



# DT11 FORUM

community partnership

**DT11 minutes**  
**11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**  
**Blandford Parish Rooms**

		Action
1. Attending	Barbara Thomson, Pamela Eaton-South Tarrant Parish Council, Jennifer Harrison-Milton Abbas Parish Council, Mike Jones-Iwerne Minster Parish Council, Ian Watson, Bobbie Church-Bryanston Parish Council, Jo Rose-REP CIC, Christine Stone-PCC Older Peoples advocate North Dorset, Amanda Selbury-Ansbury	
Apologies	Dianne Cooper, Deidre Skipwith, Sara Loch, Hugh De longh, Hilary Richie, Joe Hickish, Margo, Sue Chandler	
2. Amanda Selway	<p>Powerpoint presentation will be sent once available.</p> <p>Jo Rose mentioned the new moped scheme at Sturminster Newton where people can take out a loan with credit union and pay for half a moped. They are responsible for its maintenance. Once they are working they have the opportunity to pay for the other half. Being run between SturQuest, Credit Union and Equilibrium. Being insured will help them get further insurance when they move on to a car. They will learn to manage money. Ansbury don't carry out training but they will signpost them to training opportunities/further education.</p>	JW to get further details – a leaflet will be available next week and will be sent on.
3. Treasurers Report	Peter Slocombe confirmed Statement balance = £16407.62	
4. Chairs report	See updates below.....	
5. Update from Broadband Group	BDUK are very keen that we should get involved with the crumbs that BT will leave. Although not very happy about it the Broadband Group put a letter of interest in before Christmas - BDUK responded that they are delighted that they will continue working together, however, there are conditions:- the reduced internet sharing but must have sustainable business plan and they must write to them with confirmation that DCC will de-scope these areas. The contract DCC have signed with BT covers 100% of Dorset and includes areas BT might not bother with. The Broadband group would have to approach BT for the areas they don't wish to do. There is a conference call on Friday – but before this takes place they need to know if DCC are going	

	<p>to de-scope? If they do what's in it for us? They are desperate for the group to be on board in order to access additional funding.... The Broadband group are very underwhelmed and are not encouraged to go any further. They won't know what the crumbs are until around 2017 – they have been asked to look at West and North Dorset. In West Dorset there is a community scheme called Marchwood – BT were asked for a price to carry out this work and their quote was ridiculously high.</p> <p>Scott - if there isn't a business case and there's nothing in it for DT11 then there's no point in continuing.</p> <p>Steve agrees, there has to be a solid case in order to continue... it has to make sense in commercial terms and from a community point of view.</p> <p>Scott – We're not unique, BT is stepping on councils all over the country.</p> <p>BDUK are investing £9.4 million – districts = £10 million, BT are only putting in £12 million. They were supposed to be putting in 50% which they deny.</p> <p>Ian asked how BT have no competition.</p> <p>The opinion is that as BT is an enormous pension holder if the scheme failed then the government would pick up pension liabilities.</p> <p>Scott points out that the advantage of the broadband project being fibreoptic was that it was future proof.</p> <p>Ian asked if this project could go ahead without state aid (DEFRA) money. Steve said we need 4.4million which is a lot to find without any help.</p> <p>Scott- we are a small community group that's spent 2 and a half years on this and have got nowhere. At some point we have to say enough is enough.</p>	
<p>6. Update from DT11 TAG</p>	<p>Nic sends his apologies for not attending – please see his update below:</p> <p>'Radio Solent contacted me and others in Dorset for a response to the cuts to subsidized bus services to be implemented wef April. I was aware from contacts on the Town Council that cuts to the X8 service between Blandford and Poole had been the subject of a petition by young people some 7 years ago, so I did some research and contacted clubs and organisations serving young people in the Blandford area. This produced some disturbing reports from TREADS clients in particular who cannot afford a car, or who do not drive. They are seriously disadvantaged in what they can and can't do because of the infrequency of services and the high cost of bus fares. One young man lives in Poole during the week and comes home to his young family at weekends because he cannot afford the bus fare between Blandford and Poole and the service doesn't match his shift timings. I was given many similar reports about isolation and the inability to get into and out of Blandford for similar reasons. So I spoke about the need to highlight this situation and do something about it though our Transport</p>	

