



Cheadle Hulme Partnership

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2009
Venue: New Hope Community Church

Present

Mike Ibbotson (Local Resident & Chair), Brian Nash (SMBC Regeneration), Maria Nother (SMBC Libraries), Cllr Stuart Bodsworth, Cllr Suzanne Wyatt,

June Walsh (Resident), D Sheldon (Resident), Richard Watson (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Duncan Booth (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Sidney Jones (Resident), John French (Resident), G Taylor (Resident), Steve Fishwick (SMBC District Centre Steward), Robert Jewell (Friends of Hesketh Park), Hazel Akhtar (Friends of Hesketh Park), Linda Lee (Rainbow 88), Anna Triantis (AboutMyArea/SK8),

Apologies

Cllr June Somekh, Cllr Lenny Grice, Cllr Paul Porgess, Cllr John Pantall, Rev Gill Newton (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Myra Woodcock (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Julie Peacock (Pets Corner), Jamie Luck (SMBC Area Conditions),

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

MI made the appropriate introductions.

2.0 Apologies

BN recorded the apologies received.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting (20th May 2009) and matters arising.

MI thanked Kevin for covering in Brian's absence and for the comprehensive minutes, The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4.0 'Cheadle Hulme library – a gateway to the world' presentation.

MI introduced **Maria Nother**, Senior Librarian responsible for community engagement, who gave a comprehensive review of the facilities available and being developed in the library.

The first public library opened in Stockport in 12850 in the upper floor of the Produce Hall in the Market Place, before moving to the present position on the A6 in 1913. Cheadle Hulme library opened in 1936 and has remained on Mellor Road with a later extension added. In total the library service has 15 libraries, facilities in schools, a home service and a mobile library service. The library services keeps changing and modernising to provide appropriate facilities and the Cheadle Hulme Library is to undergo refurbishment.

MN summarised the range of services available, for adults and children.

Broad range on fiction, non fiction covering a vast number of topics. Paperbacks in small print with large print also available. CD's and tapes with 'talking books' available,

a wide range of DVD's and music cd's. Health information in partnership with the NHS. On line information with computers available free to the public and reference material.

Computer taster sessions are available on Monday mornings in small groups or individually if required. Activities available include coffee mornings held on the last Friday of the month between 10:00 and 12:00 and reading groups are held monthly.

Stockport Central library has a comprehensive heritage and reference section and includes records, census data, local newspapers, maps and a large stock of photographs.

The home library service is free to people who cannot get to the libraries and is a flexible service on a 4 week rota.

For more information on all the easy to use library services please visit the Council web pages, www.stockport.gov.uk/services/leisureculture/libraries

MI thanked **MN** for such a comprehensive digest of the library services.

It was noted that library usage is rising in Stockport and Cheadle Hulme is the 2nd most used of the Council's libraries.

5.0 Question Time

MI asked if the current format was acceptable, keeping meetings to approximately every 2 months and to keep this item as a means to deal with current issues. The meeting agreed.

6.0 Updates

Action Plan.

The footpaths and forecourts on Station Road remain a problem, although the forecourts are the responsibility of the individual premises it was agreed to investigate the possibility of a joint project with building owners and officers of the Regeneration and Highway sections. This could be combined with the desire to plant trees along the Station Road frontage.

Climate Change

RW reported a good response to the recent event on 23rd October at the Methodist Church including the film "The age of Stupid". RW introduced BRanCHes, a local group of volunteers, with a 2 year project to reduce household carbon emissions and a reminder that everyone in Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall can get insulation for £99 from the Energy Saving Trust.

RW introduced a local initiative in Macclesfield. **Food4Macc** aims to have more food grown locally in the Macclesfield area as part of our transition to a low-carbon sustainable community and aims to engage members of the community in working to develop local food supplies.

Stockport aims to reduce carbon footprint by 10% in 2010 and 8 years to achieve 13% reduction.

Green Spaces

Hesketh Park

The 4 seats have been restored together with signs and notice board installed. Working parties held to increase the planting areas.

The AGM is to be held on 5th February in the Conservative Club on Mellor Road and have events planned for 10th April - Spring party, 17th June - BBQ and 30th October - Halloween.

Oak Meadow

The Halloween event in the Park a was a huge success and included Ghost Walk, Treasure Hunt, Pumpkin Competition, Best Witch Competition and Scariest Costume Competition. Events planned to date are the traditional carol singing on 19th December, the summer Party in the Park – 3rd July and Halloween Party 31st October

Cheadle Hulme Shopping Centre Traders Association

Successful switch on event on the 1st December with X Factor stars 'Same Difference' giving a spectacular performance. A programme of events is being planned for 2010.

Police

No report. It was noted that Inspector Steven Gilbertson had now taken over as the officer for the West Area. BN to contact and invite Inspector Gilbertson to a future meeting.

Station

Mark Hunter MP has met with the rail users group including Network Rail/Northern Rail and it is expected that work on the station access improvements will commence after April 2010 and be completed by April 2011. Proposal to increase station car parking capacity by 30 spaces, but concern over the impact of the loss of spaces during the improvement works.

Car Parking

Reminder of free parking on Council Pay & Display car parks for the Saturdays in December. Generally car parking problems have eased mainly due to the loss of office staff in a number of office buildings; however problems were being experienced on Hill Top Avenue.

Planning Applications

'Hudsons' Bakery and Coffee shop is now open in the shopping centre.

District Centre Steward

No issues to report, the good work of SF recognised.

AOB

The New Hope Church are relocating at the end of December and would no longer be able to host the Partnership meetings. BN thanked the New Hope Church for their hospitality.

Next Meeting

6:30 Wednesday 10th March at the **Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**

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