

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	31 October 2017
Title:	Reports - External Organisations

Thame Barns Centre (Cllr Dodds)

Nothing received as at 30/10/17.

Citizens Advice (Cllr Austin)

Jon Bright, CA will give a verbal report under item 5 of the agenda.

Health Hub (Cllr Champken-Woods)

At the latest meeting with stakeholders on the Thame Health Hub the following was discussed: Trinity have now merged with Wellington House Practice (Princes Risborough & Chinnor) to become Unity.

Both GP Practices, Rycote & Unity, are now working together with Montpellier and their preferred site is the Hallam Site near the Rugby Club.

Hallam made commitment to getting a 2 page requirements definition from Montpellier and the practices by December, and to work on a pre-app in Jan-Mar. This would add to our evidence base for any future NP.

Community Hub

Not to be confused with the Health hub above. This is the new use of the Community Hospital by Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust set up in May 2017 on a 6 month trial basis.

The main driver for this is to keep patients out of hospital by treating them closer to home.

There are 2 hubs one in Thame and one in Marlow.

The Trial has been a success after a slow start but more patients are now being referred to The Hub rather than Stoke or Wycombe Hospitals.

The Stakeholders Group has now requested that the trial be extended for a further 12 months to see what effect Winter Pressures has on the Community Hub.

NALC (Cllr Dyer)

The Town Clerk continues to circulate the weekly NALC Bulletin, and regular OALC newsletters, so Councillors are already aware of all current NALC campaigns and activities.

The Town Clerk attended the latest meeting of OALC in Bicester on 4 October, and on 31 October the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Officer (NPCO) and Cllr Mike Dyer will be presenting on the provision of affordable housing under Neighbourhood Plans at the NALC Annual Conference in Milton Keynes.

Red Kite Family Centre (Cllrs Emery & Wyse)

Update to report issued in July 2017

The Family Centre Autumn Term programme has now reached its half way point. Attendance levels at

the sessions organised by the Centre staff team and those organised by the NHS staff continue to be very encouraging and full attendance data will be shared in our report in January 2018.

The Centre has now received its first visit by the Oxfordshire County Council representative who is responsible for monitoring the work of the Centre and the effective use of OCC's transition grant. A copy of the full report can be made available to Councillors if they would like to read it. The feedback overall was very positive indeed as exemplified by this message from the monitoring officer;

'I just wanted to let you know that I was so impressed with what you are offering families and just watching the children's faces as they interacted with the equipment, with each other, with their carers and with yourselves was wonderful. You offer a warm comfortable nurturing environment where the children clearly feel welcome and secure. As a result children were able to choose what they want to do, using the inside and outside space at will and experiencing their own autonomy in a place where they clearly feel at home. This was made especially clear to me when speaking to a couple of parents who had only been once before and their children, whilst tentative at first were soon exploring and gaining confidence. I was particularly struck by the number of different nationalities of families attending the session and how well integrated they appeared to be within the group. There was such joy and enthusiasm during the singing I left with a spring in my step!'

Our main focus currently is on securing the future of the centre for the years 2018-2020. With this in mind the trustees have invested a lot of time in preparing new promotional publicity material which is being circulated widely and also a promotional video which can be seen on the 'support us' page of the Family Centre's website. A 'Red Kite Community Forum' group has been established with the specific task of acting as advocates for the Centre and for working with the trustees to raise the funds required for the coming two years. In particular approaches are being made to many representatives of the local business community as we believe that many of them employ people whose families benefit from the work of the Family Centre.

We believe that the new community charity run Family Centre is already proving its value to the large and growing number of parents with young children in Thame (and Chinnor) and we hope that the Town Council will continue to show its support for this vital work in our town.

John Hulett, Chair of Trustees

Additional note on funding position – see below

During the first year we have received additional funds as follows:

OCC Councillors localities fund
Chinnor Parish Council Communities fund
Thame Mayor's charity fund
Mid Counties Co-op communities fund
£5400
£1666
£7892
£1568

The estimated total annual cost of running the Centre is £70,000 which includes about £40,000 for staffing, £12,000 for sessions and events and £18,000 for premises costs.

