

## DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 11.30am at Turreff Hall

**Present:** Albert Biggs (Chair), Rose Gregory, Margie Henderson, Simon Heys, Ben Murphy, Tom Langford, Jenny Hancock, Stephen Frost, Ian Brice, Aaron England, Cllr Nigel Dugmore, Cllr Clive Mason, Revd. Paula Smith, Ralph Morgan, Dennis Offland, Diane Morris, Belinda Forbes, Sam Grainger, Jean Gulliver, Amanda Hall, Pam Trower, Richard Shaw, Fiona Moore

**Apologies:** Emma Brown, Sharon Price, Revd. Denise Morgan, Sally Jamieson, Scott Jones, Janie Williams, PC Nikki Scott, Kate Giblin, Wendy Breakwell, Heather Cooper, Liz Clare, Andy Smith

1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies:</b> Albert welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for attending. Introductions were made by all and apologies were then noted.
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b> Two corrections were noted on the minutes: Simon informed the meeting that Donnington Scouts are 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donnington Scout Group Belinda informed the meeting that the Family Group is a volunteer-led group It was proposed by Simon that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. The minutes were then signed by A Biggs.
3.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> A resident from James Way reported satisfaction with the swing arm barrier that had been newly installed along the alley leading from Furnace Way to James Way and confirmed that although it doesn't stop cyclists, it is working.
4.	<b>Open Session:</b> <b>Update on priorities raised at December's meeting:</b> a) Amanda reported that previous issues on The Parade in D'ton with groups of young people gathering in the flats and in stair wells, ringing door-bells and causing nuisance had stopped; Patrols had put a stop to this behaviour. b) Update concerning the former Summercroft Site: Clive reported that unfortunately the situation has not changed. The developer is having problems getting a loan from the bank to continue works; the council and the police have been in regular communication with the developer but there is no action that can be taken. The local Police Team met with the developer to discuss safety and security and all items of worth have been removed but concerns still remain about site risk. c) The alleyway from James Way to Furnace Lane has had a hoop barrier installed to slow down/curb cyclists. "No cycling" signs have been requested and T&WC Aaron England is looking into this. d) Recurring issues raised concerning the area from around Dalebrook Drive and pathways that run off Westone Close down D'ton Wood Way: Aaron reported works that had been carried out: Some footway repairs and tree works with more tree works planned. The Herris fencing needs to remain for site security whilst building works is not complete. Graffiti has been removed and litter picking will hopefully be done fortnightly from April. e) The regular street walkabouts led by Wrekin Housing Trust, and include partner agencies and residents have now been publicised. Future dates are: 17 <sup>th</sup> April: Donnington Wood- Meet D'ton Lifelong Learning Centre

24<sup>th</sup> April: Donnington West - Meet junction of Winifred's Drive/ Leonard Close

**New priorities raised during the public session**

- a) Problems about regular riding of motorbikes were reported in Donnington Wood area from Ash Lea Drive to St Matthews Rd along footpath to top of Ewart Rd; Other similar reports were James Way and off-road bikes around Granville Park.

Bikes: Amanda asked people to report incidents to telephone 101. This will help the Police to identify the person, times and any repeat routes etc. so that they have a better chance of catching these offenders.

- b) Questions were asked about the walkabouts. Albert and Ben explained that these walks are led by Wrekin Housing trust and other key partners (T&WC, Parish Council and Police) and residents are invited. A visual audit of issues are recorded and these are reported to the relevant services to address them. The walkabouts welcome residents to come along and help lead the walk and identify any local community environmental issues.

- c) Question asked about whether/not the St Champions scheme will be implemented. Ben confirmed that Wrekin Housing Trust are still keen for this to happen. Amanda reported about a successful project by junior st champions suggested that the council officer who led on this, Phil Pritchard, would provide some assistance.

**5. Guest speaker:**

**Anna Lynall, Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford: to report outcomes from the 10 year Donnington Fairshare Trust Fund**

Anna gave a brief slide presentation about the 10-year grant fund and then showed the audience a DVD that gave a flavour of some of the successful projects funded by the grant scheme.

