

DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP WORKING LUNCH

Thursday 22nd September 2011 11.30am Turreff Hall

Present: Albert Biggs (Chair), Fiona Moore, Rose Gregory, Maurice Kirby, Ben Murphy, Margaret Henderson, Jean Gulliver, WPC Nikki Scott, Sheila Whitehead, Sandra Thompson, CSO Amanda Hall, Josie Edwards, Jessica Offland, Dennis Offland, Scott Jones, Steven Frost, Natasha Locklin, Alison Rees, Diane Morris, Deb Morrison, Cllr Clive Mason, Cllr Nigel Dugmore, Luke Fearnall, Jenny Hancock, Rvd Andy Smith, June Walker, Angela Lewis, Chris Newman (minutes)

Apologies: Rvd Paula Smith, Bally Kaur, Wendy Breakwell, Sharon Price, Liz Claire, Stewart Pickering, Shamim Bhatti, Ralph Morgan, Carol Wilgrove.

1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies: Albert welcomed Kate Giblin the new Treasurer to the meeting and thanked the members for attending, apologies were then noted.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Dated 16th June 2011 There was one amendment raised, it was stated that there had been no reference made to the parking and driving on pavements this was noted, the minutes were then agreed and approved by A Biggs.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising: None were raised</p>
4.	<p>Open Session: Feedback from the previous priorities is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 sign was also needed. Cllr Clive Mason has made contact with Andrew Careless, T&Wrekin Rights of Way officer, but no outcome yet confirmed. It was agreed the Albert would invite Andrew Careless to the next meeting to report progress. AB 2. Ball Games being played around Leonards close electricity Sub-Station at various times of day, The LPT had investigated this but no calls had been reported in so they were unable to deploy patrols. Luke confirmed that WHT had also nothing reported to them. Action closed 3. HGV Parking outside house on Ash Lea Drive blocking access to drives, This action had been passed to the LPT covering Trench because this was out of the Donnington area. CSO Rich Harrison (Trench) had spoken with the owner and the matter has been addressed. Action closed 4. Ash lea drive – vehicles parking inconveniently Donnington LPT has checked the location since priority was raised and discovered vehicles were not causing an obstruction of the footpath and in particular not causing blind spots or obstructions to road users. <p>Note: No other issues relating to community safety were raised.</p>

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	<p>Other comments raised during the public session</p> <p>a. Josie Edwards reported on behalf of Rvd Paula Smith that St Matthews has received funding to conduct a Parish audit which should provide useful information which will help to identify the future needs of the community, work has now commenced.</p> <p>b. Josie Edwards asked about the involvement and representation of young people within the Partnership, Fiona reported that funding has been applied for funding to support youth provision in Donnington and one of the proposals in this bid was to develop a Youth Panel which would be a representative voice for young people and would link into the work of the Partnership and other local democratic decision-making opportunities. Progress will be reported.</p> <p>c. A concern was raised that a copy of the parish magazine had not be received, It was explained by Cllr Nigel Dugmore that in future the Parish magazine will not be delivered to every home but newsletters will still be available to view via the Parish Councils website www.ldmpc.org and newsletters will be placed in the library, dentists, medical centres, community halls, churches, schools, post office, Lifelong Learning Centre and the Parish Council office. Should anyone wish to have a hard copy of the newsletter then this can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on 608001.</p>
<p>5a</p>	<p>Guest Speakers – June Walker from ASDA and Angela Lewis regional manager from Fields in Trust. (National Playing fields association)</p> <p>June explained Asda’s support for the FIT initiative and introduced Angela to the meeting who then outlined the principles of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge as part of the diamond jubilee initiatives.</p> <p>The challenge can help communities to be healthier and happier by protecting local parks and playing fields for everyone to enjoy for the future. The idea is to nominate local recreational sites for protection and funding for play equipment, improved access etc. The target is to nominate 200 sites in the West Midlands and hopefully 39 sites in Telford. The minimum size for a site is approx half a football pitch, you can access all information to start a petition on www.qe2fields.com or sign a petition at the local ASDA Store.</p>
<p>5b</p>	<p>Guest Speaker – Deb Morrison, Wrekin Housing Trust – Money Matters.</p> <p>Deb outlined some of the things residents can do to manage Debt issues more effectively, and the help and support which WHT can offer the local residents. The use of Credit unions for loans was explained emphasising that these are by far the cheaper way to pay for loans. Just Credit and Fairshare Credit Union were 2 examples quoted, with comparisons against credit cards and banks explained. It was also emphasised that information relating to debt management, banking or benefits advice is available along with help and advice available on energy supply options and cheap home insurance. Your local advice team can be contacted at the local WHT shop on 01952 217240.</p>

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Deb outlined the concerns relating to loan sharks in the area, and the availability of a loan shark champion for advice etc. She offered to provide a presentation to local organisations who may want further information, Revd. Andy Smith offered to make reference to this in the church newsletter.

