

Meeting : Projects & Finance Committee.

Date : 16.3.20 **Time:** 9.30am

Location: Congleton Town Hall, Spencer Suite

In attendance: M.Smith G.Williams (Chair), R.Edwards, D.McGifford, , J.MacArthur, S.Munro , D.Ritherdon & J.Money.

Guest

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction.</p> <p>Meeting chaired by G.Williams.</p> <p><i>These minutes are being written since virtual “ lockdown” so decisions made and actions required may well be worlds apart for now.</i></p>	<p>Apologies:-</p> <p>P.Aston, S.Foster and V.Cutcliffe.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matter Arising from the last meeting (13.1.20)</u></p> <p>Accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chair.</p> <p><i>Item 2. Destination Maps.</i></p> <p>Price increase to bus station maps (£850) per stand. It was decided not to progress with these. J.Mac to look at a wall mounted option near our current noticeboard. J.Mac and GW to chase up Cheshire East re the map planned for the town centre.</p> <p>Everything else in on the main body of the agenda.</p>	<p>.</p> <p>J.Mac / GW</p>
3.	<p><u>Project updates</u></p>	

Dementia Friendly Town.

Target of 1000 Friends achieved with close on 40 businesses now involved. 2 new Chatty Cafes on board with “Chatter and Natter “Tables (Bear Grills & Stocks at the Pavilion) DF session for our new councillors actioned (9 attended) Further DF sessions carried out at Specsavers and Museum, some planned for Mar / April at Mow Cop and Barehealth. Steering Gp meeting cancelled for 17th March (Covid19)

Destination Maps.

Nothing more to add. See action points from the last meeting.

Heritage Trail Project.

Possible linkage with Elizabeth Group and Heritage fortnight.

Elizabeth’s Group.

Elizabeth’s Group is going from strength to strength, with a number of new donations and bids since last meeting.

Now Coop Charity of the year, good support from Berisfords.

15th Feb a Ceilidh Irish Valentines Night resulted in £750 being raised.

2nd May Elizabeth Day involving children, launch Elizabeth’s Trail. Also including a “living statue” on the planned statue site during the day. Including all day activities for all ages, town hall involved. May happen later in the year.

28th May – Dr Maureen Wright (now a patron) Lecture Event/ Launch of her new book on Elizabeth.

Website up and running.

Cheshire Life article Jan 2020

Petra has made 8 paintings of Elizabeth to feature on merchandise

All activity postponed until later.

Events cancelled /postponed until later TBC

The children of Eaton Bank and other schools and clubs as well as individuals will be involved.

Miller Homes – One of their new streets /roads to be named Elmy Avenue.

Crowd funding drive after May.

Aiming for the statue to be sited/ unveiled on International Women’s day 2022.

Youth Forum

July event pulled, needs more commitment from young people.

Play Day still planned for Aug, looks a bigger event following the last youth forum meeting.

Congleton Sports Trust.

David reported that subject to FA agreement Congleton Rovers will link up with Congleton Town FC raising membership to around 500. CTFC to become an In Bloom Neighbourhood Group (Wed club members)

EBA 3G pitch is nearing completion.

Cycling TOB Legacy. (Active Travel Congleton)

2 bids have gone into HLF which from different sources both of which have an element of sustainable travel in them. Need to see how these play out and what we can achieve if successful. New name for the group see above. Bid into this meeting to help start up a CIC

Walking Map Project.

5 Towns Partnership Project similar to the cycling map project link the 5 old Congleton Borough Towns by a safe and interesting walking route. Sub group of ramblers and

Play Day TBC

In Bloom 2021

partnership chairs.

£10k received from the New Homes Bonus Scheme and the project is progressing nicely. Maps could be out by late summer, and PR /activity to launch them will be planned.

Maps(10,000) are now printed, process of way marking the route is being planned (support from Congleton U3A walking group members).. Looking to hold an event at Astbury Mere / Park on Thursday 9th April , 11am at Astbury Mere for ribbon cutting then walk part of the route to The Park. For 12.15 reception and thankyou to volunteers. of the route has now been way marked, just small gap around the link road area.

Health and Wellbeing Fayre 6.10.20

Very successful event held on 1st October, 50+ exhibitors and around 180 residents attending.

Good contacts / networking with marked benefit for our youth forum programme.

