**Meeting:** Projects & Finance Committee.

**Date**: 9.5.17 **Time:** 9.30am

Location: Congleton Town Hall, Spencer Suite

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair) M.Smith ,D.McGifford, J.Money ,S.Akers Smith, Bob Edwards ,J.MacArthur

Guest

Item	Agenda Item / discussion			Action / comment
1.	Welcome and Introdu Meeting chaired by P.A			Apologies:- S.Foster,P.Bates & G.Williams
2.	Matter Arising from t			
	Item 3 Cenotaph. Cenotaph Group meeting held 25th April and a time line of events drawn			
		ip:- Design & Costing J.Carter/ M.Pickford End of May		
	Planning Application	J.Carter	June	
	Presentation to Town (	Council MS/DMcG	6 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Press release /media	MS	Mid July	
	Funding:- Grant Funders Private Sector Councils	MS DMcG	Mid July to Sept	

	Consultation All Separate Programme grabbing opportunities as they arise. Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> Key date.	
	All other issue picked up by agenda items.	
3.	Project Update.	
	Cenotaph.	
	As above.	
	Public Realm Strategy.	
	F.Price outlined the plans at the town meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> April with various timelines as the project will be delivered in phases.	DMo null together DD
	Work planned to start late June/early July, and be finished by mid Nov (before Xmas Lights	DMc pull together PR subgroup.
	Event)	
	DM to call a PR subgroup meeting to discuss any timing or delivery issues /wishes.	
	<b>Town Centre Regeneration (The Mills)</b> Scarborough Group presented to the Town Councillors w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> May and will present to the market traders in the near future. Still to go to	
	planning, completion date 2019	
	There was a general feeling of disappointment in the design at the meeting, and it was felt	
	that we should look to discuss an alternative design to Scarborough.  Actions:-	
	D.McG to raise the issue with Scarborough / Kate Howe and ask for a meeting of the parties	DMc discuss with
	concerned  The issue of design to be raised at Partnership and then with Congleton town Council	Scarborough PA raise at P/ship exec
	PA to discuss with S.Foster with a view to approaching Roger Lomas for an alternative	PA/SF approach R.Loma
	(Congleton centric) design.	
	Leisure Centre.	
	Letter from M.Wheelton Project Mgr to D.McGifford	

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## 4. <u>2016/17 Project Updates.</u>

### Moody Street Green Area.(\$106 funding)

New arch and gates erected, flowers growing well, just waiting for the mosaics to be returned from Belmont and sited. We will then arrange for some PR activity to make the public aware that is their space to use.

### Destination Maps.

Most of the maps are now in place and getting good comments. Awaiting bus shelter maps/railway station to be sited. Pedestrian Area will be sited during the Public Realm works. JMac looking at a couple of other sites.

Paper copies available from TIC and a few other sites.

JMac looking at other sites/opportunities

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## Heritage Trail Project.

Note comments from Tim McCloud in email to me.

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PA contact T.McC

PA to contact Tim McCloud to discuss progress.

# Community Award Scheme - Jo Money

CVS are holding an all day Volunteers Event on 1st July in Congleton Park.

Congleton will be well covered in this, Jo Money is working with Mark Smith (CVS) and is looking to launch her updated version of "Get Involved" on that day. There will be room for local organisations to have a display in one of the marquees, with a Gala Dinner in the evening.

JM send out brief

Jo will send out a brief this week (w/c 8.5.17) for organisations wishing to be involved in the "Congleton Marquee"

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# Mountbatten Way - Green Boulevard. (Phase 2)

The 16 new planters are being planted up on 13<sup>th</sup> May. All trees are now in situ, although there was a discussion on stability of tubs.

# Play Area Signage

The signage project in itself in now complete. What we need to do is support it by raising the profile of the play areas and making the residents aware of where they are and what they offer.

We will tackle this in 3 ways:-

Martha Hayes will update the Play Area Portfolio started by Jacob (April 2010)

Create a flyer/ handout (Need to include Townsend Rd / West Rd if refurbished) The group agreed to put **£400** aside to support this.

Arrange some events / play activity on some of these sites. GW to discuss with Lisa Alcock.

Budget set aside for play area events £500

Engage with H.Snoden (Congleton Chronicle) re some PR/article about these areas. Health and Wellbeing story

**MS** contact H.Snoden

#### Congleton Sports Trust.

No major development as yet, still primarily Football and Rugby concerning the future management and playing conditions on Back Lane.

