

DT11 Forum Community Partnership minutes

Date: 7th December 2011

Venue: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

1. **Apologies:** Keith Tempany, Joe Hickish, Carrie Lewis, Hugh de longh, Hilary Ritchie

Attending: Scott Norman (Chair), Peter Slocombe (treasurer), Diane Cooper (Vice Chair / Volunteer Centre), Ann and Tony Taylor, Barbara Thomson, Sara Loch (BFTC), Haydn White (BFTC), Mike Jones (Iwerne Minster PC), Jacquie Bolson (Dorset POPP), Jennifer Harrison (Milton Abbas PC), Keith Yarwood (Stourpaine PC), Terence Dear, Paul McIntosh (Dorset Agenda 21 & NDDC), Nicci Brown, Jane Gregory (Bryanstone PC), Davie Astin (Durweston PC & Milldowners), M Burt (Okeford Village Hall), Barrie Cooper, Ian Watson

Guests: Leo Hughes

In Attendance: Julie Wigg (DT11 Community Resource Worker)

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th October 2011 at Durweston VH	Minutes agreed. No discussion points.	
3. Matters arising	None.	
4. Treasurers Report	Peter Slocombe (DT11 Treasurer) presented the figures for 1 April to 15 December 2011. The current account balance is in petty cash, giving a total of Sara Loch queried how much we will be getting from NDDC. Peter Slocombe confirmed it will be around £10,000 (Exact amount - £	
5. Chair's Report	Scott Norman presented his report.	
6. Presentation from Leo Hughes on Community Renewable Energy	<p>Attached is a synopsis of Leo's talk.</p> <p>Scott asked if there were any questions for Leo. Mike Jones asked Leo for advice regarding a price their village hall had received of £20,000 for a 4kw system. Leo thought this was expensive and recommended getting more quotes. He advised going to a reputable installer as there has been some complaints with consumer's suffering water leakage through roofs. He recommends people look into all types of renewable energy and use a mix - such as ground source, air source etc. This is the most efficient way of saving money and being energy efficient.</p> <p>Nicci Brown mentioned that she is inundated with information/sales calls from companies regarding insulation. Leo said if eligible always take advantage of grants for insulation as it is a good start to being energy efficient.</p> <p>Jo Rose said that as there are grants available for solid wall insulation for social housing units perhaps the Partnerships should promote this? Also, as the Planning system is up for review could</p>	

	<p>this be an opportunity within the planning system to promote renewable energy systems. How could this be applied locally? Leo suggests that councils should be brought on board. Scott Norman asked how do we get this over to the District Council? Leo felt that the District Council should be aware of this as part of policy as it also links in with the Big Society philosophy. Paul McIntosh said that there is a Renewable Energy Efficiency Strategy in the Council but there are no resources to push it forward yet. The Community Energy Strategy document is presently being revised following a consultation. Scott Norman asked why the DT11 Partnership had not seen this document during the consultation period? Paul McIntosh apologised and said he didn't know but would investigate. Paul mentioned other areas that have been successful in forming community groups such as the Bridport Renewable Energy Group, ESCO - Energy Services Company encourage the formation of community groups so the groups can reap the economic rewards. In Dorchester there are energy monitors who offer advice and information. The Parish Centre was used as an example of a new build sustainable building.</p>	<p>Paul to investigate Community Energy Strategy Document</p>
<p>7. Update and questions on projects</p>	<p>Three Choughs (Community Resource Centre)</p> <p>Scott Norman - Planning permission has been received for change of use. It is almost completely gutted and a meeting was held on the 6th December with interested parties - the response was good. There will be a further meeting in January so we can get a feel of requirements and a formal commitment.</p> <p>Jo Rose said we need the stakeholders (primary people) to come to reality. There will be a revision of the final drawings with the Architect and we should have listed building consent by the next DT11 meeting.</p> <p>Scott Norman said the finance is critical. We have been turned down by various sources. We have told NDDC that if we don't get money/finance by the end of March then it may not go ahead.</p> <p>Jo Rose is optimistic that we will be able to source around £115,000 funding. She is looking into Sowing Seeds funding and is confident we meet the criteria - Jo will submit an expression of interest before Christmas. Over the next few weeks Jo will be in contact with interested parties requesting details of their wants and needs.</p> <p>Broadband</p> <p>Dorset County Council have taken over the mantle and are looking into getting broadband to the whole of Dorset. They are not asking Parish Council's for money but want their commitment. However, District Councils are being asked for around £800,000 which will cost them around £112,000 per year to borrow. DC's want to know what the return is on the investment? There is no return but the community will benefit.</p> <p>DT11 have decided they will look at the final mile to everyone's home. Not everyone will get fibre, some may be satellite. BT estimate it will cost approximately £300 - £1000 per house. Scott Norman and Steve Adamson have met a Dutch company who are</p>	

	<p>able to carry out a survey using Google Maps so they can work out exactly how much cable is needed which will give a much better estimate of cost. A fastrack application will be submitted to Sowing Seeds to request money to pay for the survey, however, the initial desk exercise will be free of charge.</p> <p>Trailway</p> <p>Scott Norman said the decision at an open meeting was that housing will be put on the whole site at Milldown. This means the building that was hoped for for trailway use will not be available as a road will go on the land where we wanted the centre.</p> <p>2 other sites were brought to our attention but unfortunately are no good. One is on the wrong side of the road and the other is unsuitable as it needs rebuilding.</p> <p>Jo Rose said we should all watch closely as there is a chance it may not go ahead due to access issues which haven't yet been addressed. Hadyn White said to watch out as the access issues may not be considered and the building may still go ahead.</p> <p>Peter Slocombe asked what's happening with the connecting trailway. Scott Norman said there has been no dramatic change. All the landowners are so far in agreement.</p> <p>The Fording Point</p> <p>Scott - There was a meeting of interested parties on the 2nd December. We're very lucky to have such a talented group of people on board.</p> <p>Keith Yarwood said we need to get the community and Jon Ivay together which will form a strong group.</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>Nicci Brown is interested in starting up a community newsletter and put this to the partnership. She would like to form a working party to get it off the ground. Nicci said that around 4 pages of editorial would cost around £150 in the Forum Advertiser which has a circulation of around 13,000. Terence Dear used to produce community newspapers and would be interested in being involved.</p> <p>The following queries need to be addressed:- should this newsletter be just Blandford or the whole of DT11? Do other parishes want to become involved? Is anyone interested in being involved in the working party?</p> <p>Scott said DT11 will help wherever we can in order to take it further. It may be possible to apply for Three Chough's funding to support this - ie; have a Three Choughs page. Jane Gregory mentioned that Bryanston has just started its own parish news and may be interested in merging.</p> <p>The next step will be to set a date where interested parties meet.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th February 2012 – Cedar Hall, Charlton Marshall</p>	