- Donnington Fairshare began in 2003 with a mission to build stronger communities by unlocking areas that hadn't received their 'fair share' of lottery funding.
- The main themes of the Fairshare Fund were: Building capacity, increasing Social Capital, Enhancing Buildings and Improving Sustainability.
- D'ton was allocated £881,000; a local panel formed with a set of criteria to help the process of awarding grants to projects.
- 24 different organisations and groups had received funds and over 30 Projects have been funded over the ten years with an additional number of smaller grants (up to £1k) being awarded to several other community groups

The DVD highlighted several projects (listed below) and Anna reiterated that the DVD only gave a flavour of some of the projects.

Chairs and Spares; 'Restore Donnington' providing skills and training in furniture restoration

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnington Scouts; building improvements
- Telford & Wrekin Link; establishing Health forums and community health champions in Donnington
- Donnington Partnership; community cafe new kitchen,
- Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Parish Council; youth development project for young people,
- T&W Council along with Wrekin Riders and Donnington Partnership for the skatepark.

Also images were shown from D-Fest and The Silver Threads Club.

An award ceremony was held on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the end of Fairshare and

over 30 presentation awards were given out to people who had gained skills as a result of a project.

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**Projects and Working Groups Update:**

**Lifelong Learning Centre: Richard Shaw, T&WC Community Learning and Employment Coordinator**

- Richard said that he is based in Lifelong Learning Centre (LLLC) and his role is to help arrange adult training courses and run the weekly 'Job Junction' – advice for job-seeking, CV's, training and employment.
- Job Junction is Every Tuesday 2-4pm at LLLC
- Various community courses run at the centre, one being English, maths and ICT that students can join at any time as it's tailored to suit the individual: A timetable of adult community education courses is regularly updated and available on the Donnington facebook page, at the LLLC and notice board at the library.
- Richard's also been liaising with the Children's centre to help set up courses that suit young parents: course coming soon with crèche.
- Richard also attends local events to promote the services offered through community learning and recently helped organise a Family Fun Day event at the LLLC. As well as activities for children a range of advice and training stalls were also present
- There is a 'North Telford Education Partnership' that brings training providers together to help coordinate and direct training to local needs If anyone would like to attend or wants further information about this please contact Richard:  
[richard.shaw@telford.gov.uk](mailto:richard.shaw@telford.gov.uk) Tel: 388623

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**Community Café: Rose Gregory**

- a) Following the end of a grant to support the employment of staff at the cafe, the cafe will continue to offer 25hours per week paid employment.
- b) The meals-on-wheels local delivery service has grown and the cafe now provides 4 sheltered dwellings with 108 two-course meals each week plus delivery to 7 regular individuals. A new sheltered dwelling is also trialling the service out next week and if they become regular this means that the cafe will serve 128 meals over 5 days each week.
- c) The cafe has also provided a few buffets for parties and groups and it attended two events this year to provide some fun cake making and decorating workshops.
- d) Volunteer news: 14 regulars with 2 more potentially joining. Included are 2 new volunteer drivers who help to deliver the meals. Rose is still welcome to hear from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver to help delivery meals. All drivers receive mileage expenses and they are accompanied by a cafe volunteer who serves the meals.
- e) There will be a slight increase in price on some of the hot drinks and snacks in April, but full main-course meals will remain the same at £2.50
- f) Jean reported that the commission for older people's services is also making enquiries about possible use of  
  
Please contact Rose on 01952 382203 or Sharon on 01952 382202 or via our website: [www.donnington-wood-community-cafe.co.uk](http://www.donnington-wood-community-cafe.co.uk)

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**C&YP – on behalf of Emma Brown, T&WC Youth and Community Service**

- a) Donnington Street Games event was held at the LLLC in half-term; this was very well-attended by young families who had the chance to take part in activities and

pick up useful information.

