



DT11 FORUM
community partnership

DT11 Forum Management Meeting
Wednesday 21st January 2015
DT11 Offices, 5 Nightingale Court

ACTION POINTS

1. Nic welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attending: Nic Nicol, Peter Slocombe, Bobbie Church, Julie Wigg, Steve Hitchings, Joe Hickish, Hugh De longh, Sue Chandler, Steve Adamson and Doc Addison.
2. The notes from the last meeting were agreed.
3. The meeting reviewed the (a) Action Points from the last meeting, (b) finalised the draft work programme, (c) and the updated the status of the live projects:
 - a. Action Points from last meeting - Strategic Plan - **Nic, Julie, Bobbie and Peter** are continuing to update the Community Strategic Plan.
 - It was confirmed that Station House was not suitable as a Community Hub.
 - Sue pointed out that we still have a draft constitution and this needs to be agreed at our AGM. This will be included at our meeting in September.
 - Nic will attend NLAG meetings to keep up to date with LEADER programme planning.
 - b. DT11 Draft Work Programme - everyone agreed the work programme and Joe Hickish asked us to include/support Dementia Awareness, particularly for young sufferers.
 - c. Update of projects
 - Broadband - Steve Adamson said he thought BT is unlikely to deliver what they originally promised. They won't go as far as Durweston Bridge as it's too expensive. Stourpaine was originally part of the original commercial roll-out but they are to be left with less than 2mb. Steve Adamson has a meeting with Stourpaine Parish Council on the 24th January. Steve is also looking into an App where people can carry out Broadband speed checking to ensure BT fulfill their contract.
 - Community Hub - In response to an advertisement in the BVM where NDDC said there will be Community Hubs in North Dorset so people can make enquiries with local government and community groups - Hugh says there will need to be areas across North Dorset where people can 'hot desk'. A hub is a different thing in different areas - Hugh's definition is a place where people can go to access services. He thinks we will need this in Blandford. Steve Hitchings said they have no room at the moment but this might change in the future.
 - The Archway Trust - money was released in 1996-97 to knock the bridge down but there was a campaign to keep it. Blandford Forum Town Council originally had £34k for the demolition, there is around £20k left now. Julie has asked for a letter confirming this amount would be available for the Trust to use when applying for further grants towards work on the bridge. Simon Coombs (member of the Archway Trust) will talk to the DT11 group at our meeting in May.
 - Trailway - We are promoting projects to obtain LEADER funding to promote business and tourism along the trailway, including the extension of the trailway across the meadows to join up with the Lower Blandford St Mary Trailway and the use of containers or similar to house recreational equipment for hire and a café in the summer months. These projects are being developed by DT11 members. Sue queried how much money Shillingstone Café makes? It might give the Committee an idea if there would be any profit.

- DT11 Meetings - The chairman has written to all Parish Councils and Clerks asking them to send a representative; underlining the importance of their attendance so we can raise issues in their area.
- Blandford + Survey - DT11 obtained a grant for Blandford Forum Town Council of £5500 to provide consultancy support for the Neighbourhood Plan, a website with maps and historical information and an all important survey in order to obtain evidence of need. Doc Addison said we need to get maximum value out of the survey so any additional information can be used for other groups.
- DT11 Transport Action Group -The timetable leaflets were well received and Dorset County Council paid for the cost of printing and distributing from their Community Transport Fund. DT11 are also supporting parents and Stourpaine Parish Council in the fight against the withdrawal of the Stourpaine to Durweston School bus. The management group agreed to support this.

AOB

- Steve Hitchings is holding a Civic Day combined with a Community Thanksgiving and Church Service on the 26th April. They will be walking the old boundaries of Blandford as it is BFTC's 40th year. He hopes everyone can join him for the walk.
- Hugh said Susan Sullivan (North Dorset Economic Development Officer) is visiting retail businesses in Gillingham at the moment and will be doing the same around Blandford. She will contact BFTC before this goes ahead.

Date of next Management meeting:

Wednesday 6th May 2015 DT11 Offices, 5 Nightingale Court, Blandford, Dorset

Date of next DT11 meeting (AGM):

Wednesday 13th^h May 2015 Pimperne Village Hall.