Funds promised for 2018-19 are as follows: OCC transition grant £10,000 Sharing Life Trust £15,000

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The video for Redkite is now ready and can be viewed via the following link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj1UUkwmwNwg&t=9s>

Thame Business Forum (Cllr Dyer)

The most recent meeting of the Business Forum on 19 September was regrettably poorly attended but nevertheless lively. The NPCO updated the position on the Local Plan consultation, lamented the permitted development approval for the DAF Building, and again focused on the need for employment space in Thame. Melanie Smans from SODC Economic Development then gave a short presentation on the District's Business & Innovation Strategy and outlined the support available to SME's. The remainder of the meeting was an opportunity for members to quiz John Howell MP on a wide range of topics including the Oxford / Cambridge Expressway, Business Rates, implications of Brexit, and the consolidation of Lord Williams's School onto a single site. The next meeting will be held on 5 December.

Thame & District Day Centre (Cllr Midwinter)

I have made visits, on a number of occasions, to the Day Centre which I found to be well run by Gillian Coleman and Kate, the under manager and numerous volunteers.

The Day Centre is open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the maximum clients that can attend on any one day is twenty from 9am to about 3pm. Entertainment is provide and a midday meal and from what I could see they really enjoyed themselves being able to attend and enjoy the company of such a facility.

As I joined to represent Thame Town Council on the Management Trustees Committee there was a smooth change of the position of chairman from Mr Tyrell Gillman to Mrs Chapkin-Woods and a new treasurer, Mr Keith Tattersfield. Both past chairman and treasurer were thanked for their hard work and support of the Day Centre during their term of office. Which was very much appreciated.

I think it is a well-run and much needed charity and a credit to our town.

Thame & District Housing Association (Cllr Butler)

Nothing received as at 30/10/17.

Thame Youth Memorial Trust (Cllr Lambert)

Nothing received as at 30/10/17.

21st Century Thame (Cllrs Emery & Fickling)

21st Century Thame: Notes from meeting of 21st C on September 7th Noon Racquets

Apologies: Sonja Francis, Linda Emery, Rosemary Bryant

Present: Tyrell Gillman, Helen Johns, Peter Woodman, Dave Laver, Sue Martin-Downhill Becky Reid, Dave Cookson and Natasha Kendall.

1. Sign off notes from June 29th meeting – DONE

2. Becky Reid:

- Global Treasure Trail has been signed off and in process of setting up. **Becky will keep us updated on progress.**
 - Re-schedule of Thame edition of Revive & Thrive to January to tie in with a potential conference they may host in Thame (tbc). Not confirmed but likely (depending on success of event in Abingdon). **Becky to update us following Abingdon event.**
 - Thame Art Crawl is being delivered as part of TAL on 14 October 1.30-5pm. **If anyone knows local artists who may like to display their work please pass on Becky's details or get in touch with 21st C admin.** Leaflets being finalised at the moment and will be in circulation soon.
 - Quote from Hazel Mann to re-do Town Centre Maps £360. We discussed options for match funding which Becky will be looking into. Could Chiltern View be an option? **Becky to update at next meeting.**
 - Noggin has proposed a 2-part workshop from 2-4pm for main stakeholders in town and 5-7pm for a wider business invite. In the meeting we agreed that we would invite everyone to both sessions. Tash has volunteered to introduce event on behalf of 21st C. Date proposed as 14th November – **Becky to confirm date.**
 - Becky will be sending out details of new Working Groups being developed and we will **discuss potential for reps from 21st C Thame to join the following at the next meeting:**
 - Town Centre Working group
 - Tourism (Visitor Economy) and Marketing Working Group
 - Business Working group
 - Public Arts Steering group (already recruited)
3. Food Trail: 21st C are moving ahead with supporting the food trail initiative. Key next steps are:
- Helen to get a quote from Hazel for a flyer design
 - Helen to contact Charlie
 - All team members with names against retailers to feed back by Friday 15th September

New Agenda Items:

1. Dave Cookson – On the Radar event. **Action: Tash to send to database**
2. Helen Johns – Crowdfunding event. Helen will be attending **Action: Tash to send to database**
3. Helen Johns – Young Entrepreneur Award: Part of the winner's prize is to have 24 hours of mentoring. Some mentoring time has already been allocated, however Sue will also be giving some time. **Sue will pick this up with the winner and understand what topics/support he might need.** Also, in return for mentoring time, Tash will send out marketing communication from one of the mentors (Jackie Jarvis) once we have received a description.

Agenda items for next meeting:

1. Marketing 21st C Thame – how to reinvigorate this initiative. (Sue)
2. Database boost – can we increase our mailing list? (Helen) Any comments please let us know.

The next meeting will be Thursday 9th November noon Racquets Welfare Trust (Cllr Champken-Woods)

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