Meeting: Projects & Finance Committee.

Date: 27.7.15 **Time**: 9.30am

Location: Congleton Town Hall, Campbell Suite.

In attendance: M.Smith, S.Foster (Chair), J.MacArthur, B.Hogan J.Money, G.Wiliams & Bob Edwards.

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1.	Welcome and Introduction.	Apologies:- P.Aston, P.Bates.P.Minshull
	Steve opened the meeting by recording the sad loss of Margaret, also advising the group that a fitting memorial was being planned and would be discussed later in the meeting.	
2.	Matter Arising from the last meeting (18.5.15)	
	Item 3. Public Realm Strategy. BH and Bob E to talk to Chris Shields at Jacobs re this issue in the first instance re project costings.	
	If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached then BH.Bob E & SF to request a meeting with Cllr M Jones to see if improved support can be forthcoming.	
	Brian has not received a response from Chris Shields, therefor no need to contact Cllr Jones as yet.	
	BH to contact F.Price to try and move things forward.	
		BH to contact F.Price re costings.
3.	Project Update.	
	Cycleway Improvement. Whilst there is still some snagging still to be carried out on the towpath the project is close to completion. New signage has been sited, MS to check clarity of signage and report back to J.Mills if issues. Consultation to be carried out on improving access from Lawton St to Park Lane.	

Antrobus St Gardens. Good progress, Gym Equipment, Apple Core, New Seating and Pathways complete. Some snagging and soft planting still to be done. We will then need	
signage to encourage community usage and a story board around its development.	
River Dane Walkway .Town Bridge to Scout Hut. Neil Farnsworth has confirmed that the work orders have been signed and he is planning the work schedule to complete the pathway resurfacing, painting of the railings, steps and handrail in the next few weeks.	
New Project Ideas.	
Community Orchard Accessibility.	
Pathway, Signage, Improve accessibility. Partnership working with In Bloom / Astbury Mere Trust /CEBC rangers.	Set up a working group
Contact Vince Cutler, this was started as a memorial to his wife.	
Cycle Shelters.	
This is being picked up by Phil Mason CEBC Environmental. 1 shelter to be sited at or near the Library, other sites to be considered. No action required currently by The Partnership.	MS keep in contact with Phil Mason
Heritage / Bear / Town Walk Trails.	
N.Hood plan suggests that this would be a good idea to encourage healthy living and visitors to the town. Need to put a team together involving:- Museum, Jo Money, P.Aston, Matt Axford. Could well tie into the next project (Town Centre destination maps/signage). Long term may also consider trail leaflets. This could also become a <i>5 Towns Partnership</i> project similar to the Cycle Map project. Map for each town and then a linkage between them all.	Set up a working group
Car Park Destination Maps / Signage. Jackie MacArthur raised the idea for this joint project with Cheshire East Car Park Team, Congleton Town Council and The Partnership. Could be double sided	J.MacArthur

	boards that have the destination map on one side and the trails on the other.	
	Get Involved Booklet.	
	Joint project with Community Projects to reprint and update the booklet during 2016.	Jo Money / Partnership
	Moody Street Green Area.	oo money / r unineremp
	Once Antrobus St Gardens is completed there should be some S106 money left to refurbish the Moody St 'green area' up to Antrobus St Gardens standard. Partnership to work with CEBC (Julie Byrne) on this.	MS liaise with J.Byrne
	Mountbatten Way – Green Boulevard.	
	BE suggested this project to remove the railings and create a green boulevard. BH to discuss the idea with David Brown.	BH to discuss with David Brown.
5.	Youth Hub / Transport.	
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6.	Funding Requests.	
	There we no new requests received for this meeting.	
	Long term there could be a requirement to support the 5 Towns MMW Memorial Artwork to around £100.	
	MS advised the meeting that he had received a letter from Congleton Creative thanking P&F for financial support of the In Bloom Space Workshops. Apparently the Polytunnel display is very effective.	
7.	MMW memorial.	
	Sub Group meeting today to discuss an Endowment Fund for grant funding of local groups / organisations on an ongoing basis. Funding criteria to reflect Margaret's interests of Culture and Environment.	
	Next full group meeting 24.8.15 when other items such as Naming a site/area, Book and piece of Artwork for the Park.	
8.	<u>A.O.B</u>	
	J.Money . Jo asked if anyone knew of some storage space she could use for her art/staging equipment in the light of CEBC's planned demolition of the old council offices. After discussion Jo was to look at the Polytunnel site for opportunity ,either using an existing building or a site for a storage unit.	Jo to visit Polytunnels.