

# DT11 Forum Community Partnership minutes

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Venue: Parish Rooms Blandford

Apologies, Jo Rose, Graham Rains (Shillingstone PC), Dianne Cooper (Vice Chair), Doc Addison (Blandford Hospital), Bob Brannigan(BTC), Alex Picot (DCA), Simon Thompson (DCA),

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**Attending:** Scott Norman (Chair), Peter Slocombe (Treasurer), Joe Hickish (NDDC), Steve Adamson (CPEND Broadband Project), Nicci Brown (Forum Focus) , Jane Gregory (Bryanston PC), (Hugh de longh (NDDC), Ian Watson, Mike Jones(Iwerne Minster PC),Tim Crawshaw(Spectrum Signpost), Jacquie Bolson (Dorset Popp),John Cumming (Dorset CC Public Transport), Keith Yarwood (NDTG), Catherine Boulton (NHS Dorset), David Toze (Age Concern Blandford),Jennifer Toze(Age Concern Blandford) , Debbie Davies (Popp), Paul McIntosh (NDDC), Margo Kirk (Bus2go), Sara Loch(BTC),Derek Gardiner,Nic Nichol (BT Transport User Group), Christine Stone(DT11 Volunteer),Barbara Thomson (StourpainePC),Janet Grimes(DCT),A Busby-Wilcocks(Dorset POPP),Erica Pretty (Dorset Popp), Brian Asplin, David Godden (Winterborne Stickland PC),Pam Eaton (5<sup>th</sup> Tarrant PC),Stuart Thomson, Neil Coatsworth(HM Forces Blandford), Barrie Cooper (County Councillor Blandford), Roger Lanory

**In Attendance:** Julie Wigg (DT11 Community Resource Worker), Sarah Wilkinson (DT11 Community Resource Worker)

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 Durweston	Minutes agreed. No discussion points.	
3.Matters arising	None.	
4. Treasurers Report	Peter Slocombe confirmed that DT11 is £23518.09 in credit. Recently received £9200 annual funding from NDDC and repayment of loan £9950 to NDTG for the Sowing Seeds Bid.	
5. Chairs report	Further to the chairs report being sent out the week before, Scott once again thanked Steve Adamson for his huge effort in the Broadband bid. Scott then went on to mention that DT11 are still looking for new premises. He confirmed the Fordingpoint Team are planning to put in for outline planning within the next couple of months. The Blandford to Stourpaine section of the Trailway will be officially opened on the 19 May 2013. Keith mentioned that they are looking into getting a short pathway from the Trailway up to the Traffic lights at Durweston Bridge which will give residents a safer route to the bus stop located there. Keith said that the recent survey had highlighted an upturn of local business by 10% due to Trailways Users. 97% of users would recommend the Trailway to others with an 88K people using it over the last year. The Station at Spetisbury is now being upgraded so should bring even more visitors to North Dorset.	

