

Madeley Regeneration Partnership
Minutes of Management Committee 20th September 2016, 5.30pm
Jubilee House

Present: Cllr Paul Watling (PW), Kath Howard (KH), Linda Birtwhistle (LB), Tina Perkins (TP),
Cllr Gill Green (GG), Cllr Rae Evans (RE)

In Attendance: Andy Rose (AR)

Apologies: Chun Bagry (CB). Rev. Alan Walden (AW), Shandy Price (SP)

1 Minutes of the last meeting on 7th June 2016

- The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

Matter arising

AR reported that Good2Great had started to roll out the training in Madeley. They had held an initial meeting for traders in the Anstice Hall. Courses will be running from now until spring 2017 (see attached flyer).

TP had attended the event and is signed up to attend some of the courses. She has been impressed with the quality of the training so far.

If traders are interested in booking courses you can provide this link which takes you to the Madeley page on their website.

<https://xv194.infusionsoft.com/app/page/support-selector-madeley>

Alternatively, you can check out events on the attached flyer and ring them up to book.

AR had been contacted by Ann Johnson from Wavelength, looking for a premises in Madeley for a pop up shop. AR had flagged up empty units in the Centre. They had sounded out the Methodist church about using the old café at the rear of the Methodist church in Court Street. The empty office space next to the library was also mentioned.

PW mentioned using the Anstice but AR flagged up issues with disabled access. PW said we needed to look into providing a ramp.

2. Financial report

Financial report was tabled. 2 items of expenditure since the last meeting

PCPT **£5,000** (Anstice Options report)

T & WC **£7,213** (Madeley War memorial scheme)

There is currently **£79,543** uncommitted. A further **£8,843** is committed to projects but not yet claimed.

3 Anstice Memorial Hall

3.1 – Update

AR gave a verbal update:

The licence to occupy for the Anstice was signed by ACT on the 25th July. The upstairs ballroom can now be hired out for events rather than just holding fundraisers. The first event for hire was held last week (40th birthday party). At present, the availability of the venue is being passed on by word of mouth as the trustees need to work through any teething issues such as key holders, waste removal etc. before it is formally launched as a venue for hire.

However, two regular bookings have already been taken with Shropshire short mat bowling club and a Line Dancing group.

There are two events planned this year being The Christmas Lights (3rd December) and Brass Band concert (18th December).

Feedback has been sent back to PCPT Architects on the draft Options Appraisal. The final report is expected by the end of the month.

The restoration of the ballroom floor has been completed.

Repairs to the electrics and fire doors have also been completed.

Further improvements are being investigated including:-

- Installation of a new sound system/lighting rig (Keith Whitton is seeking quotes)
- Cleaning of the ballroom (walls/carpets/curtains/chandeliers)(AR has meet with Rainbow Cleaning – may be willing to do some work for free)
- Repairs to stairs in fire escape (Keith Whitton is getting quotes – would allow the capacity to increase for events if second fire escape available)
- Vinyl floor has been laid in the upstairs kitchen for free by local business PD Smith.

Maintenance contract that the Town Council has with Telford & Wrekin Council BIT team for Jubilee House has been extended to also cover the Anstice. Covers all maintenance issues like boiler service, water quality checks, fire alarm checks etc.

ACT has secured a HLF start up grant to pay for training of the trustees and a business plan. Various training events have taken place, including visits to Ledbury and the Florrie Institute in Liverpool that was reopened in 2012 following a £7 million restoration programme.

Consultants have been approached about carrying out the business plan with ACT. Three companies have been invited to bid for the work:-

- Peter White (Fresh Life Consulting)
- Jenni Waugh Consultancy Limited
- Rawlings & Heffernan

Bids are due by the 7th October. Work to be completed by February 2017.

4. Highway Works – Update

20 mph speed limit signs have now been installed. It was welcomed by all attendees. PW indicated that he would like to see the 20MPH extended to the wider Town Centre. It is likely that T & WC Highways will want to monitor how effective the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order has

been before giving any consideration to expanding the 20 MPH area.

PW suggested that local people are asked for their views on the introduction of the TRO and the introduction of a wider scheme. AR will look into putting an article in the next Madeley Matters.

AR reported that he had raised concerns about drivers still travelling too fast through the Centre and had asked the Network Management team at Telford & Wrekin Council Highways if anything could be done to enforce and publicise the introduction of the 20 MPH limit.

The response from Telford & Wrekin Council indicated that West Mercia Police tend not to offer standard speed enforcement in a 20mph zone. They expect the design of the scheme to be sufficient to control speeds to around 24mph (10%+2mph above the speed limit). They were surprised that with the raised table and the relatively short distance of 20mph limit (200m) that speeds are much higher. They did offer to sort out a temporary Speed Indicator Device (SID) which will help remind drivers of the posted speed limit. AR will follow this up.

5. Pride In Your Community schemes

5.1 Park Avenue – Update

The Town Council is working with Telford & Wrekin Council to get the embankment in front of the Meadowlea flats planted up. Currently looks very untidy. Work would be carried out by the PET team out of their budget.

5.2 Russell Square refurbishment scheme

The scheme started in July 2016 and the memorial and square were completed in time for the commemoration service for Major Yate V.C. that took place on the 26th August.

The scheme is substantially complete apart from tree and hedge planting that is scheduled for the start of the new planting season i.e. autumn 2016.

T & WC Engineers who have been supervising the contract initially thought that there might be a shortfall in the budget to pay for the landscaping. However, they have now confirmed that the trees cost less than expected so the cost can be met by the available contingencies. The work will be completed by the next Remembrance Service in November. PW reported that he had received favourable feedback from local people about the new square.

7. Profile Schemes

7.1 Madeley on the Map Website

KH is satisfied that the cost of the domain hosting is good value for money.

KH agreed to liaise with Keith Whitton about having a further attempt to encourage businesses to add their details onto the website.

It was also suggested speaking to Good2Great as they advise on business websites. They might be able to suggest ways of increasing usage.

8. New Schemes.

LB raised a number of small scale improvements including:-

- Sign by the end of Court Street (by ski slope) indicating unsuitable for vehicles. Sat Nav tries to take visitors to Madeley Court Hotel along ROW rather than the main entrance off Castlefields Way
- Footpath improvements along Station Road and Church Street. Dangerous for pedestrians especially with buggy
- Removal of overgrowing ivy along Church Street by The Barns
- Removal of ivy around monkey puzzle tree on Tynsley Court.
- Environmental Improvements of shop units next to Kashmir Café in the High Street

KH mentioned buddleia overgrowing on the Peoples Centre as well. AR will investigate. Some might be suitable for PET team to carry out. AR will raise with Keith Whitton.

PW suggested improving the front porch of the Anstice. It is accepted that it does need to be sensitively handled because of the listing. AR mentioned that we could review the work carried out by Chris Pike for the unsuccessful PIYHS application.

9. Any other business

Problems with anti social behaviour around the Centre was mentioned, especially alcoholics. PW does not think using existing powers would be effective and it could stop other official events outside the Anstice from taking place. AR will check out.

TP reported that she always had a good response from the Police.

PW suggested use of the T & WC helpline **Telford 385385** number. PW does take up the problem with the Police. Helps if people do report incidences.

10. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 6/12/16