

DT11 Minutes (draft)
Meeting held on 28nd January 2015
In the Blandford Parish Centre

		Action
1. Welcome.	Nic Welcomed everyone. Sue Chandler, Bobbie Church (DT11 Vice Chair), Peter Slocombe (DT11 Treasurer), Nicci Brown, Hugh De longh (NDDC), Steve Adamson, Pam Eaton (T.K PC), Barbara Thomson, Keith Yarwood (Stourpaine PC), Sylvia Hixson-Andrews, Ian Watson, Mike Jones Iwerne Minster PC, Richard James, Christine Stone (Bryanston PC), Dave Astin (Durweston PC), Helen Andrews (Winterborne Kingston PC).	
2. Apologies.	Julie Wigg (aka media star) sent her apologies. Margo Kirk, Val Potheary, Tim Crawshaw (Spectrum)	
3. Previous Minutes.	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2014 in Durweston Village Hall were agreed. AGM were agreed. Under AOB concerning getting more people involved, Christine Stone drafted a letter to go to Parish Council Chairs and Clerks. This was duly amended by NN and JW and sent as intended. Also under AOB, members were asked to forward contact details for people and organisations that previously came regularly to DT11 meetings to JW . Action completed?	Not received by CS. JW to send.
4. Treasurer's Report.	Peter Slocombe presented the accounts. Income to date was £5,295, which is mainly rental income from other organisations using the office. Expenditure to date is £16,102. Net current bank balance is £12,227. The annual grant from NDDC is being discussed. PS explained that a Miscellaneous item for £4,600 was the repayment of a grant to Signpost Housing Association.	
5. Chairman's Report.	5.1 NN took the meeting through his report. In response to a question, it was explained that the Management Group set up following the District Council's review of the Community Partnerships, although technically not legal until approved at the AGM, had approved the DT11 Work Programme and Project Status Reports at last week's meeting. In a discussion about how to get parishes more involved, some ideas from the meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timing of the meeting has changed 	

	<p>from 7:00pm to 6:00pm, has this put parish attendees off? Suggested that the Parishes be asked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website, put the date, time and venue of the meetings on the front page, with links to previous minutes. Also put meeting details on the Blandford Events Facebook page. • Posters with details of the meeting, should be sent to Parishes for display well ahead of the meeting. • Attendance had previously been swollen by topics of particular interest, e.g. Broadband, Trailway. One person from a Parish said the view was to come if it was potentially interesting and relevant, but otherwise not to come. • Run a meeting describing how to apply for grants and DT11's success in doing so. • Get information out to the Parishes in good time, before their PC meeting cycle. <p>5.2 JW obtained and distributed 'Shop Local' tags before Christmas to local traders. DT11 secured a grant for Blandford +, and a grant for Stourpaine Village Hall and also for the church roof.</p> <p>5.3. The Fording Point project continues to progress. Keith Yarwood explained that John Ivay has met with the Williams and Williams Trust and received a favourable response to ideas to make better use of land and buildings. John Ivay will seek help with local fundraising. Christine Stone suggested that running car boot sales could raise significant funding, circa £25k p.a in Bridport, for example. This would need the co-operation of NDDC.</p>	<p>Action: JW, NN, and BC</p>
<p>5. Blandford Meadows Nature Trailway Proposal.</p>	<p>5.1 Richard James briefed the meeting on his ideas. He explained that these were initial proposals, and he is hoping to develop these ideas with the involvement of the Dorset Rangers, the DWT other people who are interested. He raised the question: can we make better use of the Meadows? In winter, the meadows are often flooded. There are a number of elements, the Railway Arches, the Wier House and Spetisbury Railway station being rebuilt (with café); is there potential to join these all up, and can we extend the Trailway across the town at the same time?</p>	

	<p>5.2 His idea is to create a larger pond on Stour Meadows to act as a balancing pond, storing water during periods of flooding. The soil from the excavation would be used to create a raised bank to extend the Trailway across the Meadows (with channels underneath to allow floodwater to pass through). Potential funding from Sustrans, Environment Agency.</p> <p>5.3 Other elements which could be linked in include the Common Lane Footpath (opposite Dolphin pub) and a possible buried arch near Tesco's. New housing development needs to take the Trailway into account, and ensure there is Section 06 funding towards the Trailway.</p> <p>5.4 NN thanked Richard for his interesting brief and explained that DT11 will be helping Richard with this project and others associated with the Trailway.</p>	
<p>6. Management Group Report.</p>	<p>6.1 The Management Report had been circulated beforehand. There was some discussion around a Community Hub, as DT11 Forum had promoted the initial Three Choughs project. The District Council is looking at having some sort of local centre in each town to use, along with other organisations, although this is early in the process, and it is not known what the best option will be for Blandford.</p> <p>6.2 DT11 is supporting the Durweston School Bus campaign, led by JW.</p> <p>6.3 There will be another Health & wellbeing type event on 19-20th June, combining DT11's Health & Wellbeing event, and the Town Council's Sports' Expo. JW and NN will meet the Assistant Town Clerk on 5th February to firm up the outline plan.</p>	
<p>7. LEADER Programme</p>	<p>Steve Adamson updated the meeting on the LEADER funding programme. The Northern Dorset Local Action Group (LAG) proposal may have been approved in principle, but the level of funding available is not known yet, nor are the criteria for funding, and timing is slipping, with the funding programme now likely to start in May or June. There will be a part-time Project Development Worker, which will be recruited</p>	

	soon, and appointed once the programme has been confirmed.	
8. AOB.	Trailway Projects. Christine Stone raised the idea of motorised trains on the Trailway (as per Moors Country Park, i.e. not on rails). Others felt that would conflict with other users such as horse riders and cyclists. Nicci Brown asked what progress had been made on the idea of Trampers on the Trailway. NN asked Nicci to write up the project as a one page business case.	Action: Nicci Brown
9. Date of next meeting	Next meeting of the DT11 partnership will be on Wednesday 13 th May 2015 at 6.30 for 7 pm in Pimperne Village Hall.	All