



Meeting: Congleton Partnership AGM

Date: 18.10.16 **Time:** 5.30pm

Location: The Town Hall Congleton.

In attendance:

Executive Members:- S.Foster(Chair), M.Smith, D.Murphy, P.Aston, D.Daniel , G.Williams, J.Money, J.MacArthur, P.Pinto, S.Halliday , P.Houldsworth ,G.Baxendale, R.Edwards, J.Beardmore, M.Gartside, D.Topping,

Guests: P.Minshull,D.McGifford.

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies The Chair Steve Foster opened the 10 Partnership Annual General Meeting by welcoming everyone to the event and invited them all to stay to the Executive Meeting that followed on from this meeting if they so wished.</p> <p>Apologies recorded in the minutes.</p>	<p>Apologies were received from : P.Bates,J.Crowther, P.Boon,D.Brown,G. Hayes, S.Akers Smith,L.Murgatroyd</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the last AGM The minutes of the last AGM held on 15th September had been circulated to the executive and were accepted as a true and correct record of the event. This was proposed by G.Williams and seconded by P.Aston.</p>	

	There were no matters arising.	
3.	<p>Overview 2015/16.</p> <p>Steve gave a brief overview of projects that had taken place / were still active across all of the subgroups. This was not an exhaustive list but a sample/range of the activities The Partnership is involved in.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan Get Involved Directory Back to Back Gardens Art Workshops Apple Juice / Cider Established Senior Forum/ Senior Health Fayrer Eco Schools (13 green flags) Hydro Scheme (Havannah) SLIC courses Cenotaph Restoration St Johns' Community Ctr Cycleway Signage/Play Area Signage Congleton Learning Centre Commenting Team / Planning / Developers MMW Memorial Projects Heritage Trail Scoping Exercise Moody St Green Area Town Centre Destination Signage</p> <p>He highlighted 4 major projects:- Antrobus St Gardens. (Soon to be Margaret's Place) A joint partnership project between The Partnership, Cheshire East, Readesmoor Practice and Congleton Town Council. This has undergone a major transformation with improved public access, pieces of artwork and fitness equipment and both hard and soft landscaping. The Gardens were officially open Oct 2016 and drew high praise form the In Bloom judges this summer. They are in the process of being renamed as Margaret's Place as a tribute to our past</p>	

	<p>Chair and founder Margaret Williamson.</p> <p>Mountbatten Way – Greening (phase 1). As part of our In Bloom effort and improving the approach to the town along Mountbatten Way , 5 Trees(Rowan Gold) /Tubs were sited as a pilot project, with a view to something similar being carried out on the stretch from the traffic lights through to Park Lane (phase 2)</p> <p>River Dane Walkway. This is the final piece of the jigsaw that then completes the whole length of the River Dane from Dane St through to Eaton Bank Industrial Estate. The section from the Town Bridge has had tree work, refurbished / repainted railings and a handrail sited down the steps. Completed late 2105.</p> <p>Community Orchard – Astbury Mere/ Mereside Ave. Working with CEBC Rangers Service / In Bloom Team the Orchard has be refurbished with a new Apple Core Carving, new steps, extra planting and new directional signage. Again drew great praise from the In Bloom judges.</p>	
4.	<p>Appointment of Officers.</p> <p>All appointments were elected on block.</p> <p>Proposed G.Baxendale, seconded D.Murphy</p> <p>Chair :- S.Foster,</p> <p>.Vice Chair:- G.Williams.</p> <p>All subgroup chairs remained in post except for:-</p> <p>Congleton Youth Committee. Matt Jones has now gone to university and we await the Youth Committee’s nominee to be confirmed.</p>	

	<p>The 20 voting members confirmed as:-</p> <p>S.Foster,D.Topping,J.Beardmore,P.Bates,J.Money,R.Edwards,J.MacArthur,D.Murphy,P.Aston,P.Boon, G.Hayes,D.Daniel, G.Williams , A.Morrison, V.Cutcliffe, P.Pinto, P.Houldsworth, M.Gartside ,S.Akers Smith Youth Committee member TBC</p> <p>There are also other non-voting executive members.</p>	
5.	<p>Presentation of Accounts.</p> <p>Mike gave a report on the financial state of The Partnership. Income for the year including balance from 2015/16 £96944 (this includes monies for The Cenotaph Renovation and The Margaret Williamson Projects.)</p> <p>Expenditure & Allocated to projects £68526</p> <p>Balance (available) £28417</p> <p>Mike comment that 2 projects currently had no costings against them (Moody St Greenspace and Mountbatten Way Phs 2) but it was a moving feast and other costs / projects are already appearing in the pipeline.</p> <p><i>The accounts were as of 26.9.16</i></p>	
6.	<p><u>Motions before the AGM.</u></p> <p>There were no motions before the AGM.</p>	
7.	<p><u>A.O.B (due notice given)</u></p> <p>There was no due notice given of A.O.B.</p>	

8.	<p>Closing Remarks.</p> <p>SF. Closed the AGM by reminding everyone that bringing in new volunteers remains a key challenge. He talked about the new Partnership dedicated website and the need for all subgroups to play their part in updating information on a regular basis to help improve public awareness of The Partnership.</p> <p>Succession planning was highlighted, in particularly in Steve’s case as he felt that whilst he would still be involved with The Partnership in some form another, he had served his time as Chair (5 years) and would be working on recruiting a new Chair for 2017/18.</p> <p>Steve remarked on the importance of continuing to deliver projects and support of community activities that benefit Congleton. He then outlined some of the new projects planned for 2016/17 These included:-</p> <p>Heritage/Bear/Cycle Trails Town Centre Destination Maps Play Area Awareness (Signage) Moody Street Greenspace Mountbatten Way – Green Boulevard Phs 2 Hydro Scheme – CSG Community award scheme Congleton Sports Trust Old saw Mill (Congleton Community Coop)</p> <p>He then highlighted and thanked our volunteers and supporters for their commitment over the last year. Thanks particularly went to :- The William Dean Trust The Inclosure Trust Local Trusts 5 Town Partnership</p>	

	Plus Dane Congleton Town Council (special thanks for their support of our officer post) Cheshire East Borough Council ANSA The Group Chairs Mike Smith All our volunteers.	
	Date and Time of the next AGM. Tuesday 12th September 2017, Congleton Town Hall, starting at 5.30pm with an Executive Meeting following at 6.15pm.	
9.	Meeting Finished at: 5.52pm Signed.	Chair.