

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 October 2018</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Reports - External Organisations</b>

### **Thame Barns Centre** (Cllr Dodds)

Nothing further to report since last P&R meeting.

### **Citizens Advice** (Cllr Austin)

Covered under item 5 on the agenda.

### **Health Hub (including Community Hub Pilot)** (Cllr Champken-Woods)

#### Community Health Hub

The Community Health Hub continues to gather strength with the expansion of Pulmonary Clinics which is the reason for the Day Centre's move. I had a meeting with Neil McDonald, Bucks Healthcare Chief Executive, last week and he is very pleased with the way things are going.

#### Health Facility

The Health facility continues to move forward. At a recent meeting between Hallam Land, Practice Manager Rycote (lead from GP's) and TTC the following was discussed:

Pre-App has gone in although doesn't exactly match our ideas

Discussed other sites and none seem suitable

We must ensure that it is built in Thame and not elsewhere

We need to wait for Pre-App response which would give us more info

We need to continue to support this addition to our healthcare facilities subject to planning

During my meeting with Neil McDonald he was fully aware of what was going on and supported it from Bucks Healthcare's point of view

### **NALC** (Cllr Dyer)

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

The Town Clerk attended the six monthly OALC meeting in Witney at the beginning of October, at which topics discussed included preparations for next May's local elections, the JSSP / Growth Deal, and Civil Parking Enforcement. Cllr Jones is attending this week's NALC Annual Conference in Milton Keynes on behalf of Thame Town Council.

Not aware of any current issue specifically relevant to Thame Town Council

### **Red Kite Family Centre** (Cllrs Emery & Wyse)

Interim report on the work of The Red Kite Family Centre To members of the Thame Town Council Policy and Resources Committee

The Red Kite Family Centre has run a full programme during each of the recent school terms and we are continuing to collect attendance data on all the activities that are run. A full report on the last year is due to be issued shortly and a copy will be sent to councillors. The headlines of this will be that almost all sessions have seen an increase in attendance with a number of the stay and play sessions being effectively at capacity (or over!). The various additional events and training sessions have also been well attended. It is estimated that between 80% and 90% of parents in the Thame and Chinnor area with 0-4yr old children have attended at least one of the centre's activities and there have been between 200 and 300 new registrations since the community run operation started. This level of engagement is due in a major part to the excellent leadership of Amy Spicer and the professionalism and commitment of her centre staff team.

Thanks to the continued support from Sharing Life Trust, Thame Town Council and Thame Welfare Trust together with some other very generous donations, including a business sponsor, our financial position is secure for this financial year and probably for year 3 as well. Our business sponsor has organised an evening with Raymond Blanc to be held at The Black Horse Pub Brasserie for local business representatives in November. However, the major challenge remains our financial sustainability beyond year 3 when the grant from OCC ends and a number of other grants could finish.

We are determined to demonstrate to our supporters and funders that:

- The services offered by the Red Kite Family Centre are a 'must have' for children and families in our community.
- The trustees are being very proactive in generating funding from the widest possible range of sources within our community and beyond.

With this in mind the trustees commissioned the help of 'Oxford Charity Mentors' a local charity committed to providing support and advice to charities such as ours. We have had a mentor assigned to us for the past 4 months and she has met with Amy and me and provided challenging and helpful guidance. As a result, we have now highlighted what we believe are the main priorities for our sustainable future. These are contained in our new Development Strategy which is now in final draft.

The headlines of this strategy are as follows:

Our Mission Statement: **Supporting families to give every child in our area the best possible start in life.**

Our motto: **Being there for every family**

The strategy highlights the following actions:

- A clear statement of our core purpose (As in the mission statement and motto)
- An outreach plan that aims to make sure that all families in the area can access what the centre has to offer. This will include a 'roadshow' that will visit the various residential developments in Thame and Chinnor.
- A community engagement plan aimed at involving a wide cross section of the community in the work of the centre. This will include:

A new volunteer programme

A 'friends' scheme offering discounts and benefits in return for financial support.

