

**Donnington Community Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 26th June 2013**

Present: Albert Biggs (Chair), Ben Murphy, Rose Gregory, Jean Gulliver, Heather Cooper, Simon Heys, Sharon Price, Paula Smith, Fiona Moore

In Attendance: Sue McGavin & Tony Sidaway (CEC), Lisa Walker and Nicola Jenkins (Community Action Researchers)

Apologies: Nikki Scott, Nigel Dugmore, Emma Brown, Kate Giblin, Jean Gulliver, Sarah Durnall

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1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies: Albert welcomed attendees. Apologies were received as above and Introductions were made for the benefit of our guests Sue McGavin and Tony Sidaway from the Citizen engagement Company CIC and the Donnington Community action Researchers:</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting dated 26th April 2013: Nikki Scott was added as attending the meeting on 26th April. These were then accepted as a true and accurate record and duly signed off.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising: All actions had been completed. No other matters arising.</p>	
4.	<p>A) CEC, Community Interest Company Sue McGavin, Nicola and Lisa (CAR) Sue McGavin lead a presentation about what the action researchers had learnt during their course. This included: Devising questionnaires, impartiality, transparency, confidentiality, safeguarding of c&yp and selves, and legislation concerning children and families including; Domestic abuse, Disclosure</p> <p>What the project is about and what the action researchers are doing: Looking at ways in which family support services can be improved for families in different sorts of ways that prevent these families from entering into the need for more acute services. Also learnt how to facilitate groups and including everyone Slides depicting the concerns of local people were presented; this included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed housing development at St Matthew's Rd regarding the new road and the height of the dwellings - Old run down youth project building and waste being dumped– Rose confirmed that this will encompass part of the housing development - Appreciation of the small woodland at the top of Church Rd - Littering and dumping of waste. Albert added that this was a concern by the Partnership and previously the Partnership has carried out schemes to help raise awareness and reduce this e.g. Operation clean sweep, Junior street Champions scheme. The Partnership along with T&WC are currently trying to promote the St Champions scheme. Simon reported about the beavers and scouts doing regular litter picks in and around Donnington - Donkey Sanctuary was appreciated as were the new allotments, all the new young people facilities and bowling green on the Rec. - The Old Bell Pub – at last being developed. - Problems with quad bikes and pit bikes - Abandoned Housing Development on Church Walk - Social housing up for auction. Ben gave an explanation for this and stated 	

that the balance is finally starting to tilt more in favour for the housing stock soon to be larger for WHT in Donnington now than it was 10 years ago.

Future:

- The Community action Researchers have started to work with St Matthews school children and parents
- Attending D-Fest to do a questionnaire: to ask people what people think about the community, the services, what they like/don't like about this.
- Consulting the D'ton Children's Centre and D'ton Wood Junior school, the Messy Church and Health Centre
- Findings will be presented to the Senior managers at T&WC and also be shared with local partner organisations such as Donnington Partnership.

The meeting thanked Sue, Nicola and Lisa for attending and they then left.

B) Tony Sidaway CEC CIC gave a presentation about Telford Energy Savers

CEC provides consultancy and practical support to organisations aimed at improving the quality of life for local people. The company also recruit and train young community ambassadors. Tony gave a presentation about a local contract that they are currently involved in to assist energy saving across the borough.

Overview about Telford Energy Savers (TES):

A scheme introduced by Carillion, in partnership with LA's, to tackle fuel poverty and reduce the strain on energy resources and reduce carbon footprint. It brings together funding sources such as green deal and the Energy Company Obligation. It intends in the first 3 years to: complete 5,900 home assessments and complete 2000 green deal plans, create 20 new jobs.

TES has 3 aspects on offer:

a) Community Benefits, including:

Reducing fuel bills, Improve health & well-being, Reduce carbon outputs
Generate local and sustainable jobs across the region – including suppliers and contractors

Create training and apprenticeship opportunities

5 schools in most deprived areas will be supported annually

b) Training & employment Opportunities

40 young people will be supported over 8 years from a five month programme delivered by TCAT. These young people will be supported into either further education, traineeships or employment.

c) Green Deal

Offered through a variety of authorised green deal providers (look for energy savers logo) and provides an easy way of paying towards the cost of energy saving improvements to your home

A whole-house approach to assessment

Step 1 = No obligation green deal assessment of your home. Free through Carillion in the T&W Borough

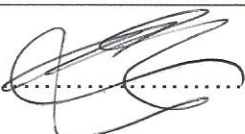
Step 2 = Advice report is provided that shows the suggested improvements that are right for you and your home.

Step 3 = Green deal plan: contract between you and Carillion that tells you the cost and the payback period.

Step 4 = Option to take up a Green deal loan, which is added to the electricity bill and paid over an agreed time. This loan is not paid back until all the works are completed.

Presently the scheme is only available to owner-occupiers and people renting from

	<p>private landlords. Shortly this will be opened up to businesses and people in registered social landlord homes.</p> <p>TES: 0800 0730 0252 Quoting Code: CEC001 Tony asked for assistance with ways to promote the scheme locally</p> <p>Ben and Paula apologised and had to leave the meeting at 12.30</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence: Letter from the Dept. of Work & Pensions – Thanking the Donnington Partnership Community Cafe for continuing to remain a provider for work-based placements.</p>	
6.	<p>Community projects and working group updates –</p> <p>a) <u>Community Safety: Nikki</u> A review of the temporary gating order at Cordingly Way to Park Road will take place early July</p> <p>b) <u>C&YP</u> Simon reported that the Youth club will no longer meet at the Scout Building after July A play scheme is running from the lifelong Learning Centre over the first two weeks of summer holidays. Youth clubs will be offering a summer timetable that includes different activities and trips.</p> <p>c) <u>Young Families: Jean</u> The baby clinic is hoping to move back to the new health centre in August. Activities at the Donnington children’s centre have a good take-up..</p> <p>d) <u>Community cafe: Rose</u> Rose reported that she will be returning to volunteer duties full-time from 1st week of July</p> <p>e) <u>Older people’s project: Rose</u> Older People’s Forum information and advice drop-in is being held on 17th July: 10am – 1pm at Turreff Hall.</p> <p>f) <u>Lifelong Learning Centre, Sharon</u> The Centre volunteers kindly chose Donnington Partnership as their charity and presented Albert with £300 raised over the last term. Albert gave sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers for their hard work.</p>	
7.	<p>Community Engagement meetings (CEM) Sept 19th = Suggestion for Jean to ask Donnington Medical Practice Dec 12th</p>	JG
8.	<p>Reports from representatives attending outside bodies Granville Park Management Board, Nigel – No update available.</p>	
9.	<p>Any other business a) Sat 21st September: St Matthews church are holding a Community Fun Day event and would welcome people to attend and also have stalls.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of next meeting – 4th September 11.00am at Wrekin Housing Trust Shop</p>	

Approved By  Date 14.9.13