- b) Young people from Donnington LOL panel received their ASDAN activities award for their efforts on the panel, at the Fair share Fund presentation on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- c) Young people from Donnington Junior youth club won the fair play trophy at the Feb half term 'kick it racism out football' Tournament. They collected their trophy on the pitch at half time during Saturdays match at AFC Telford - presented by council leader Kuldip Sahota.
- d) T&WC Youth Provision in Donnington has received £500 from left over fair share funds (that Jess looked after) to carry out some trips for yp. Funding will be able to subsidise trips like water park trip, bowling and Blists hill.
- e) Young women from Donnington also attended an event held by the youth and Community team at Sutton hill youth centre to celebrate international women's day. They took part in various health related activities, nail art, t shirt customising and received free goody bags full of things donated by store such as body shop and lush.
- f) D'ton Rec. SK8 park Super Saturday = 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm-4pm
- g) New outdoor table tennis table has been installed on the Rec. by the tennis courts; some ping pong competitions will take place at the Super Saturday

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**Community Safety, Housing & the Environment: CSO Amanda Hall**

- a) Temporary gates have finally been erected in the alleyway leading between Cordingley Way to Park Road.
- b) Crime and Anti Social Behaviour statistics:
  - Telford borough-wide is quite high with crime & violent crime—assaults and dwelling burglary.
  - D'ton doesn't feature as a hotspot for dwelling burglary but does feature as a hot spot for assaults with no clear pattern as to why this is and no obvious known fractions.
  - ASB in D'ton is down. ASB in fire-related incidents has no specific trends, but a couple of deliberate fires and 2 property-based incidents have occurred this year.
- c) D'ton Police station is staying – confirmed for the next 12-18 months at least.
- d) The Toilets on The Parade have been refurbished by the Parish Council and T&W Council, they should be open again from 25<sup>th</sup> March
- e) The Parish Council are currently drawing up a lease for new tenants at Cordingley Hall; Casey's Bar (used to be Unique Occassions)

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**Young families/Health Groups: Belinda Forbes (Early intervention Team – covers 0-19yrs and responsible for the children's centre.**

New group called musical movers for 0-5yrs began at the Silver Threads club every Friday 10.30-11.30

There are currently 8 children and family groups in Donnington; The Children's centre at D'ton Wood infants school provide something every weekday at the centre and 3 more groups run at other venues

Belinda brought along some activity calendars and a who's who of staff that work within the children's centre for display at the LLLC.

All groups are running well with numbers increasing

Links been made with the community learning team (Richard) and families are interested in some of the courses on offer.  
 Breast-feeding support volunteers come along to sessions to support new mums  
 During holidays – the centre closes but a programme of different activities including circus skills is being organised.

**Older People’s project: Jean Gulliver:**

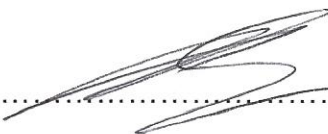
Another event is being organised for later this year to include services like Red Cross, Health Watch, Park Wood, Senior citizens Forum, HomeFix, Warm Front and more. The event is not just for over 50’s but it’s a useful forum for anyone who looks after elderly dependents to gather information  
 Rose, Kate and Jean have been working hard gathering information from local groups to update the two local group directories; one for older people and one for children & young people. These will be available from April.

**7. Any other business:**

- a) Diane: Sutherland School will once again be hosting D-Fest on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Sutherland School. Diane requested people getting in contact with her as soon as possible (as she leaves to start a new job) if they are interested in having a stall to raise money to support their own groups. Please contact Diane if you’d like to attend with a stall: [diane.morris@taw.org.uk](mailto:diane.morris@taw.org.uk)
- b) Revd Paula smith reported on telford crisis food network that is functioning with support structures in place to support families in crisis.
- c) June from Asda: Has a community board in the store for advertising community events and groups and also mentioned the foyer that people can book to run an advice/information/promotional stall.

**8. Dates of Future Meetings:**

<b>Tues June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Lifelong Learning Centre</b>
Thurs Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Turreff Hall
<b>Tues Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>AGM Lifelong Learning Centre</b>
Thurs Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Turreff Hall

Approved by  Date; 11.06.13