	<p>Action Group. I also said that we would be investigating how we might provide a community transport service to replace the once a week buses on the 320 route from the Tarrants into Wimborne, and the 322 commercial service from Sixpenny Handley and Chettle into Blandford.' These issues will be covered at the next meeting of the TAG on 24th February. I would ask TAG members to capture information on the situation regarding young people in their villages and parishes. I will contact community transport providers and DCC's John Cumming for ideas on how best to replace the 320 and 322 services.'</p> <p>The next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 - Please let me know if you're coming Julie@dt11forum.org.uk.</p>	
<p>7. Update from Scott Re: Flooding</p>	<p>Have had meetings with Deborah Croney and the emergency planning officer. Scott has suggested that DT11 arrange a meeting with all interested parties - the Stour through to Christchurch, with all Towns and Parishes between. To involve the EA hydrologist and other EA staff, DCC, District Councils, F&amp;R, Wessex Water etc. One event would cut the workload of those taking part and give a better overview of the problem. Trade stands would expose the public to the vast amount of products available to protect their property.</p> <p>We must be careful, all news is on the Thames – we want to make sure that Dorset get access to funding. There is no official timing when sluice gates should be open – it is up to the sluice gate owner. Can't walk more than 10m along the Stour without seeing a tree forming a flood barrier. The Environment Agency are responsible for tree management along the Stour and they are not doing it.</p>	
<p>7. Update from REP-North Dorset Trailway</p>	<p>Princes Countryside Fund was unfortunately not successful. The economic potential of the trailway is so important. In North Dorset 7% of all the employment is directly related to the tourism industry and yet there is no direct investment from NDDC or DCC. NDDC doesn't belong to the DMS (Destination Management Service) - we would like to access the database but apparently it's all tied up with data protection</p> <p>DT11, REP, AONB, Ex tourism manager of East Dorset (also used to work for North Dorset) and the Countryside Rangers have all had a meeting. The group need to focus on money coming into the area, raise the profile of the trailway and encourage its growth. The economic development of the trailway must be a self-sustaining programme and can't die once any funding streams disappears. We need to encourage business networking (ie. small business working on their own) eg. B &amp; B's, tea shops etc. and are carrying out research to bring these people together. We are planning on holding a meeting towards the end of May to bring these groups and individuals together and ask them what would be the best way to make the most of the Trailway. Scott &amp; Jo will be writing to Bruce Grant-Braham tourism champion at the LEP and is very interested in</p>	

	<p>rural dorset. The REP and DT11 are going to fund 2000 leaflets and will show walks that attach to the trailway. A draft is being produced.</p> <p>Steve asks Jo - have you thought about asking Sowing Seeds?</p> <p>Jo – Longer term funding prospect through LEP which is the conduit for 90% of funding streams that are available. The one that doesn't come through the LEP is the one through DEFRA – this won't be available until the beginning of 2015. If we have the LEP on side we have a greater opportunity to draw that funding.</p> <p>Pamela Eaton mentioned that she tried to access the trailway and couldn't find anywhere to park, there were no signs. Access and signage is very poor.</p> <p>It has been identified that car parking is a problem. Scott has brought it up with Dorset Rangers and NDDC. One said yes to car parking for revenue (scott thought it should be free). If you have car parking then you might end up need toilets – this is a dilemma. Land in Shillingstone has been identified and agreed (on corner where you turn into Child Okeford) – this has been with planning department for 5 years.</p> <p>Christine suggested that if you work with pubs, village halls and community centres - there could be an opportunity to encourage them to provide parking.</p> <p>At the North Dorset Trailway meeting last week horse riders were saying there's nowhere to park horseboxes.</p>	
<p>8. Update re: Health &amp; Wellbeing event.</p>	<p>Update given by Julie Wigg - It is a work in progress but the plans are to start off with a networking event in April/May. We will get the professionals together and get the networking out of the way. Hopefully we will be able to put together a draft directory using the information gained from this event which we can give out at our September event.</p> <p>September event – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, Speakers and exhibitors, so far confirmed head of cardiology, osteoporosis and Diabetes.</p> <p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – People at risk – Activities section with singing, choral society, knees up, U3A. Drug &amp; Alcohol advice, CAB, stop smoking etc....</p> <p>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Focus on Youth. Cookery demonstrations (food bank), fitness demonstrations – a mixture of speakers and demonstrations.</p> <p>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – Fun run and kayaking.</p> <p>Next meeting is being held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in the Blandford Parish Centre. Please let me know if you would like to get involved – <a href="mailto:Julie@dt11forum.org.uk">Julie@dt11forum.org.uk</a></p>	
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>Tony – update on Blandford Fly. Funding is going to be stopped by NDDC (£4000 pa). It will stop after this year. The other partners are now going to withdraw their funding. This has to be a subject for discussion – some people have been hospitalised after being bitten by the Blandford Fly. When it was retained in 2012, because of the health implications it is felt the NHS should fund it (total cost is £12000 per annum). Back in 1988 it was recorded 1400 people need medical help,</p>	

	<p>including hospitalisation and not everyone reported it. The next scrutiny meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>The NHS are very reluctant to fund it. Tony feels if they don't the costs would be far in excess of £12000. Everyone agrees that it is a must that the spraying carries on.</p> <p>Christine gave an update on the PCC – we will be paying a little bit more for policing - just under £4. With that money there will be 16 more police in Dorset and 7 more visible vehicles. They are busy recruiting volunteers – there are 6 older peoples advocates. Christine is starting off in the North Dorset area – how safe they feel in Dorset, how policing can be improved. Christine writes her reports once a month and passes them on to Martin.</p> <p>Jo asked if there will be a retention of local services, ie. Stations/desks. Martin is going to do his utmost to hold onto desks. He wants more people out there being visible. Jo asked what percentage of this goes to North Dorset. Christine said she'll find out. Every policeman will where a camera to help record evidence.</p> <p>Next DCC meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm – Sturminster Newton Exchange. Individual talks with Martin - surgery at 4pm.</p> <p>Mike is concerned about the leaflets that have come from the GP Surgeries that tell you to opt out if you don't want your personal details shared. He feels it has not been made clear enough what you should do.</p> <p>Tony says to write to the doctor yourself and say you want to opt out.</p> <p>Ian – suggests that everyone opts out as he feels that one information is shared it's very difficult to keep track of it.</p>	
9. Date of next meeting.	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall	