

## DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP WORKING LUNCH

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 11.30am Turreff Hall

**Present:** Albert Biggs (Chair), Fiona Moore, Rose Gregory, Maurice Kirby, Ben Murphy, Margaret Henderson, Jean Gulliver, Sheila Whitehead, Sandra Thompson, CSO Amanda Hall, Sharon Price, Josie Edwards, Bryan Morris, Luke Neal, Emma Walton, Cllr Clive Mason, Cllr Nigel Dugmore, Barry Robertson, Andrew Keen, Luke Fearnall, John Ironmonger, Jenny Hancock, Rvd Paula Smith, Rvd Andy Smith, Graham Arrowsmith, Chris Newman (minutes)

**Apologies:** Bally Kaur, Wendy Breakwell, Derek Owen, Liz Claire, WPC Nikki Scott

1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies:</b> Albert thanked members for attending the meeting and apologies recorded:
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b> There was one amendment raised, page 4 item 2 ref gate barrier status, this was noted, the minutes were then agreed and approved by A Biggs.
3.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> None were raised
4.	<b>Open Session:</b>  <b>Feedback from the previous priorities was given and supplied in a newsheet.</b> Residents from Leonards Close = damage to fencing carried out by a group of young children The Local Police Team successfully detected the perpetrators and they were all subject to a 'community resolutions package' that they had to comply to.  Dog fouling in Church Walk and the alleyway leading from Park Road to Cordingly Way (east-side) is littered with poop. Regular inspections are carried out by both the Council's Dog Warden and Environmental officer. Church Walk is a recurring problem. The residents need to assist by reporting any regular patterns of fouling dog walkers.  Concerns raised about the Buses damaging the grass verge on the Memorial Island off Wrekin drive. The LPT have approached the car owners and the landlord about this problem. T&WC has assessed the problem and has proposed replacing and re-laying the edging curbs and installing a couple of reflective bollards.  <b>New Priorities</b> 1. Cycle Barriers between West Avenue and Furnace Lane not effective to prevent motor cycles/bicycles entering due to design, it was requested that a No cycling signs were also needed. Cllr Clive Mason agreed to follow up.  2. Ball Games being played around Leonards close electricity Sub-Station at various times of day, Amanda Hall agreed to investigate, Amanda also requested that complaints to be called in by residents so that this can be targeted correctly.

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3. HGV Parking outside house on Ash Lea Drive blocking access to drives, Amanda to raise with vehicle owner.

### **Other comments raised during the public session**

a. Josie Edwards raised the concern of groups of young people congregating around Donnington and asked for information regarding % take up of local youth services relative to the numbers of young people in the area. Maurice Kirby stated that this information is not readily available and explained this was a very difficult figure to accurately measure. Josie felt that the young girls in the area were perhaps not being represented, however Maurice explained that there is a young women's group in Donnington. Josie asked if it was possible to invite and involve young people at the Working Lunch, it was explained that this had been tried before in co-operation with the Sutherland School but was difficult to gain access to the students; it was considered that it may be worth resurrecting in the future. Amanda offered to discuss the situation relating to the young people congregating, outside of the meeting.

b. Revd. Paula Smith reported that St Matthews is currently seeking funding to conduct a Parish Audit, this would provide useful information which will help to identify the future needs of the community, information of which the church would be willing to share.

c. Revd. Paula Smith also raised the concern re the proposed housing development opposite St Matthews and its potential effect on the parking provisions etc for residents, LLLC and St Matthews. Cllr Nigel Dugmore explained that at the last Council planning meeting, outline plans had been approved with detailed plans being drawn up to take into account the comments received.

d. Cllr Clive Mason raised the issue of obstruction of road traffic around the new Morrison's store, where a number of large vehicles are arriving together for unloading. This problem needed to be raised with Morrison's to ask them to stagger deliveries and improved timing for unloading.

e. Rose Gregory raised a concern about the safety and condition of the car park at Lloyds TSB. Rose would discuss this issue at the Exec meeting with the intention of writing a letter to Lloyds TSB for action.

f. The issue relating to the increase in people using the footpaths for cycling was raised again. Amanda explained it was a case for better education and awareness.

### **5a Guest Speaker - Blue Watch fire officer Andrew Keen.**

Andrew gave a brief presentation outlining the effectiveness of the Park road fire demonstration held last year, emphasising that although residents are regularly informed about the benefits of smoke alarms and having Fire exit plans the fire demonstration proved very effective in raising the profile of the issues.

With good attendance from the local residents and involvement from the other emergency services.

The event was well received and publicised through the local media, including Shropshire radio and Central news.

