

## Meeting Minutes: **Partnership Oversight Meeting**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 **Time:** 11:30 am **Location:** Zoom/Town Hall

**In attendance:** Peter Aston, Cathy Dean (Secretary), Glen Williams (Vice Chair), Abby Smith, Kate Fallon, Kay Wesley, and Jeremy Lea.

**Apologies:** Stewart Price, David McGifford, Vic Brown, Richard Walton.

1.	<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b></p> <p>Peter chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Outstanding Actions –</u></b></p> <p>Minutes dated 06.03.26 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p><b>A.</b> Partnership website redesign to reflect changes, and discuss website development with Peter/Glen. <b>(Carry Forward)</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Connect the hydro team with Abby, who is an analytical scientist at the University of Manchester, who will be able to discuss aims, and there is the possibility of getting grants* etc to cover the cost of analysis, and we may also be able to lend equipment. – Cathy made the introduction. <b>Water Treatment Plant visit arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> May.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Pump Rack – Members of the Youth Council and interested parties get together to discuss locations. Glen offered to drive a minibus, we could visit existing tracks in Macc &amp; Kidsgrove. Cathy is to arrange a meeting. <b>(Agenda item)</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Congleton STATS - Kate/Cathy to meet up to discuss using a survey at the Health and Wellbeing Fayre, what do people want? Cathy &amp; Kate met to discuss survey questions, Cathy to make and launch at H&amp;W Fayre. Survey created, but didn't launch at H&amp;W Fayre, - <b>promote on social channels.</b></p>
3.	<p><b><u>Finance Update</u></b></p> <p>Full accounts sheet to be shared with the minutes.</p> <p><b>Total income:</b> £43,944</p> <p><b>Total spend 26/27:</b> £2886.0</p> <p><b>Balance Remaining:</b> £41,058.00</p> <p><b>Unallocated:</b> £9393.02</p> <p>£2000 has been allocated for the 2026 Green Fayre, £600 for leaflets, Congleton Cares and Young at Heart, and £600 for the H&amp;W Fayre 2027.</p> <p>£1000 will be transferred to Community Projects for the Get Involved Leaflet, which should be delivered this year.</p>

4. **Pump Track**

Cheshire East received a complaint about Back Lane playing fields and kids making temp ramps – “I received a complaint of holes that have been dug to create ramps for kids to use on their bikes/scooters by the unused part of the car park. I went and had a look last night, and they are really quite big. There is also damage to the fence that surrounds the field, again by the unused part of the car park. The fence has been damaged by them going over the top, and another part further down has been totally broken (by the containers), it has rotted away.”

CE has indicated that this is an area that they have previously identified as a possible location for a pump track. Cathy is still trying to arrange a meeting between all interested parties to move it forward.

**Action** – Cathy to contact ward councillors





5. **Bear Maina 2028 (Town of Culture)**

Town of Culture short list still to be announced, but whatever the outcome, we want to move forward with elements of the bid. A key project would be Bear Maina #TheNextGen

Bears don't have to follow the same format or design. The old bears that still exist can be worked into the project as 'Grand Bears'. Excellent opportunity to link in and include the surrounding parishes.

	<p><b>Action</b> – Cathy and Peter to meet up and decide a brief, contact ToC to see when winners will be announced. With a view to arranging a meeting to brainstorm ideas to see how Bear Mania in '28 could be achieved.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Member Event</u></b></p> <p>The members' event can be around Bear Maina; we do have nearly 100 listed as wanting to be involved in ToC. Get the creative people in the town involved to see what could be achieved.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Congratulations to Ian Carter for winning the UK National Young Onset Award for <a href="#">No Tier Snooker!</a></p> <p>Need to launch health and wellbeing survey – Cathy/Kate to organise.</p> <p>Pilates classes in the park starting at 7 am on 15<sup>th</sup> May, free to attend. If the weather is bad, we can use the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Disco for people living with Dementia, take the idea to the Senior Forum.</p> <p><b><u>Oversight Committee Meeting Dates 2026</u></b></p> <p>The usual meeting schedule is the First Friday of the month at 11:30 am via Zoom.</p>