



DT11 FORUM

community partnership

DT11 minutes

2nd April 2014

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

		Action
1. Attending	Scott Norman, Dianne Cooper, 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, Graham Rains, Susan Bickle PCC, Jenny Balcon-Milborne St Andrew PC, Tony Gibbons-Friendly Food Club, Sue Chandler, Margo Kirk Bus2Go, Hugh De longh-NDDC, Nic Nicolson-DT11 TAG, Steve Adamson-DT11 Broadband	
2. Apologies	Hilary Richie, Joe Hickish, Bob Brannigan, Doc Addison, Peter Slocombe, Keith Yarwood, Barbara Thomson	
3. Minutes of last meeting	Minutes agreed	
4. Presentation by Tony Gibbons, Friendly Food Club	<p>Tony runs cookery workshops covering Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. They are available to anyone but the target audience is younger families who often are the 3rd generation that can't cook. Tony asks that we let everyone know about the workshops and ask them to get in touch. He emphasises that it is free, including all ingredients. He has contacted the other housing associations and they are contacting their residents to let them know about it.</p> <p>Mark Williams asked how many in a workshop – depends on venue but around 10-12.</p> <p>Tony said they don't preach healthy eating they just encourage people to try new things.</p> <p>Scott points out that Tony will be holding demonstrations at our Health & Wellbeing event in September.</p>	
5. Presentation by Sue Bickell PCC	<p>A very interesting presentation by Sue culminating in a few questions:-</p> <p>Tony Harrocks asked how correct the crime statistics are – Sue said improvements are being made on the present system – the new system (Niche) can be instantly updated and the coding system is also changing. They will also be reducing the amount of crimes that aren't really crimes – ie. incidents.</p>	

	<p>Mike Jones feels the PCC is more centred around Poole and Bournemouth, Sue disagreed – they engage the rural communities as much as everywhere else. Mike asked with all the stations closing down where do you go the produce documents? Sue said you don't need to anymore as all information is available online.</p> <p>They have to save £8million – so stations are closing rather than losing officers. The situation is not ideal but a saving must be made. Sue said ideally they need a central hub where services can share the overheads such as CAB, fire service etc....</p> <p>Scott asked if anyone is looking at education in prison as he had learnt that often prisoners will start a training course and be moved to another prison before they can finish it and the training is not continued in the other prison. Sue said that Martin is keen to support education in prisons and that at the moment there is an intensive work programme 6 months pre-release.</p>	
6. Treasurers Report	<p>Julie Wigg confirmed the statement balance of £22704.44 and pointed out that the healthy balance is due to sub-letting of the office in order to build up funds towards the Community Resource Centre.</p>	
7. Chairs Report	<p>Scott attended the flood drop in session at NDDC and felt at this stage things weren't very well co-ordinated but hopes things will improve. He says its very important to have co-ordination between all areas that have suffered with flooding.</p>	
8. Update from Broadband Group	<p>Steve's notes from meeting:- Trailway Broadband Project – up date for DT11 meeting 2nd April 2014 On Wednesday last week Scott and I went up to London to attend a meeting that had been called by our MP, Bob Walter with some of the BDUK team. In the event BDUK was represented by Shirley Letts, <i>BDUK Rural Projects Team Lead</i> and Alan Srbjanin, <i>BDUK Project Lead</i>. We had two points to make: We wanted BDUK to explain why a £4m+ investment was not going to happen in Bob's Constituency and We wanted them to change their party line on why we had been unable to secure funding for our project. Their line is that we failed to meet the final 10% argument, ours is that they changed the rules. We had a detailed discussion and the best that we can expect is Shirley Letts said she would look into it. Don't hold your breath. We also discussed whether there was a way forward and they still want us to pursue this new fund of some £250m, called the Superfast Extension Programme. This has been created to cover the final bits that the BDUK / DCC programme will not cover. In other words, the crumbs. This leads me neatly onto our next meeting which took place the next day, Thursday 27th March. This meeting was with the SFD team, some other local authorities, Michael Armitage, Adrian Wooster Scott and me. The SFD team was augmented by representatives from other</p>	