The clubs have met with Rachel Bailey and some Cheshire East Cllrs and are meeting with Frank

Jordan Dir Place CEBC on 24th May.

Need to develop a high level business plan similar to Sandbach.

Playing pitches strategy currently out to consultation. Need to meet and go through this both as a Trust and individual clubs.

Need to look at other sporting initiatives (eg Cycle Legacy)

Still looking for a chairman.

## Cycling TOB Legacy.

Cycling Issues SAS May 2017

- 1. The cycling legacy ideas continues to grow in support not only from Congleton Town Council but also from Cheshire East Council.
- 2. SAS recently met with both Cllr Rachael Bailey and David Brown who have both agreed that even though we have a cycling strategy in place, we do not have any cycling policies in place. This is something they are going to look into with the different cycling groups.
- 3. SAS recently presented the cycling legacy ideas at the Town Meeting and received questions. Nearly 70 people attended the meeting and there were a number of questions.
- 4. SAS has produced a questionnaire to find out what the appetite from the public is in support of cycling. Questionnaire attached, please feel free to forward and ask people to return them to the TIC.
- 5. Cllr David Brown has bought a bike, helmet, cycling shorts, track pump, gloves is now cycling on a regular basis. This support from a Cllr with such responsibility for highways is adding a lot of weight to developing the cycling strategy in Congleton and CE as much as possible. We need to maximise on this because he may not still be in this position after the 2019 election.
- 6. We had a meeting with the Canals and Rivers Trust to see if they are in support of the portion

of the Congleton Circumnavigation that could utilise the tow path. There is to be a follow up meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May to walk along the canal to see how this section could become a cycle way.

- 7. The Town Council Health and Well Being Group are going to meet to look at how cycling can help improve the activity of Congleton residents and the sustainability of the Town.
- 8. There is continued support for the Cycling and Walking Country Park with a view to where this could be located. This is something that once we have ear marked the land we can then apply for funding and with British Triathlon supporting such projects, if they agree to support it, they will match funds any monies that we raise.

Concern that developers are promising one thing and delivering another in respect to planning applications and actual build.

PH gave a couple of examples where this had happened.

PM to work with PH to tackle the problem, raise with the enforcement officer appropriate in the first instance before escalating to Shaun Hannaby.

D.McG suggested it would be a good idea to get Peter Minshull and Sue Orrell together to discuss the above developer issues. D.McG to contact S. Orrell

**Tea Dances - Senior Forum.** Piloting 3 Tea Dances at the Old Saw Mill as part of our social isolation drive. Dances planned for 17/6, 1/7 and 15/7 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. £4 to include a drink and cake.

The event is being run by Shirley Brocklehurst, Wellkin. This will give us the opportunity to test the need / support for this kind of activity. The plan is for it to become self-sustainable.

**Dementia Awareness Open Day**. The plan is to hold a dementia awareness day and then progress (along with Congleton Town Council) to become a dementia friendly town.

**Congleton Summer Treasure Hunt.** Working in partnership with Congleton Town Council and Active Cheshire to develop a game for 8 to 12 year olds for 6 weeks using technology similar to the Pokemon game. This is again a pilot for future activities if it proves successful.

5. <u>Transport – Mini Bus</u>

D.McG to contact Sue Orrell arrange meeting with P.Minshull.

	Mini Bus/ Congleton Community Transport Partnership Launch.	
	Nothing new to add.	
6.	Funding Requests.	
	Re-siting 2 x benches in Congleton park. Moved to accommodate MMW Art Piece. Congleton town council (Streetscape) £250 Po no. 89/1718	
	Active Cheshire – Summer treasure Hunt . up to £600 PO no.90/1718	
	Tea Dances – S.Brocklehurst / OSM etc Up to £350 PO no. 92/1718	
	Bromley Farm In Bloom – Youth Forum £250 PO no. 91/1718	
7.	<u>A.O.B</u>	
	<b>JM</b> reminded us that the new <b>Get Involved Index</b> would be coming out during the summer and that she would need up to date information on the organisations ( Partnership) wishing to go in it.	
8.	Date and Time of the next meeting.	
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July, The Spencer Suite , 9.30am	