

Alsager Partnership Management Team Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Venue: ZOOM Conference

Attendees: Arthur Harding (AH), Kath Reader (KR), John Poulson (JP), Lucie Ferneyhough

Meeting commenced at 10:00 to 12:00

Item	Minute	Action	Owner	Completion Date
1.	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies: Lou Davis, Nicola Clarke, Councillor Julian Goodrich		
2.	Previous Minutes	Reviewed and accepted.		Complete
3.	Matters Arising	None		
4.	Any Conflicts of Interest			
5.	Health & Safety	No Incidents occurred in the last period		
6.	Volunteers	Everyone to continue to collate Volunteer hours monthly and forward to Arthur or update the AP calendar yourselves. Please use the AP electronic calendar within the G-drive. If you are unable to do this, please email Arthur with your diary details so that we can keep a history of everything that we do within AP	Kath/ Arthur/ John/	At the end of each Month
7.	GRIPP Status	No updates required.	Arthur	Ongoing
8.	Town Council Report	The Town Council budget Has been approved with an increase in the precept of 20%. The increase is mainly due to the sharp increase in utility costs of around 150% and other providers who have already increased their prices by an average of 10%. It will be a tough year for everyone. Gazebos and Alsager Wednesday Market • The Town Council has resolved to stop the provision of gazebos at Alsager Wednesday market. This is because the gazebos have come to the end of their life and are no longer safe to use. The council considered purchase of new gazebos and weights, however, as the market is not currently viable have decided to look at alternative solutions. This will be communicated in due course when plans have been firmed up.	Nicola	In progress

		Arthur said this would be a blow for the Stroke Survivors Club whose stall could make up to £100 per month.		
		John also raised concerns with the loan of gazebos for the Easter Bunny event where a couple of gazebos are used at the entrance to the Community Church. John to discuss with Simon.		ASAP
		Environment Working Committee Information regarding the Green Fair we be issued in the next week. The Alsager Clean team have a stall.		In Progress
		Inclusive Play Equipment Equipment is being installed.		In Progress
		Town Ranger position expected to be in place before April.	Nicola	In Progress
9.	Finance	Cheshire East Grant Arthur and John met with Julia Walker (via Teams) and were advised that there would be no grant for all Partnerships in 2023. The loss of £8k will have a serious impact on Alsager Partnership ability to deliver projects for our community.		
		If the Town Council refuse or reduce our grant request, then the future of the Partnership is in jeopardy. Nicola to advise of the Grant Panel outcome. The forecast to the end of March indicates an end of year surplus of just over £900. We have a reserve of £5000 and protected funds of £4981	Nicola	ASAP
		(relating to DFC/Youth project/ Skate Park) I have indicated the projects at risk in section 14 of the minutes. Lucie suggested attending seminars on CE grant funding for Health & Wellbeing/Rural Transport/Cost Of Living.	John/ Arthur	ТВС
10.	Connected Communities	Hygiene Poverty Project A slow start is requiring an extra push to get this known to those in need. To help with this John produced a flyer and it has now been circulated on social media. Meeting to review status is on 20 th Jan.	Lucie/ Kath/ John	20/01/23
		Warm Places Project Meeting being held to evaluate the success of the Project. Particular good story is Sarah Simpkin is leading an activity at Wesley Place to provide free hot meals once a week where about 40/50 attend.	Lucie	Ongoing
		Family Hubs are being considered to provide different kind of support. Fire Service have offered to go into local groups and give talks on fire safety.		