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<b>5b</b>	<p><b>Guest Speaker - Emma Walton Telford Green gym.</b></p> <p>Emma gave a talk about the Green Gym and its links with the NHS in improving the Health, fitness and wellbeing of the Local residents by getting involved in the many activities the Green Gym offers, such as helping in Allotments, Community Gardens and Practical Conservation, it gives people the opportunity to go on healthy walks and complete exercise routines during the work activities.</p> <p>It runs a wide range of projects based on practical horticulture, conservation and environmental activities for all age groups over 18 years of age.</p> <p>Information was made available for anyone interested in joining in, the contact no is 01952 271474, e mail <a href="mailto:cliff.hallam@telfordpct.nhs.uk">cliff.hallam@telfordpct.nhs.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:emma.walton@telfordpct.nhs.uk">emma.walton@telfordpct.nhs.uk</a></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Working Groups Update:</b></p> <p><b><u>Lifelong Learning Centre: Sharon Price</u></b></p> <p>Sharon explained that the courses leading up to summer were coming to an end, the centre has minimal bookings during the summer period so if anyone is interested in hiring the facilities please contact her.</p> <p>The volunteers in the Café have so far raised £250 for the McMillan nurses charity, however they are running a tombola at the Centre until the end of June, any donations would be appreciated in order to raise the total to £300</p> <p>The Café is looking for new volunteers from September as a couple of the existing volunteers have found jobs which is excellent news, however it will leave the Café short of volunteers, if anyone is interested or knows anyone who may be please contact the LLLC.</p> <p>Please contact Sharon on 01952 382202 or Rose on 01952 382203 on any of the aforementioned issues</p> <p><b><u>C&amp;YP: Maurice Kirby</u></b></p> <p><b>Integrated Youth support/Youth Service:</b></p> <p>All 4 of the weekly sessions are running well, the usual activities take place within the groups i.e. pool, table tennis, music, socialising, games etc.</p> <p>Trips are also organised including one to Alton Towers this Saturday.</p> <p>The issue based themed work taking place this term includes Healthy Eating, Drug awareness and bullying.</p> <p><b>Donnington Recreation facilities:</b></p> <p>The consultation session went well, results of the exercise have been examined and discussions with the contractors are taking place, 3 designs are being considered. These were shown as part of the slide show presentation set up during the meeting.</p> <p><b>BMX track</b></p> <p>The Go Ride cycling coaching sessions every Saturday in April proved to be extremely popular. Because of this the Wrekin riders club have put on a weekly</p>

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session every Wednesday (6.30 – 7.30 pm ) until October, cost is just £1.00

### **Community Safety, Housing & the Environment: Ben Murphy**

1. In January 2011 both the Police and Council received a number of complaints about anti-social behaviour relating to a short alley that links Columbine Way to a combination of footpaths to Donnington Wood Way.

In weeks and months following these reports a number of preventative and detection actions have taken place, including:

- a) Target CSO and Police patrols on a daily basis for several weeks,
- b) Nomad CCTV camera was erected by T&WC for 3 months to overlook the main thoroughfare identified by residents.
- c) All 42 properties in Columbine Way have been offered the 'Smartwater' property marking scheme free of charge.
- d) Signs have also been mounted on lampposts in Columbine Way warning thieves that SmartWater is being used in Columbine Way and that this is a neighbourhood watch area.
- e) 3 people caught on 3 different occasions in this area. A section 59 notice was issued on five different occasions and this enabled 2 of the bikes to be seized. One of the offenders faces court for other offences and the driving offences have now also been included in this court action.

2. The Common and St Matthews rd flats had consistent fly tipping problems. WHT have introduced a new system with the residents locking the bin stores. This action has helped a lot, but a couple of incidents of dumping outside the bin area have occurred. The WHT focus will shift more to enforcement and they would welcome receiving any information that helps them to identify the perpetrators.

3. The environmental street walkabouts are a helpful way for services to address problems in the community. There are 4 walks organised each year for five different areas in Donnington but we need residents to come along and use this opportunity to highlight their areas of concern. Please encourage local residents to come along because without their input we might miss what matters most to you.

#### **EVA Street Walkabouts**

20th July Donnington West **13.30 Junction of Winifreds Drive & Leonard Close**

27th July Donnington East **13.30 Junction of Hayward Avenue & New Road**

3rd August Donnington Wood **14.00 at the Life Long Learning Centre**

17th August Donnington Wood **14.00 at the Community House**

24th August Monarch Fields & Lion Court Homes. **10.00am at the Play Area**

4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnington Scouts recently took part in a number of activities for a new badge that the Scouting movement have introduced called 'Community Challenge'. The Scouts were guided by the Local Police teams based at Donnington Police Station and were involved in some graffiti removal with the parish council and some speed enforcement work with the Police on Wrekin Drive. A presentation evening has been arranged at Turreff Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 8pm where the scouts will talk about the work that they have done and will receive their badges. Anyone who's interested to come along is welcome to attend.

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	<b>Young families/Health Groups : Nothing to report</b> ----- <b>Older People: Rose Gregory: Nothing to report</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any other business:</b> Josie Edwards raised the question “How is the good work carried out by the partnership communicated” it was stated that over a hundred residents receive copies of the Minutes and posters and adverts are used to raise awareness, however the Partnership has identified that more work needs to be done to promote its activities and welcomes assistance from those who attend to promote the meetings. Revd. Paula Smith of St Matthews offered to include future meeting dates within their website to help raise awareness.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, 11.30am at Turreff Hall</b>

Approved by ..... Date; .....