

DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 15th December 2011 11.30am Turreff Hall

Present: Albert Biggs (Chair), Fiona Moore, Rose Gregory, Luke Fearnall, Margaret Henderson, Jean Gulliver, CSO Amanda Hall, CSO Julie Howell, Josie Edwards, Sarah Durnall, Mark Pearson, Diane Morris, Cllr Clive Mason, Dennis Offland, D. Groves, Revd. Paula Smith, Cllr Phil Norton, Andrew Careless, Revd. Andy Smith.
Plus school teachers Amanda Sanders, Beth Ellesmore and children from Donnington Wood Infants school choir.

Apologies: WPC Nikki Scott, Chris Newman, Kate Giblin, Ralph Morgan, Cllr Nigel Dugmore, Maurice Kirby, Jenny Cuff, Ben Murphy, Cllr Liz Clare

1.	<p>Before the meeting began children from Donnington Wood infants school attended to perform a selection of Christmas carols. They sang beautifully and got a rapturous applause from everyone present. Albert gave sincere thanks to the children for giving us all a wonderful Christmas feeling to the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Welcome & Apologies: Albert welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for attending, apologies were then noted.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Dated 22nd September 2011 It was proposed by Revd Andy Smith and seconded by Jean Gulliver that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. The minutes were then signed by A Biggs.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising: None were raised</p>
4.	<p>Open Session: No new priorities were raised at September's meeting but progress with previous actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Improvements to the memorial island at Wrekin Drive have been carried out by the Council with measures to deter vehicles from bumping up the kerb on to the grass.b) Andrew Careless, T&W council Rights Of Way Officer was present at the meeting to respond to queries about rights of way including alleyways. <p>New priorities raised during the public session People are ignoring the no entry sign into The Parade shops. Clive reported that 'No Entry' had been painted on the road. CSO Hall said that the Local Police team will have difficulty in responding to this issue unless they witness offenders or if people can forward car details to the Police.</p>
5.	<p>Guest Speaker – Andrew Careless, T&W Council Rights of Way Officer: Andrew attended to provide some further information concerning issues raised at previous meetings concerning alleyways. <u>James Way to Furnace Lane alleyway:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Council will be prepared to make a prohibition order to make it an offence to use the route. This is a consultative process and prior to making the order the council will consult with the PC, ward members, TBUG (the local cyclists user group) and the Police. If there no objections to publishing the order we will go

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ahead; there is then a statutory 21 day objection period.

- b) If the council get a prohibition notice successfully confirmed they will then be in a position to install the prohibition signs, and the Police will be able to prosecute cyclists for using the route. The council would need to discuss management of this process with the Police having regard to the resources that they have available.
- c) Andrew brought along designs for barriers to replace the existing one and explained that any design that is considered would need to be to the Disability Forum for approval. Given the narrow width of the route Andrew explained that the type of available designs are limited and doubted that any barrier will be able to prevent cyclists, merely slow them down.

Comments from the meeting:

- Clive responded to point c) and said that it would be difficult to ban cyclists and what is needed is to prevent cyclists from riding fast through the alleyway. A satisfactory barrier would be to make cyclists slow down and take caution in using the alleyway.
- CSO Amanda Hall suggested carrying out some direct consultation with residents who have brought this issue forward, to see what their views are on the current thoughts and designs available so that a consensus solution can be progressed.
- CSO Amanda voiced concerns about a prohibition order explaining that the limited available Police resources would not be very effective in being able to bring about prosecutions. CSO's do not have powers to issue prosecutions for such an offence.
- Mark Pearson suggested an alternative option of looking at the feasibility of straightening the alleyway. This was considered to be an unlikely option due to the high costs of re-routing a pathway, which would probably be no less than £10k.

Temporary alley-gating order for the alleyway leading from Park Road to Cordingly Way

- Albert queried why the work had not been carried out despite this order being confirmed one year ago.
Andrew's response referred to forthcoming council cuts that impinged on work programmes being carried out. However, he was able to confirm that funds were being set aside in January with the remainder being made available in April, so work will commence in the new financial year 2012.
- Amanda reported that reported incidents of ASB in this area has reduced from the peak that it was at when the order was brought about, but she explained that there are still very valid concerns for getting this alleyway gated.
- Luke reported that WHT still receive a lot of complaints from residents living close to this alleyway but people have not made these official because they are despondent about the fact that work had not been done when it was supposed to.

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Projects and Working Groups Update:

Lifelong Learning Centre: Sharon Price

This week see's the course's at the centre finish for the Christmas Holidays.

Next year we have some new course's starting, Working in the classroom, card making, internet and e-mail and computing course.

The Nursery at the centre has now gone so we now have a room to let out. so if anyone is interested please could they contact me at the centre on 382202 or by e-mail sharon.price@telford.gov.uk

The room is quite a large room ideal for parties, play sessions, youth activities.