		Dane Housing are working with P	ocket Pov	ver to provide		
		support to their tenants.				
11.	Social Media	Facebook				
		NEW FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS	REACH	ENGAGEMENT		
		20 th Sep – 4600, gaining 81	6,995	2,257		
		17 th Oct – 4637, gaining 37	7188	1470		
		15 th Nov – 4658, gaining 21	7879	1877		
		13 th Dec – 4675, gaining 17	9556	2295		
		16 th Jan – 4691, gaining 16	13,569	3490		
		Instagram				
		NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS	REACH	ENGAGEMENT		
		20 th Sep – 1161, gaining 43	542	23		
		17 th Oct – 1174, gaining 13	1254	97	Lou	Ongoing
		15 th Nov – 1191, gaining 17	1396	124		2656
		13 th Dec – 1207, gaining 16	2619	172		
		16 th Jan – 1213, gaining 6	1452	142		
12.	Projects In	Alsager Clean Team Update			John	Ongoing
	Progress/	Saturdays Litter Pick was from		Club and 12		
	Complete	volunteers collected 15 bags				
		Our volunteer pool is now at 55.				
		Since this meeting the Chronical desires are article for a section.				
		are doing an article for next v				
		Schedule for the year has been seen as	en issuea.			
		Stroke Survivors Club				
		Fees for the 13 Club and Crev	ve venue	have been secured	Arthur	Ongoing
		for the next 12 months. Mon				
		starting a club in Middlewich	-			
		Pavers have sponsored the co		eech Therapist		
		Race night planned as a fund	raiser.	·		
		Indoor bowling continues.				
		Mailchimp Campaigns				
		 Open rates are between 50% 	and 75%.			
		Main use currently is for Mor				
		team communication, but we	•			
		Bunny Hunt and other activit	ies.		John/ Lou	Ongoing
		Milton Park				
		No progress at the moment on the 5 Year Plan.				
		No meetings scheduled.			Kath	Ongoing
		Orchard				
		Phil Mason says it is likely to be Ja	anuary 23	but is dependent	Kath	Ongoing
		on availability.			Ndlll	Ongoing
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		Health & wellbeing Event 25 th February		
		John is still waiting for responses from		
		Cheshire Health & wellbeing Bus		
		Everybody Health & leisure		
		Healthwatch Cheshire		
		Mentell		
		Topics requested for talks:		
		Speech therapy		
		 Techniques for managing pain. 		
		 Techniques for helping with anxiety/panic attacks. 		
		Techniques for improving memory.		
		Defib demo		
		Lucie offered to email her contacts in Cheshire East.	Lucie	ASAP
		John to contact Sharon at Cedars to see if they would be		
		•	John	ASAP
		interested.		
		Easter Bunny Hunt 8 th April	lab d	
		This is currently at the planning stage.	John/	
		Business to be contacted.	Lou	
		Jigsaw to be designed.		
		Map to be designed.		
13.	Dementia	Flyers to be designed. Memory Cafe		
	Friendly	A few of our regulars were absent due to ill health issues.		
	Community	Another new couple joined.		
	Community	Memory Choir leader Debora came and led the carol singing.		
		The Library Toddlers group also joined with their bells for	Kath	Ongoing
		Jingle Bells.	Katii	Oligonia
		There was a free raffle and chocolate.		
		Memory Choir		
		The cold weather put a lot of people off, but one couple came.		
		The room was cold, and the vicar came towards the end of the		
		session to apologise.		
		The January session has been cancelled.		
		If the heating is a problem might be worth considering other		
		venues, Arthur suggested the Dennis Round Court	Kath	Ongoing
		TOVERTAFEL LOAN		
		Dennis Round Court asked if they could have it on loan for a		
		while. Kath discussing with Jude the possibility of March to	Kath	In Progress
		end of May.		
		Dementia Friendly Status		
		KA recent webinar invited comment on the new system, there		
		were mixed views, and it will be harder to repeat the process		
		next year.		
		Kath has prepared a letter for Schools.	Kath	Ongoing
		Memory Café outing		
		Apedale Heritage Centre is being considered for the Spring.	Kath	In Progress
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		Dementia Strategy There is a Disability and Dementia Group meeting in February	Kath	14/02/23

14.	Projects Not Yet Started	The following projects are at risk due to the decision by Cheshire East to stop funding the Town Partnerships Ice Rink in Milton Park Italian Festival	
		Stall at the Library Youth Project With £1300 in protected funds, this could be contributed towards a youth project, whatever that might be!	ТВА
		Various concerts Kath has booked a slot at St Mary's for 18 th June for a fundraising concert for DFC. To be reviewed as we learn about Town Council Grant	ТВА
15.	Constitution	Before we make any further advancements on distributing the revised Constitution it will depend on the funding issues stated at section 9 above. Arthur was making good progress in recruiting members, but this needs to be put on hold.	ТВА
16.	A.O. B	None this time	
17.	Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 th February at 10am	