

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	9 April 2019
Title:	Reports - External Organisations

Thame Barns Centre (Cllr Dodds)

At the Trustee's meeting last Thursday the following matters were discussed.

Firstly staffing matters were discussed. It would be inappropriate to report these.

The Town Clerk reported on the progress made in relation to the new arrangements for the joint use of the enlarged car park and proposals for marking to give effect to these.

There followed an update on the forthcoming changes to the office spaces for both the Barns staff and the Church Office.

Citizens Advice (Cllr Austin)

1. Citizens Advice are exploring new ways of bringing in funds including starting up a pilot project with the national Citizens Advice charity to raise funds from high net worth individuals.
2. Advisers are under a lot of pressure dealing with the new Universal Credit Help to Claim service and a new, specialist debt service.
3. This September, Citizens Advice will be celebrating its 80th birthday. It was set up on Day 2 of WW2 to help UK citizens deal with the effects of war. It will be organising an event to celebrate this.

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

Health Hub

Not much to report meetings held between developers and with interested parties, Bucks Healthcare, League of Friends, etc and all appears to be progressing.

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. We are not currently aware of any issues specifically relevant to Thame Town Council.

The Town Clerk attended the NALC Spring Conference on Monday 11 February, on which he circulated a detailed report, and both the Town Clerk and I attended a meeting of OALC in Abingdon on 6 March. Subjects covered at the latter included a very good presentation and discussion regarding CIL's, and some information sharing and discussion on parking enforcement.

Red Kite Family Centre (Cllrs Emery & Wyse)

Following on from the presentation to Full Council in February. The Centre is a busy hive of activity.

The short courses have all started.

The Intergenerational project 'growing up together' has now started and 9 children enjoyed a visit to the Daycare centre last week to make bird boxes, play with playdough and sing alongside the elderly.

A recent fundraiser 'wigs and wellies' raised over £1,700 for Red Kite Family Centre and Brain Tumour Charity.

A successful Easter Messy Play session was held at Barley Hill School on Saturday and enjoyed by all!

12 parents will complete the parenting programme 'HENRY' this week led by staff at the Red Kite.

Red Kite are looking forward to a super summer term and are in the midst of planning their annual PlayDay event which will be held on 20th July!

Another activity that has been planned for is a healthy eating on a budget course for young parents and evening first aid courses alongside their usual weekly activities.

Thame Business Forum (Cllr Dyer)

Nothing specific to report as there has not been a Business Forum Meeting since the last P&R in February. The next meeting is scheduled for 30 April and will be hosted by Rhubarb Solutions in Dormer Road.

We are, however, pleased to advise that two Forum member businesses have received recent awards – Sylo Associates as South Oxfordshire SME of the Year, and Windles as Thame Employer of the Year.

Thame & District Day Centre (Cllr Midwinter & Cllr Champken-Woods)

I am happy to report that the move to the Cricket Club Pavilion from the Cottage Hospital on 19 March was very happily received by the Day Centre clients. The Manager, Deputy Manager, Chairman Mrs Alison Champken-Woods and Cllr Nigel Champken-Woods all worked extremely hard to achieve a very smooth and efficient move. I am sure that Thame Day Centre will go forward to serve Thame residents for many years to come due to the new location.

Ann

The Day Centre is now being held at the Cricket Club Pavilion 3 days a week and whilst there are some teething problems it's appears to be going well. The clients certainly think it's better than the Hospital site.

Nigel

Thame & District Housing Association (Cllr Butler)

Nothing received as at 3.4.19.

Thame Youth Memorial Trust (Cllr Lambert)

Nothing to report since the last P&R Committee. The Trustees would like to thank the Town Council Maintenance team for cleaning the Youth Memorial.

Thame Youth Projects Group (Cllr Fickling)

The committee are very grateful for the funding received from the Town Council and the Mayor's Charity.

Activities have included:

Academic Review Day

The Youth Café was open from 11.00 – 4.00 pm. 60+ young people attended through the day, although there were never more than 35/40 at one time, with several new faces attending. One stayed all day. All who attended enjoyed it. Due to this success Nick will find out the date of the next ARD. All agreed there was the possibility of similar approach for INSET days in the future.

Update on Youth Cafes

Tuesday Café: This is stable with 5-10 attending, giving an opportunity to get to know the young people, all of whom are keen to continue.

Wednesday Café: 49 attended the week previous to the meeting. Activities are well received, and kit on the whole is good. There are new volunteers on both days (currently going through DBS checks). The website has a link to “click here to volunteer”.

Oxfordshire Health Watch have attended and spoken to both cafes. Their aim was to evaluate health services and accessibility – eg “What is your biggest concern?” Many young people expressed concern about drugs. Nick has set up this contact Via Oxfordshire Youth.

Farringdon Town Council are keen to visit and learn how we work.

“TAB” from Abingdon have been in touch to find out about pathways to give counselling and advice to young people. (This needs to be developed in future with the Youth Worker.)

Youth Worker

A small working party is putting together the job advertisement, applications, and policies (with Oxfordshire Youth guidelines), as well as the interview process and payroll. It was agreed that if we were unable to employ by May/June, in order to properly introduce the Youth Worker, the next slot to commence employment would be from September. This would help with links with Lord Williams’s to promote to year 7s and encourage team building. The salary would be around £22,000. The budget for this would be on a three year cycle, and John has this in hand.