<p>6. Update of DT11 Projects Including Steve Adamson report on Broadband</p>	<p>Steve confirmed that Defra have been satisfied with the answers to their recent queries after passing the first stage application process. Bid is currently awaiting final approval. We have been told that it is a ground breaking project that Defra are impressed by the quality of the bid. The bid now awaits RCBF to rubber stamp it then onto the National Assessment Panel. 1.4 million Funding from Defra 4.8 million total cost. A question was asked as to what the difference is between the Superfast Dorset and Trailway projects. Steve replied the Trailway takes fibre to the premises giving a far better performance than to the cabinet as the Dorset one does and therefore losing connection speed. Plus the Trailway will complete the job quicker and hopefully cover the area that BT MAY not do. Trailway is hoping to complete 4k premises effecting 10k people. Scott went on to look for agreement that the funding money from Defra will go through the newly form NorthDorset Broadband Company on which Steve and Scott hold a position along with others. And not through the accounts of DT11, Scott explained that the newly formed company will employ a team to run the project as the DT11 Bid team as not suitably qualified to engage in such a large technical project. Below are the profiles of the Directors of the new company.</p> <p><b>Scott Norman.</b> Chair of DT11 Forum, CPEND and Stourpaine Parish Council. He retired six years ago from Dykerhoff Germany as MD of Dy-pack UK with responsibility for US, Asia and India. Previously he spent thirty two years with Blue Circle Industries in various roles. Latterly he was Regional Director South East &amp; NI, covering all aspects of the business. He then became Deputy Sales &amp; Marketing Director before moving to corporate, leaving when the takeover by Lafarge of France became unchallenged.</p> <p><b>Steve Adamson</b> is a marketing and sales professional with broad experience of project Management and Implementation. He lived and worked abroad before returning to the UK in 1984 where he was Director of European Sales for a major American boat builder. Since 2002 he has concentrated on project assessment and contract implementation. He lives in Blandford in North Dorset and is active in several Community projects. From 2005 until 2009 he was Chairman of DT11 Forum Community Partnership.</p> <p><b>Michael Armitage</b> has worked in the telecoms industry since joining BT as a graduate trainee in 1980. He entered the City in 1982, before joining Morgan Stanley in 1987 where, as Managing Director, he led the European Telecoms research effort and latterly headed the Global Telecoms team. Since leaving Morgan Stanley in 2002, he has been advising and raising money for technology companies, and in the last two years he has been exclusively committed to the development of the UK broadband opportunity.</p> <p><b>Niels Kraunsoe</b> To be completed</p> <p>It was raised that DT11 Partners hadn't been made aware of exactly who the NorthDorset Broadband directors are. Once satisfied the</p>	
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	<p>Partners will then vote on the transfer of finances from DT11 Accounts to NorthDorset Broadband company.</p> <p>The Broadband Company limited is limited by guarantee will have no come back on DT11 and is essential for the future survival for DT11 and the other community groups in North Dorset. DT11 are hoping to get an income and therefore not dependant on funding from NDDC. We only have a limited time of funding from NDDC as the future is uncertain; DT11 needs to look for other sources of funding. More information is available on the website <a href="http://www.northdorsetbroadband.co.uk">www.northdorsetbroadband.co.uk</a></p> <p>Paul asked if it was set up as a social enterprise company to which Scott replied 'no due to the investors needing a return on their investments.' It is set up as a Limited Company. See fundthegap website for information on raising the funds.</p>	
7. Agreement to the Draft Constitution	<p>Scott then asked for the constitution to be considered and passed. Sara Loch raised a query regarding the amount of votes that BTC had, this is to be confirmed and verified by DT11 and BTC. This will be reported back at the next meeting where the constitution will be reconsidered and passed. Mike Jones needed clarification on the status of who are partners? DT11 will form a register to clarify who want to be DT11 Partners. This will be completed by the next meeting and all the mailing lists will be contacted for their consent to be a partner.</p>	
8. Presentation from Hugh de longh	<p>The presentation from Hugh de longh is attached. NDDC had 720 responses of which 45% was from the Blandford. Hugh asked to for volunteers to consider starting a Transport Action Group within the Blandford area. Please contact the DT11 Office should anyone be interested. The results of the Survey are on the NDDC website</p>	
9. AON	<p>Margo from Bus2Go <a href="mailto:bus2go@btinternet.com">bus2go@btinternet.com</a> talked about the importance of keeping this project active as it provides an affordable social experience to many that would otherwise have no way of getting out in their local environment. This also benefits local economy. They provide questionnaires to find out where people want to go and use local minibuses that are not being used at that time. Paul McIntosh <a href="mailto:PMcIntosh@north-dorset.gov.uk">PMcIntosh@north-dorset.gov.uk</a> explained the new flexicar project that will start in Mar/April time providing Blandford with a centrally situated car. People will register with the project and then have use of the car when booked via the internet. This has proved to reduce household costs by eliminating the need for an occasional second car. The project hopes to show a community need</p>	

	<p>and therefore be able to fund a second car in the future.</p> <p>John Cummings then spoke about his position at the County Council looking at passenger routes for the local bus transport. He's asked anybody to contact him direct at <a href="mailto:j.cummings@dorsetcc.gov.uk">j.cummings@dorsetcc.gov.uk</a> or 01305 225708 They are launching another survey regarding local bus services so asked people to look on the Dorset for you website to complete the survey. He is looking at the routes going to Salisbury and replied to Sara Loch re the Salisbury bus station saying that they hope the buses will now go via the train station which will help the majority of passengers. They have problems with adopted highways which they are hoping to solve asap. Blandford Camp has had recent changes with security causing further problems with the buses going onto the camp.</p> <p>Jac Bolson from POPPs asked about the pre 930 withdrawal of concessional pass and how people claim the exemptions. There is a 5k fund given to NDDC to cover some exemptions, these are listed on the Dorset for you website. They are believed to be for medical appt only. David Toze from Age Concern asked whether any of the car schemes could take passengers that now can't take the bus. Hugh suggested this is something that could be looked at via the Transport Action Group.</p> <p>Scott asked what will happen when the new pre 930 system come in place and people aren't aware of it. John replied that all drivers will be considerate to those that are struggling but they are suppose to be telling people pre the Mar/Apr start date.</p>	
10. Date of next meeting	AGM Wednesday 10 April 2013 Durweston Village Hall 7pm	