Promotion of the Centre as a venue for event hiring.

Strengthening our partnership with health and other professional working with children and families

We will keep the council informed of progress on all these initiatives and trust that Councillors will feel able to continue their support for the Centre in the coming year.

John Hulett, Chair of Trustees

### **Thame Business Forum (Cllr Dyer)**

The Business Forum on 16 September was held at the Town Hall, and included the usual updates on strategic planning matters and on the Green Living Plan as well as a presentation from Becky Reid to promote the Business Newsletter and the business pages on TTC's website.

There was also some preliminary discussion about whether to resurrect the Open Doors event in 2019, subject to possibly widening its appeal and to getting more volunteers on board to assist with organisation. A provisional date has been identified in September 2019 and a survey will be circulated to gauge likely interest.

The next Business Forum meeting is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Thame & District Day Centre (Cllr Midwinter)**

Nothing further to report at 29.10.18.

### **Thame & District Housing Association (Cllr Butler)**

Nothing further to report at 29.10.18.

### **Thame Youth Memorial Trust (Cllr Lambert)**

Nothing further to report at 29.10.18.

### **Thame Youth Projects Group (Cllr Fickling)**

Members of the Thame Youth Projects Group are due to give a presentation to Full Council on 13 November 2018.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame (Cllrs Emery & Fickling)**

Notes from meeting held on 23rd August 2018:

1. Attendees: Sue Martin-Downhill, Lin Wylie, Linda Emery, Peter Woodman, Tash Kendall.
2. Apologies: Dave Cookson.
3. People update: Tash resigned as secretary and therefore we will need to replace her. Tash will put together a job spec to advertise the position and share back (need to be comfortable with Mailchimp!) Action: Tash
4. Green Living Plan update: Lin reported that RSA Thame have been asked to have a stall at the AGM to market the Green Living Plan. 21st C will also send out a note to the wider mailing list to ask if there is volunteer interest in supporting the GLP. Action: Tash
5. 21st C Website update: Sue has been contacted by Andre Boeke who has offered to help with website development (thank you!) and will be arranging GDPR compliance for the equipment bank. Tash to contact Andre and discuss set-up of 21st C Wordpress site. Tash will also send a further request for GDPR compliance to mailing list. Action: Tash
6. Carnival update: Charlotte Houston has also offered to provide the graphic design for Thame carnival next year (thank you!). She has already done a graphic for the Facebook page which is now live with the date for next year's carnival. Funds raised by the carnival will be presented

to local schools once Charlotte has finalised the graphic designs. Available committee members will present these and will ask Sonja to attend as well.

7. Equipment bank update: Lots of activity with the equipment bank - many thanks to Karen, Peter and David for their help. We are now considering seeking legal action to recover the cost of the stolen marquee. Action: Peter to contact the insurance company and find out if we can claim for the lost marquee. Action: Linda to investigate how we can pursue this in the Small Claims Court.
8. Public Arts WG and Cows update: Lin has received some estimates for repairing the cows (c. £1200). The committee discussed it and agreed not to proceed with the repairs. Lin will have the damaged cows removed in December and will follow-up with Becky on the remaining cows. Action: Lin
9. Leaflets update: Lin is putting together a map and list of the destinations for the leaflets. Currently known: Racquets, Treacles, TTC, Museum, most of the pubs in Thame, cafes in Thame, Delphine Art Studio. Lin will visit the locations and check if they have the perspex holder and if they need replenishing. David Bretherton could also be contacted for information. Action: Lin to provide a further update next meeting.
10. AOB: Lin will be fundraising for a disabled swing to be installed in one of the parks in Thame and will be supported by 21st C Thame. The swing will be 50% match funded by the Town council and the remainder will need to be raised by the group. Action: Lin to share an outline and funding at the next meeting and the group will agree a plan to take this forward.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4th October 12 noon Racquets.

#### **Welfare Trust (Cllr Champken-Woods)**

No meeting since June, nothing further to report.