	<p>District Councils in the area and by two senior members of the BDUK team. It was chaired by Niel Farmer, Strategic Director for Joint Christchurch and East Dorset Management Team and he did it very well.</p> <p>The meeting was called to discuss the new Business plan that Michael had drawn up to tackle the issues around the final 10%, now referred to as the final 3%. Michael's business plan introduces some very practical and innovative ideas, particularly as to how additional funding could be secured. The SFD / LA Team were sufficiently impressed by Michael's presentation and proposal that they intend to kick it upstairs for discussion within the various cabinets.</p> <p>Amongst the things discussed in a very wide ranging meeting was the number of properties in rural that would fall into the 'no build' category. The final 3% 'no build' is calculated across Dorset and includes Bournemouth and Poole. This means in practice that the %age of 'no build' in rural areas goes up from 3% to something in the region of an estimated 18% or 19%, some 7,000 properties.</p> <p>We came away with a sense that this meeting might actually lead to something.</p> <p>The following day I went back up to London to attend a seminar on the latest BDUK £10m innovation fund. This fund has been created to encourage the development of innovative ideas and pilot schemes. As you would expect it is covered in red tape and they, BDUK are still working out the finer points.</p>	
<p>9. Update from DT11 TAG</p>	<p>We have to make people aware of what community transport schemes are available. Our next meeting is to bring the providers together to find out how we can make access to this information easier. The X8 is being cut by the bus company which is getting passengers very worried as it's a commuter service.</p> <p>Scott and Nic will be Trustees of Rural wheels to work where mopeds are available for people 16 years and above to purchase. Clothing and bikes are available at hugely discounted prices. Its not available at the moment but it is in hand. Nic will let you know when. It is very important that its set up properly as other schemes have failed.</p> <p>The next meetings are – 23rd April for Community Transport Scheme Providers 29th April in the Corn Exchange – open meeting assessing the impact of cuts to bus services on people and where our priorities should lie.</p>	
<p>10. Update from Jon Ivay Re: The Fording Point</p>	<p>Outline planning was submitted in November – there have been environmental enquiries which have been dealt with at some expense. There is a listed planning application re: the wall and this has all be done. All queries have been answered so now we wait.</p> <p>Jon was very pleased that the Theatres Trust in London wrote to the Planning Officer on the Fording Points behalf to offer their support and put their weight behind the application....The</p>	

	<p>Trust feel is the right venue for Blandford, right size, right position and right time....to have The Theatres Trust on board helps support grant applications.</p> <p>Hugh asked how Jon is working with the Town Council's Corn Exchange Project and how he will ensure they are not applying for the same funding. Jon spoke to the Town Council before submitting the application and they offered their full support agreeing that The Fording Point is a completely different project to the Corn Exchange. Jon thinks they will be applying to very different organisations/people for funding.</p> <p>Jon won't approach people to ask for money until the outline planning has been agreed.</p> <p>Jon, Bobbie and Julie Wigg are going to Bedminster Town Teams Arts led high street regeneration conference on Friday 4th April.</p>	
11. Update from REP-North Dorset Trailway	<p>The Sowing Seeds EU Funded programme from Rural Development comes to an end at the end of this calendar year. All the money that we had for the LAG which ran sowing seeds has been spent. It is in a period of transition and DEFRA has decided that they need to do something to prepare for the next funding programme and fill the gap. They will provide support funding to bridge the gap. However, there will also be changes and they would like to see the white areas of rural England covered by LEADER – communities drive the programme not Local Authorities. The LAGS throughout the County are working out how they can work together. The existing Sowing Seeds LAG has recognised that the geography needs to change so it has been looking at who can work together. We want to make sure that everyone in every area has access to this funding. The applications for this additional funding had to be in within the next 2 weeks so Hilary, Hugh and Jo and worked really hard to get it in in time. The bid has gone in under the REP's name. They want something that will cover the whole of Dorset – they have talked to Chalk and Cheese, Sherborne and East Dorset and come to a general agreement that they will work together. DEFRA has said that if they want to cover the whole area then funding must be equal for everyone. Ie. same amount, same population. The focus for the funding is Employment, Jobs and Training. The deadline was last Friday and they haven't heard anything yet. The figure will be £1.5 million over 5 years, 2015-2020, not an awful lot over 5 years but better than nothing. They are very reliant on community members to gather hard evidence to take it forward.</p>	
12. Update re: Health & Wellbeing event.	<p>Julie gave details of the Speed health networking event that will take place on the 12th June and asked if anyone would like to join in to complete the and return the invite. The September event (18th-21st) is taking shape but until we know who is involved in the networking event we can't really finalise the structure. The DT11 members agreed that DT11 could give £1000 towards the funding of both events.</p>	
13. AOB	<p>Scott mentioned that nomination forms were available in</p>	

	advance of the AGM in June. Unfortunately Di Cooper has decided to stand down as Vice Chair and although Scott has someone in mind for the position he said that if anyone else is interested please apply. The same goes for the position of chair...he said that although he is willing to stand 2014-2015 if anyone else is interested they should apply.	
14. Date of next meeting.	AGM Tuesday 3 rd June at Durweston Village Hall	