Starting early next year Rose and myself will be working on starting up a Luncheon Club on a Tuesday lunchtime, so we will start promoting this in January with a view to starting after the centre has had it's new kitchen fitted which hopefully will be in February.

The Christmas Dinners went well, a drop in numbers from last year but every one enjoyed themselves.

The Christmas Bingo evening went well.

The Volunteers raised £320.00 for Macmillan Nurse's last term. The next charity they are raising money for is The Alzheimer's Society.

Community Café: Rose Gregory

Our Christmas lunch week went well with a total of 65 lunches being served over 4 days to local residents.

The cafe has progressed with its idea to start-up a regular luncheon club and we will begin a 3-week trial starting Tuesday 24th January, 12.30pm. People interested in coming along will need to book in advance to secure a place. Tel: 382203 or 382202

Our bid to the Donnington Fairshare Trust was successful, which will enable us to transform the kitchen at the Lifelong Learning centre into a fully operational kitchen with new commercial catering equipment. Work is envisaged to be carried out during the February half-term for one week. The bid will also enable us to employ a part-time assistant cafe manager to assist the cafe with its future development. This post will be advertised in the New Year.

The Café continues to look for new volunteers to come forward. It's a great opportunity that gives people allsorts of benefits including; gaining training and skills that can aid future employment, meeting new people, as well as a good start in the world of catering.

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

C&YP - Fiona Moore

Skate Park

Work began at the start of December to install the skate park, it's expected to take 6-weeks to complete and a meeting has been arranged early in the new year to start putting together a programme of regular activities for young people at the Rec.

Funding bid:

A funding application to the Fairshare trust has been successful to support the voluntary sector and increase provision and activities available to children and young

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people in the area. This is an exciting development and future progress will be reported.

Community Safety, Housing & the Environment: CSO Amanda Hall

To respond to a history of regular anti social behaviour and crime incidents in Donnington Wood, the Parish Council made arrangements with T&W Council to have 4 street lights changed to accommodate mobile CCTV.

Dates for street walkabouts in 2012 are available from WHT and the Parish council website. The walkabouts would welcome residents coming along to direct officers to any areas in their neighbourhood that they have concerns about.

Anti Social Behaviour statistics

ASB has been high in Donnington; This is largely contributed to one young man and his associates, who have been creating a lot of asb incidents in Donnington. An Anti Social Behaviour Order is currently being processed for this young man and a second ASBO is being considered for another young man belonging to this group. Other intervention methods have been employed to the other young people involved.

Youth workers have been employed to work on a detached basis with the aim of engaging these young people and to help prevent the number of incidents escalating. The Parade, Asda, D'ton Wood estate have been forwarded as suggested areas.

Questions raised:

Progress with Rainbows End housing development; Revd. Paula Smith confirmed that the area does attract ASB and this has a negative consequence for local residents:

No information was known on the current status of the development at Rainbows End. Cllr Clive Mason reported that he will look into this and provide a report back to local residents.

Young families/Health Groups:

Help 2 Quit is running a NEW closed group in the New Year at Oakengates Leisure Centre Party Room (upstairs)

Tuesday 3rd January for 16 weeks

7:00-7:45pm

For further information contact: [Rachael Gregory](#), Help 2 Quit Advisor: 07979 540 498

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

Jean/Rose hope to host a second open forum in the Spring; they also hope that the new luncheon club will assist in helping to build up networks for older people and services offered.

7. Any other business:

- a) Sarah Durnall introduced herself as the new Team Leader for T&W council Community Centres. Sarah was also elected at the recent AGM of Donnington Partnership to sit on the executive committee
- b) Diane Morris reported that D'ton and Trench Learners Trust is planning a festival next year and the suggested date is 30th June. Diane asked if this date was known to clash with anything else happening.

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	<p>c) Clive reported that the Parish Christmas lights Switch on had an excellent turnout and was a very worthwhile event. The Parish council agreed to host another similar event next year. Clive gave thanks to all those that helped to promote this event.</p> <p>d) Dennis brought along copies of the two new pamphlets showing the nature and heritage trails at Granville Park. These are available at the main park entrance off Lodge Road and also Donnington library.</p> <p>e) Albert gave thanks on behalf of all for the help and support that Chris Newman has provided the Partnership with in his role as volunteer minutes secretary. Chris will be leaving us at the end of the year to pursue other voluntary work with the Wrekin Housing Trust. The Partnership is currently looking for someone to fulfil this role and would welcome hearing back from anyone interested in being a minute-taker for the Donnington Partnership. Please can people pass this information on. Albert thanked all for coming and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.</p>
8.	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th March 2012, 11.30am at Turreff Hall

Approved by Date;