



DT11 FORUM

community partnership

DT11 minutes
7th October 2014
Durweston Village Hall

		Action
1. Welcome	Nic Nicol, Peter Slocombe, Bobbie Church, Ian Watson, Tony Harrocks, Christine Stone, Sue Inman, Richard Hewitt, Suzanne Macleod, Doc Addison, Joe Hickish, Nikki Brown, Barbara Tompson, Sue Chandler. Tim Crawshaw (Spectrum Signpost)	
2. Apologies	Dave Astin, Pam Eaton, Val Potheary, Keith Yarwood, Steve Adamson, Jennifer Harrison	
3. Minutes Agreed	Minutes of the previous meeting agreed	
3. Treasurers report	Peter asked if everyone is happy to receive finance reports by email. If not, ask Julie for hard copy.	
4. Chairs report	<p>Nic reported that the members on the management team are – Doc Addison, Steve Hitchings, Steve Adamson, Nic Nicol, Peter Slocombe, Sue Chandler, Joe Hickish, Hugh De longh. He explained that this meeting will take place 1 week before the DT11 open meeting. The management team reside throughout the DT11 area and this will help us be much more inclusive and collaborative. We will also be circulating the NDDC quarterly report that Hugh De longh produces to BFTC and all DT11 members. The reports are available on the DT11 website and Dropbox – if you need help accessing them please call into the DT11 office.</p> <p>Nic would like your ideas for projects for the LEADER programme. Steve Adamson and Scott Norman are leading the Trailway Group – they have a few ideas such as a visitor centre on the Milldown, hiring bicycles (a secure bike hut either end of Trailway). The River Stour runs through the DT11 area – could this be incorporated? Some of Nic’s ideas – Whats on in Blandford and an app that talks to people about our heritage in Blandford. These types of things aren’t expensive and are relatively easy to do.</p>	

		Nic would like to improve the dwindling numbers at DT11 meetings – ideas on how to improve this would be appreciated.	
5. Work Plan		<p>Nic briefly explained the work plan – It includes:- Promotion and support of community and business projects in the DT11 area. Support Town Team, Neighbourhood Plan and Chamber of Trade projects. Nic feels DT11 should operate as a project office where we can help people raise money and support them.</p> <p>With regards to the Transport Action Group Nic is pleased to report that continued lobbying has resulted in changes such as linking buses so passengers can get into Wimborne (and back!). Also, bus connections have been changed – passengers won't have to walk from the East Street to West Street bus stop to get a connection. Chris Chandler has produced a timetable which details all the services available in the DT11 area including community transport services. This will be distributed in November and we hope to get it to every household.</p> <p>Tony Harrocks said that due to the high cost (£50k-£100k) the Town Team will not be able to carry out a traffic survey. Nic mentioned that Doc Addison has already carried out a lot of research on this. Nic suggests that we get people together to carry out a survey and ask visitors in Blandford where they're going where they're parking. Another Town Team project that is underway is to install more signs, directing people to car parks.</p> <p>RDW2W scheme is continuing to be a success.</p> <p>Nic is lobbying for a 90 day key card that is not continuous. This is all possible as the technology is already there but the bus companies aren't being very helpful. We're trying to persuade councillors to support this.</p>	
6. Updates on projects		<p>Update for Health & Wellbeing Event – It was a success with over 250 people attending. Organisations are asking to make it an annual event. This will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting on the 20th October.</p> <p>Update for The Fording Point – Outline planning achieved. There are concerns regarding access when the work begins – these are all being considered.</p> <p>Blandford Town Team – Ross Nelmes is producing a hard copy of events in and around Blandford (will also be available on line). They would like to see it in Blandford shop displays on a plasma screen, eventually it may become an App?</p> <p>The Town team are looking into providing road signs promoting Blandford & Blandford St Mary. Ie. Best Georgian town in England. Also, road signs showing car parking but not bringing traffic in past Milldown Road schools.</p> <p>Nic was very pleased that Blandford + have accepted our offer to help more closely with the Neighbourhood Plan. DT11 submitted an expression of interest in July to apply for a grant from Locality. However, unfortunately we were not able to submit the application until the Committee had agreed it – this unfortunately delayed submission of the application until the</p>	

	<p>end of August by which time all Locality funds had been allocated. DT11 hope to try again if a new round of funding is released in March 2015.</p> <p>Superfast Broadband meeting – October 17th. Nic asked if anyone has any concerns/questions they would like raised to let him know before this date.</p>	
7. LEADER programme	Please see attached.	
AOB	<p>Nic asks What can we do to get more people along? Tony suggests putting out posters to advertise meetings.</p> <p>Christine Stone will help target the Parish Councils with a letter.</p> <p>Ian asks what were the key things that got people to come years ago?</p> <p>Peter says that because it was a forum and representatives from all the organisations would come and bring initiatives. Peter suggests that we re-establish the links with some of these REPS. They used to come as they was no other Forum where people could come and bring /share their views.</p> <p>Sue/Joe suggests that if there is a topic/presentation might encourage people along. Our group also offers networking opportunities for other organisations. It was suggested that we establish a DT11 skills' base register to help achieve this.</p> <p>Richard suggests focussing on a topic ie. Trailway.</p> <p>Tony reminded everyone the 1914-18 group is putting on events at the end of the month. Please ask people to support these events. If anyone has any photographs of people in uniform the group would like to use them. Tony would particularly like photos of any Blandford policemen.</p> <p>Also, Tony found out that Age Concern run a bus for Disabled people and its being underused. This is not covering their cost and they need more people to use it. Peter thinks it the bus they use to take everyone to the coffee mornings – not enough people are going to the coffee mornings.</p> <p>Ian – queried the Scrutiny report mentioned a review will be carried out in September. This review was concerning Julie's hours and has now been sorted.</p> <p>Ian also queried whether the new constitution was in force. Sue said we had made minor changes to take the management team into account - it will be presented to the AGM to agree and is available to the public on our web site.</p> <p>DT11 have been successful in securing grant funding from Tesco's for Blandford Carers – Nikki suggested we ask them to come along to one of our meetings to give a presentation.</p>	<p>Christine Stone/DT11 – letter to parishes.</p> <p>All – forward contact details of relevant organisations to Julie</p> <p>Julie to contact Blandford Carers</p>

Date of next meeting	Wednesday January 28th 2015 at Blandford Parish rooms. 5.30pm for 6pm.	