

DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Tuesday 11th June 2013 11.30am at Turreff Hall

Present: Albert Biggs (Chair). Apologies - names of attendees were not collected at the meeting.

Apologies: Revd. Andy Smith, Simon Heys, Wendy Breakwell

1.	Welcome & Apologies: Albert welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for attending. Introductions were made by all and apologies were then noted.
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Dated 14th March 2013 Agreed that these were a true record. The minutes were then signed by A Biggs.
3.	Matters Arising: A resident asked for an update about replacing the 'no cycling signs' between Furnace Lane and James Way alleyway. Aaron England reported that he'd spoke to Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer 2 weeks ago and he has confirmed that the signs will be installed. Aaron will chase this up.
4.	Open Session: Update on priorities raised at March's meeting: a) Problems about regular riding of motorbikes in Donnington Wood area from Ash Lea Drive to St Matthews Rd and to the top of Ewart Rd; <u>CSO Amanda Hall:</u> A few of the bikes have been seized and people caught. These offenders are in the process of being dealt with. A resident raised concerns about her report not being passed on to CSO Hall. WPC Nikki Scott advised people to phone the 101 number rather than the Local Police Team voicemail because the 101 number will get immediate attention. New priorities raised during the public session a) Street name plates: A resident reported confusion between Winifred's Drive and West Avenue. The West Avenue sign is in the wrong location Aaron will look into this
5.	Guest speaker: Jake Bennett, Telford Crisis Network Coordinator Jake explained that the network was a multi-agency response to people who find themselves in financial hardship or emotional turmoil. The network is responsible for operating the food bank service across the Borough. Food Bank has been in operation for two months. Jake explained that people can apply to receive a food parcel by either a referral organisation signed up to the project or by phoning themselves to one of two telephone numbers: Crisis Network Support Line on 01952 459258 Telford & Wrekin Council on 01952 380400 The website gives more information about the project: www.telfordfoodbank.org.uk Jake explained that several collection points operate across the borough and new signs have recently been produced to promote this at those sites: St Matthews church in Donnington are a big help and provide a donation point. Donnington LLLC is the local food bank collection point for individuals in Donnington Jake said that he wants to extend the service to include relevant local information in the food parcels; e.g. literature about courses or groups for children etc and

requested groups and organisations to provide Jake with hard copies of leaflets and he will put them into parcels that are relevant to the recipient.

In April 350 people were fed and this increased to 450 people in May and Jake reported that the benefit changes do indicate more demand.

Jake confirmed that the food bank does provide an out of hours service and food parcels can be collected on Saturdays in the Town Centre at Addenbrook House and on Bank Holiday weekends there is provision at most community centres across Telford. In out of hours circumstances where the food parcel recipients include a baby, the service can deliver direct to homes.

The meeting asked questions about judgment on whether/not people are in real crisis. Jake explained that the system is built on trust but there is a 'black list', which although is small, it does contain names that the service has flagged up.

6. **Projects and Working Groups Update:**
Lifelong Learning: Richard Shaw, T&WC Community Learning and Employment Coordinator and Sharon Price T&W Lifelong Learning Centre
Sharon:

A couple of courses will continue throughout the summer holidays

Lots of new courses starting in September

The closure of the Learning Centre in Stirchley means that Donnington is hosting a lot of their courses. These courses are open to anyone and not just Stirchley residents.

The centre volunteers are hosting a charity bingo evening in aid of D'ton Partnership 7pm on Tuesday 18th June.

Richard:

A new course programme is available for short and part-time courses on offer in the North area

Drop-in Job Junction every Tuesday at the LLLC provides advice and information for anyone looking training or employment. This service will remain open throughout the summer.

Some outreach work has taken place in Donnington and new learners have begun courses.

Community Café: Rose Gregory

a) The meals-on-wheels local delivery service has grown again and the cafe now provides 6 sheltered dwellings with two-course meals each week plus delivery to 8 regular individuals.

b) The cafe also provided refreshments at the recent Oakengates Tennis Centre tournament, and it will also be providing refreshments at this years' D-Fest.

c) The Fairshare grant finished in April and the cafe is pleased to report that during April 2012 – March 2013 it assisted 25 new volunteer placements, 10 of whom had been referred by county training and five of the 25 gained employment.

d) Volunteer news: The cafe has recruited 3 new volunteers and we've also got a small team of 6 volunteer drivers. But we would welcome hearing from people with cooking skills and we're also interested to recruit a driver for Friday lunchtime deliveries (fuel expenses are paid).

e) The cafe will remain open throughout the summer.

Please contact Rose on 01952 382203 or Sharon on 01952 382202 or via our website: www.donnington-wood-community-cafe.co.uk

C&YP – Emma Brown and Devon Peart, T&WC Youth and Community Service

Jean: The toy library currently running at the LLLC will hopefully move back to Donnington medical practice on the 1st August when the baby clinic service is due to return to the new premises.