It was agreed that stronger links would be built up with local businesses, including listing any equipment required to set up a new Youth Worker – some of which could possibly be donated - along with looking into the possibility of sponsoring. It was agreed that it is essential to build up funds for the future. Gordon and Linda will look into approaching Thame Welfare Trust (who meet in July), for funding for set up costs eg laptop, equipment, and ongoing professional costs.

Paul will forward a Draft Job Specification to be circulated with the Minutes. It was noted that Qualifications for this post need to be clarified, or that there would be support in obtaining these if they are not already obtained.

Mind training course – 27 March 2019

Nick and Illya – and possibly Aimee – will attend this course at the King’s Centre. This will cover various pathways and linking in for those with mental health issues. Extra cover will be required at the Youth Café.

Tony Ellis – offer re food events

Tony Ellis (father of an attendee at the older Youth Café) has been in touch. He is a professional Caterer, and has offered his help with any food events - Roundtable Fund Raiser?

The committee are following up several sources of grant not dependent on Thame Town Council for funding.

21st Century Thame (Cllrs Emery & Fickling)

Minutes from meeting on 28 February 2019

1. **Attendees:** Sue Martin-Downhill, Becky Reid, Helena Fickling, David Laver, Linda Emery, Sharon Smits, Peter Woodman
2. **Apologies:** Lin Wylie

3. **Website:** Becky had the meeting on Tuesday 15th January with Andre. He is happy to do it and will have it completed in the next 2 - 3 months, but needs several nudges to get started. Becky is giving him another nudge and then may get Eryk involved to help move it forward. Revisiting Social Media links on the website and the content after the website is up and running.
4. **Art Crawl:** Becky needs help with Wordpress, she is going see Sue for help. Needs possible intervention from Eryk.
5. **Green Living Plan update:** Helena has had an update with Charles Boundy from the RSA discussing the idea of a Footpath from the Cuttlebrook Nature Reserve through Cuttlebrook to Moreton. Helena supplied him with the owners of the land along the route.
6. **Oxfordshire Local Plan:** It would be good for people to comment on this. Via the [OCC website](#).
7. **Health Hub:** GP's surgeries in East Street have outgrown their buildings. There has been lots of discussions regarding the changes in the future of Healthcare, having Doctors, Nurses as well as the other facilities, physio, scans etc. in one space. This would include after care happening in the new hub, which would be similar to the much publicised Super Surgeries. The consultation takes place on Wednesday 6th March. The site is opposite the Chinnor Rugby Club which could include a care home. For more information visit [Thame.net](#)
8. **Thame Equipment Bank:** Peter Harris has finished putting the shelves up in the container. Karen who took on the liaison position, now has a full time role, but happy to continue for the moment.
9. **Thame Carnival:** See the minutes from the [27th February](#) 2019 meeting.
10. **Taste of Thame:** Will now be in 2020 Sonja and Linda also getting involved along with Joe and Hannah from Deli@#5. Due to the delay the SODC Councillor may ask for the grant back that was awarded, depending on whether they are happy to fund the prep work e.g. website, artwork etc.
11. **Thame Tidy:** Date 30th March 2019 - 10am - 4pm Thanks to Rosemary Bryant for organising Thame Tidy and designing the poster. ACTION: Sharon to send out the date on Mailchimp full list and the poster on Social Media.
12. **Leaflets:** Peter has had feedback from Margaret at the museum, she puts leaflets out at very few sites - she doesn't go to any businesses. Becky is going to create a list of where they should be sited. There are 17 AirBnB in Thame!! These need to be contacted and Thame information given to them. What's happening with the Witches Ball? Becky to speak to Parkers to find out when it is going to be put back up.
13. **Red Midsomer Murder Plaques:** Subject to approval on 20th March 2019
14. **Presentation Evening** – To be arranged for when the website is up and running. Leaflet for the new houses. Have the people who have been supported by 21st Century Thame to stand up and do 5 minutes. Really need more volunteers for specific jobs etc. **Action:** Discuss at next 21st C meeting.
15. **Cows:** The responsibility for the cows has been returned to 21st Century Thame. The artist would like one, offer him the Market House one which requires some work. Place the one from the AGA shop at Market House instead. Jackie Nichols would like one for an art project for John Hampden School, offer her the one outside the Falcon. ACTION: Lin and Becky to co-ordinate.
16. **The Shopping Guides:** Becky is updating them, delay is finding advertising. Almost there. Alongside this the Town Hall is renovating the 2 bus stops with the Town Hall, adding the Thame Map to the shelters. There are 7 maps, some of which are double sided, so the backs of 3 of these will be available for use. 21st Century Thame to advertise on a community board (using environmentally friendly backing) at a cost so that they can be replaced on a regular basis. We need to recruit someone to get businesses to advertise for all the different places we have to advertise. ACTION: Linda to put together a job role

Welfare Trust (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Not much to report £10,000 grant given to Thame & District Day Centre for building the office but with conditions should the Day Centre move.