 to 20.30pm

**VENUE:** SANDBACH ENTERPRISE CENTRE

**ATTENDANCE:** Dot Flint (Chair), David McGifford, Cllr Barry Moran, Donald Bone, Di Hardman, Larry Sharps, Paul Hebden, Sue Brereton (Co-ordinator).



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3	<b>Funding update</b>  We have received the following grants towards the partnerships core funding; -  £10,000 – Cheshire East £10,000 – Sandbach Town Council  The partnership is working with all the other partnerships within Congleton LAP to secure core funding from Cheshire East for the next financial year.  The partnership has a current balance of £26264.28.	The funding will support the core work of the partnership, which includes the cost of employing a project officer. (Sue Brereton)  The projects, which are considered the core work of the partnership, are: - The marketing and promotion of the Market Square, The widening of the partnership to incorporate the work associated with a Neighbourhood Action Group and working with the Hope Street project.  DM reported that Jonathon Williams from Middlewich partnership had recently made a presentation to CE on the work of the partnerships this was well received.  SB has a meeting with the accountant Jackie Moss on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August.
4.	<b>Town Plan meeting update</b>  The public meeting co-ordinated by SP and STC, which was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 20th July, was extremely successful. There were over 75 members of the public in attendance and 51 volunteers were signed up on the night.  A follow up meeting has been arranged for <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Sandbach Town Hall.</b>	DF extended her thanks on behalf of the partnership to all the speakers on the night.  A working group meeting has been arranged for the <b>19<sup>th</sup> August 6pm at Sandbach Enterprise Centre</b> to plan for the next public meeting. SB, PH, KH will meet prior to the 19 <sup>th</sup> August to analyse the data from the first public meeting.

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Sandbach Park plan update</b></p> <p>Ryder Landscape Ltd has completed the consultation process, concept designs and the action plan for the redesign of the park.</p> <p>Electronic Copies of the Action Plan have been issued to the stakeholders (CE &amp; STC). Cheshire East Technical Officers are considering the proposal in terms of maintenance and financial viability and will report back to SP and STC.</p> <p>When an agreement regarding the way forward has been agreed between the stakeholders, CE will seek the approval of the Council via the Portfolio Holder Cllr A Knowles.</p> <p>Unfortunately CE has informed the partnership that Government has put the Playbuilder Fund on hold whilst the programme is reviewed, they will be notified at the end of August as to the outcome.</p> <p>BM informed the partnership that he was working with CE to resolve the fire damage issue on the toddlers play area in the park.</p> <p>It was decided that a Friends of Sandbach Park group should now be set up to help take the proposals forward. The group will be launched at Sandbach Today event on the 18<sup>th</sup> September; all the people who have registered an interest in the friends group will be contacted.</p> <p>The final 2 invoices from Ryder landscape Ltd have not been paid by STC, their representative on the park steering group has refused to agree payment.</p> <p>SB and DF have held meeting with the STC representative to try and resolve the issues he has with elements of the contract and the work done by Ryder Ltd. DF has formally written to this representative as requested to answer the questions raised and resolve the issues, payment has still been refused.</p> <p>The matter has been placed on the agenda at the next STC meeting and Ryder Landscape Ltd is now going to start charging interest on the outstanding bill as agreed in the contract.</p>	<p>It was agreed that SB would contact CE officers to agreed timescales for the approval of the plan.</p> <p>A funding bid will be submitted shortly to STC and other organisations.</p> <p>DB volunteered to co-ordinate this group.</p> <p>Sandbach Partnership is extremely pleased with the consultation and design process produced by Ryder Ltd and agrees that they have fulfilled the contract.</p> <p>The Partnership Executive voiced their concerns that the final payment to the consultants has been withheld and the approval for payment is at the sole discretion of one Councillor.</p> <p>It was agreed that a formal letter of complaint would be sent to STC ASAP.</p> <p>In the interim period a meeting would be set up between STC SP and Ryder Ltd to try to resolve the issue.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Remembrance Sunday update</b></p> <p>Cllr Gill Merry has had a meeting with CE, Mr Robinson and Mrs Newton to try and resolve the issues on the square.</p> <p>An agreement has been made to drop the kerb and move 2 benches,</p>	<p>DF has informed GM that these items of street furniture were</p>

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7.	<p><b>STAR</b></p> <p>The STAR group are developing and have held events on the square to help promote the town centre and shopping opportunities. Unfortunately the last event, which was held on Saturday 24th July, was not well attended.</p>	<p>SB will work with STAR to promote the cobbles and attend the next meeting of STAR with DF which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August</p>
8	<p><b>Holmes Chapel Partnership progress</b></p> <p>DF has met with representatives from Holmes Chapel regarding a partnership to take forward their Town Plan.</p> <p>Holmes Chapel Parish Council have agreed to fund the partnership.</p>	<p>SB and DF have agreed to attend a meeting of the Town Plan implementation group on 4<sup>th</sup> August help develop the partnership.</p> <p>DF has offered to Chair Holmes Chapel partnership for the first 6 months</p>
8.	<p><b>LAP update</b></p> <p>At the last meeting Ruth Jenkins from Children's Services updated the group on recent proposals regarding children and young people services.</p>	<p>DF had to leave the meeting early to attend the Holmes Chapel meeting.</p>
9.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>BM raised concerns over whether the official handover of the responsibility of the cobbled square had taken place after the post implementation review.</p> <p>CE will not repair or maintain the lights around the Market Square.</p>	<p>SB will contact Chris Shields at Cheshire East and Nick Cook to clarify any issues.</p> <p>SB has received an e-mail from Nick Cook stating that all work on the Market Square has now been completed</p> <p>SB will contact Paul Minger the electrician who installed them to get a quote for repair.</p>
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