6. **Projects and Working Groups Update:**

Lifelong Learning Centre: Rose Gregory (Sharon Price)

The classes have resumed this week.

A new agency is also using the Centre WEA and is now offering a different variety of courses which is encouraging.

Community Café: Rose Gregory

Several events are planned up to Christmas, with 2 bingo evenings on October 18th + December 6th from 7pm.

An Autumn fayre is planned on Saturday November 12th 11am to 2pm.

Christmas lunches are also available from November 28th to December 2nd meals will start at 12.30. Please book your seat!

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.

The Café is considering starting a Luncheon club any ideas would be welcome re timing, which day, menus etc. would also be welcome

Please contact Sharon on 01952 382202 or Rose on 01952 382203 on any of the aforementioned issues

C&YP: Maurice Kirby

Skate Park

The planning application is now due to be approved by early November for Construction to commence subject to contractors availability.

Integrated Youth support/Youth Service:

Youth clubs have been open for the first 2 weeks and the last week of the summer holidays.

The new Wednesday group continues to grow in attendance, this terms main focus is on cooking, sport, swimming and climbing.

The Tuesday evening club at the scout hut is targeting bullying as well as sports activities.

An 11 mile sponsored charity walk was completed for cancer research at the Town Park with £100 raised.

A Telford wide initiative is also underway with a variety of youth agencies to discuss the effects and impacts of trick or treat and fireworks on the community and older people as well as their own safety.

Funding bid:

Currently an application has been made to support the voluntary sector and increase

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provision and activities available to children and young people in the area, this is an exciting development, future progress will be reported.

Community Safety, Housing & the Environment: Nikki Scott

Nikki explained that the working groups aims and Objectives are currently being reviewed and developed to refocus the group's efforts; these should be available for the next working group meeting.

Crime and ASB stats

There has been a recent increase in Gangs of lads damaging fences around Turreff avenue, Winifreds drive, Wellington road and Church road as well as an increase in Anti-social behaviour, theft levels have also increased at Asda, Co-op, Morrison's,

She explained that Donnington has been made a priority area for the next 2 years. It was emphasised that it is important that all residents' concerns are raised so actions can be identified for future improvement.

She also emphasised that new members to the group are always welcome; anyone interested should contact Niki, Amanda or Fiona.

Concern was raised about the Estate walkabout attendance dropping off, it has been agreed that a review will be carried out to look at the reasons behind this and what can be done to improve the participation and effectiveness of the initiative, the outcome will be reported back to the group.

Young families/Health Groups : Bally Kaur

Health trainers can see local people at Donnington Medical practice on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons at Donnington Lifelong Learning centre. Appointments need to be booked by calling 01952

New walkabout Wrekin Walk called Routes to Renewal for those with reduced mobility/recent operation/illness. Every week on Tuesday at 10.30am for 30mins, meeting at Asda Donnington

For information please contact Jenny Stretton, Health Promotion specialist on 01952 217474

Older People's project: Jean Gulliver/ Rose Gregory:

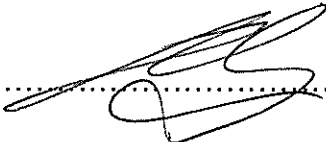
Jean/Rose reported that after consulting local older people's services and some groups they have made arrangements for an information/networking event to take place called the Health & Social Care forum. This event will take place at the Silver threads Hall on Friday 30th September and aims to provide support and advice for the senior citizens and carers/volunteers in the area. Representatives from the Red cross, Age UK, Senior citizens forum, Link, T&W and Health Through Warmth will be present to outline the services on offer and answering any questions which arise from members of the public.

A buffet will be available free of charge. All welcome.

Rose and Jean will consider arranging similar events if this one is successful.

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7.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Fiona handed out the "Shaping the future" questionnaire's on behalf of Telford & Wrekin Council and asked for them to be completed and returned by no later than the 30th September to ensure the ideas and views of the local community are identified to cabinet members.</p> <p>Josie Edwards commented that there had a been a good response to the advertisement within the last Parish newsletter outlining the achievements of the partnership, also that Saint Matthews Church website/newsletter now makes reference to future Partnership events and activities.</p> <p>Dennis Offland updated the meeting of the progress made at the Granville Nature reserve + Heritage trail; there is now a new map and leaflet which details the walks available, there are also new post markers showing the route for the Heritage trail.</p>
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>AGM -Thursday 17th November 2011, 11.00am at Turreff Hall Working lunch -Thursday 15th Decemder 2011, 11.30am at Turreff Hall</p>

Approved by  Date; 15.12.11