Emma: The clubs Monday to Thursday continue to run regularly. All are well-attended with the one at the scout building getting 15-20 weekly participants. During the summer the youth service will run some different activities and trips. Emma is working closely with CSO Amanda to encourage take up involvement by young people in the St Champions scheme. Some young people have been trained to do face painting and they will be attending D-Fest with Emma to do face painting.

Devon: spoke about work of the detached team who will shortly be working in the area of the Bell Rec. The detached team are the reactive part of the youth service.

Community Safety, Housing & the Environment: WPC Nikki Scott

- a) The group discussed the advantages of promoting the Telford Street Champions scheme. There will be a stand at the forthcoming D-Fest for members of the public to discuss the numerous ways to get involved. Leaflets were also available at the meeting.
- b) Incidents of fire have increased for the local Blue watch, particularly secondary fires concerning wheelie bins and grass fires. FF Iain Leigh reported that the fire service work closely with the Police to target high incident areas but requested people to report any non-emergency fires that they are aware of. The fire service will look into these and will target areas where this is occurring with advice leaflets concerning safety.

Iain also gave some information about the recent fire at a home in Trench. The property had 3 smoke detectors fitted. The Fire service are happy to attend properties to provide advice and information concerning home safety, as a follow-up to this fire the service visited around 140 properties and talked to around 70 individuals.

The contact number to report non-emergency fires: 01743 260290

- c) Crime remains high in Donnington and across the borough. Burglary, particularly from sheds and gardens is up, some assaults mainly alcohol-infused due to increased alcohol consumption on the streets. Thefts from stores is also high but there has been a decrease in anti social behaviour.
- d) Donnington remains a priority area until September. It will join with Wrockwardine Wood & Trench areas from September but WPC Nikki Scott will also gain a 3rd member to the team. The changes are due to rates decreasing over the past three years so on the whole things have improved for Donnington and remain fairly steady.
- e) Ex-Summercroft building development continues to cause concern for the Police, council and fire service and Nikki asked residents to report any incidents of concern.
Clive added that the council had been in contact with the bank to suggest a take-over of the site so that it can be progressed. No news yet.

The regular street walkabouts led by Wrekin Housing Trust, and include partner agencies and residents have now been publicised. Future dates are:

- 24th July, 2.30pm: Donnington Wood- Meet D'ton Lifelong Learning Centre
- 31st July, 2.30pm: D'ton West - Meet junction of Winifred's Drive/ Leonard Close
- 7th August, 2.30pm: D'ton East Junction of New Rd/ Hayward Avenue
- 14th August, 2.30pm: Highlander Drive junction

Young families/Health Groups: Jainie Williams, T&W Children and Family Services – covers 0-19yrs and responsible for the children's centre.

Children's centre based at Donnington Wood Infants school grounds continues to offer something everyday. The activities will close over the summer but a summer programme of different activities has been put together.

A new course is about to start at the Children's centre called 'Grow with Us', which is for children and parents/grandparents/carers and this course will help develop the area outside the children's centre

A new workshop in September is 'celebrating infant feeding' each Thursday

Older People's project: Jean Gulliver:

An Older People's Forum event will take place on Wednesday 17th July and will include services like Age Uk, Health Watch, Senior citizens Forum, HomeFix, Warm Front and more. The event is not just for over 50's but it's a useful forum for anyone who looks after elderly dependents to gather information.

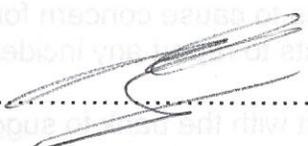
Turreff Hall: Wed 17th July, 10.00am – 1.30pm (drop-in but a schedule of speakers will be programmed)

7. Any other business:

- a) Jean Gulliver works with the Patients reference Group: between the 1st and 5th July the medical practice will be closed but the bungalow will still be open so Jean asked people who need prescriptions during this time to make sure they go before 1st July.
- b) Fiona, Fairshare Credit Union: Free membership throughout July
- c) Sutherland School will be hosting D-Fest on Saturday 29th June, 12.00-3.00pm. Leaflets were available at the meeting and the sunshine has been booked.
- d) Parish Council reported that the bus shelter has finally been erected in Queens Road and Clive reported that they are trying to get the bus service to extend its route to cover the Humbers. The service road down Wrekin Drive is being re-surfaced.
- e) Jenny Hancock informed the meeting that if enough people complain about the bright orange colour on the side of the new medical practice they will consider changing it.

Dates of Future Meetings:

8.	Thurs Sept 19 th	11.30am	Turreff Hall
	Tues Nov 19 th	11.00am	AGM Lifelong Learning Centre
	Thurs Dec 12 th	11.30am	Turreff Hall

Approved by  Date: 19.9.13