Next event planned for Tuesday 6th October 2020. First meeting to be held during April, Cllr S Firkin to attend to represent CTC.

Connected Communities Centres.

Still not seen as a real benefit to Congleton, although appears more successful where towns were not as well developed as ours with Partnerships/ Community centres.

TV 's should be connected during April, need to see how effective they are in what they are trying to deliver.

The Connected Communities Partnership is very much CEBC Officer led, useful for networking. GW and MS to meet with Muka to discuss / review future plans.

Congleton Green Fayre (26th October 2019) 30th May / 31st October 2020

The event in 2019 turned out to be a great success (thanks to Jackie / Mike for driving this)

Now cancelled/postponed until a later date.

Still being planned until we know different.

GW,MS and MK to meet in future.

PA, JMac and MS

with around 25 exhibitors and over 450 residents passing through the doors on the day. Some good networking and contacts made which should prove productive. One major project that will result in planting of a vast number of trees around Congleton has grabbed the publics' imagination and a sub group has been set up to work on this. Cheshire wildlife Trust and Woodland Trust to be involved, 40 to 50 sites identified in and around Congleton.

Two "Green Fayres" planned for 2020, Sat 30th May and Sat 31st October, we will keep the same branding as used on the first fayre. Again this will coincide with a Makers Market Day. PA, JMac and MS to meet to discuss responsibilities etc.

MMW Fund.

The next allocation of funds I April 2020. We have around £3700 to allocate and received 14 applications for around £9000.

Town Centre Rejuvenation.

CTC subgroup being set up to look at various development site across the town.

Scarborough are planning a meeting with D.McGifford and R.Chadwick to discuss future plans.

Also DMc and RC to have discussions with Kitewood re Bossons Mill area and with Clowes re Capitol Walk.

S. Munro reminded all the Bradshaw House, Moody hall and Throstles Nest all appeared to be allowed to run down / become passed saving.

Cenotaph.

Construction will start w/c 20th April (21st April) and finish around late July. Dedication events is planned for Sunday 13th September including a Great Wars Exhibition. More information

May event cancelled.

Oct event tbc

D.McG and RC.

	<p>as the project moves on. May need to transfer funds that have been earmarked for activities that haven't been actioned to cover fees, will know more as the project develops.</p> <p>D. Parkes working with Mark Spender re accurate/ detailed costings, we can then view if it will be possible to reinstate the mini wall fully. Bath House and Congleton Park (FOC) are interested in the old plinths, rockery stone (left over once the bank has been completed and sandstone paving. Museum has agreed to take the plaques into safe storage.</p> <p>750 Year Celebrations</p> <p>Jo putting together a subgroup, already has 12 volunteers interested, first meeting planned for 14th April (ideas session) Groups. Planning to start with Elizabeth's Group Events and finish at the end of the Heritage Group activity. Meeting with CeCP to get schools involved.</p>	<p>Since this project was discussed, Midland Masonry have temp stopped work on their sites until further notice (COVID – 19)</p> <p>Meetings now on hold, event will still happen 2022</p>
4.	<p><u>Funding requests.</u></p> <p><i>Active Travel Congleton – Funding of £500 towards setting up CIC, website, PR material etc.</i></p> <p><i>Underwrite for the following:- Green Fayres & Wellbeing Fayre up to £500 on each account.</i></p>	<p>PO NO. 1005/1920</p>
5.	<p><u>Town Projects.</u></p> <p><i>Leisure Centre.</i></p> <p>As far as is known this is still planned for early 2020. D.McG to find out what is going on.</p> <p>Triathlon has been cancelled because of this work, looking to organise an event using the new link road prior to its opening.</p>	<p>D.McG talk to Cheshire East re project.</p>

6.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Hydro Scheme. Public share scheme launched looking for £750K, slightly less to get the project up and running. Deadline end of March, could be extended slightly if close to total.</p> <p>COVID-19. CTC to look at what can be done to support residents as the situation develops.</p> <p>Create a page on CTC website.</p> <p>Jackie to talk to:- NLC re Foodbank, Debbie Jupp re volunteers, Congleton Chronicle re briefings/ articles etc.</p> <p>Staff meeting planned for Wed morning to discuss how we operate within Government guidelines.</p>	All
7.	<p><u>Date and Time of the next meeting.</u></p> <p>The May meeting has been cancelled, next meeting TBC</p>	