

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	18 February 2020
Title:	Reports - External Organisations

Thame Barns Centre (Cllrs Deacock & Dodds)

The Trustees of the Barn Centre met last week. A general report was given by the managers which indicated that usage of the centre remained strong and forward bookings were very positive. All this was confirmed when trustees were presented with the proposed budget for the next year which indicated a healthy reserve for any future liabilities.

Citizens Advice (Cllr Austin)

1. The CA are coping with a 30% increase in clients in the last 3 years, including Thame
2. A major donor fundraising project is being launched. The CA wishes to hear from anybody who has links to high net worth individuals. According to the CA once people realise it is not part of Government and see the number of people who are helped and the success rate, they are usually interested.
3. Volunteers are needed to help with non-advice roles such communications, IT, fundraising and web design
4. There is a new Advice Manager for Thames. Her name is Tricia Hook. She has been a volunteer and is an experienced manager. She replaces Liz Johnson who retired in October. She has already introduced herself to the Town Clerk.

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

Thame Health Hub

Meetings are on-going between the Developers and Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust nothing much else to report.

Community Health Hub

All is still going well with the addition of the Ultrasound working well. Also Chemotherapy is now being offered at the Hub.

I was invited to be part of the Chief Nurse Stakeholder Group for the appointment of the Chief Nurse at BHT just before Christmas and am delighted to say that Karen Bonner has been appointed. Karen has extensive experience working in many well known London Hospitals including The Royal Free, Barts, Guys and Tommies and is currently working at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital. She is a trustee of the Mary Seole Trust and a member of the National Workforce Race Equality Standards Board. I am pleased this was the result as we as a Group thought she was by far the best candidate.

NALC (Cllr Dyer)

The Town Clerk continues to circulate the weekly NALC Bulletin, and regular OALC and SLCC newsletters, so Councillors should be up-to-date on all current NALC campaigns and activities. We are not aware of any current issues specifically relevant to Thame Town Council.

Red Kite Family Centre (Cllr Emery)

As of 17th February, no report has been given. This should be available next Council meeting.

Thame Business Forum (Cllr Dyer)

The Business Forum met on 3 December at Kubota and again achieved a good turnout.

In addition to the normal topics Nicky Stallwood (LWS) and Sally White (Sylo Associates) gave an interesting presentation on Corporate Social Responsibility, followed by general discussion from which it became clear that most businesses are aware of, and keen to engage with, CSR but that some would welcome guidance in framing CSR policies and learning from best practice elsewhere. It was agreed that the subject should be scheduled for further discussion at the April meeting, hopefully with the benefit of some case studies.

In the meantime the next meeting will be at Unicarriers next Tuesday (25th February).

Thame & District Day Centre (Cllr Midwinter)

'Thame and District Day Centre' have rebranded and they will soon be called 'Thame Senior Friendship Centre'. The trustee decided that with the move from The Cottage Hospital we needed to rebrand and modernise to appeal to would be Sponsors and also to help with grant applications.

With the move to the Cricket Club and to fulfil one of our objectives to increase the number of clients, attending we will be adding one more table on Fridays. This has happened because Age UK closed the facilities at Wheatley and a number of people from Thame who used to attend there will be coming to us. The move with some small initial problems have been resolved. Staff, volunteers and clients are settled and all is going well. As with all organisations we could do with some more volunteers.

Thame & District Housing Association (Cllr Emery)

Business as usual. The planning application for Windmill Road is ongoing. Consideration is being given to the remodelling and landscaping of Croft Road. The Internal Auditors have given us a good review of our financial accounts and financial controls.

Thame Youth Memorial Trust (Cllr Tipping)

Nothing to report on youth memorial as no meeting, but we have renewed our insurance.

Thame Youth Projects Group (Cllr Tipping)

We have set in place a new set side committees to deal with different aspects of the running of Thame Youth Projects.

1 for the each of the following: finance & property, Employment & Volunteers, PR & Social Media, Fundraising & Revenue and Policies.

There are planned adjustments to logo designs. This is progressing well and has been run by our young people for their opinions on the new designs we have created.

PR committee has sorted an issue where our youth worker could not gain access to the youth cafe Facebook page.

Also discussed has been where we will be attending and what fundraising ideas we have for the year ahead.

Interviews are planned for architects for the design of the new Youth Hub. After the final bids closed on Feb 10th.

Requests for quotations on the Hubs requirements are being sourced and to be in by the end of this month. More on that in the next report.

We are looking at finding more volunteers for the cafe and are exploring where we search this. Adjustments to the advert on the town council's website will be looked into as it is an old advert and as such needs updating.

There is a planned half-term activity day running on Wednesday the 19th at Thame guide HQ. Many activities planned such as street dance workshop, gaming bus and cooking activities to name a few. For merchandising purposes we are dropping the word group and becoming TYP.

21st Century Thame (Cllrs Fickling & Francis)

21st Century Thame: Minutes from meeting on Thursday 12th December 2019 - 12pm at Racquets

1. Attendees: Sue Martin-Downhill (Chair), Sharon Smits (Secretary), Becky Reid, James Ebney (Youth Worker for Thame Youth Projects), Laura Fellows (Marketing), Helena Fickling.
2. Apologies: Lin Wylie, Linda Emery (Volunteer), David Laver
3. Website: New vision, values and aims format as detailed in the attachment. Becky is loading them onto the website, with links through to the relevant pages. Any comments must be made in a timely manner.
4. Cows: Laura has spoken to James Ort who is going to restructure the broken parts of the cows. Spring time for the painting, Laura and James to organise a date to do it, publicly to raise the awareness. Montesson Square seems like an ideal place to do this. Laura has agreed with James at the Phoenix Studio to fix the damaged cows in early December.
5. Constitution: Sharon and Sue are looking at whether the constitution should be changed and whether there are benefits to being a different type of 'company'/ 'organisation'. E.g CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) or CIC (Community Interest Company). We should ask OCVA and John Savell (john@savell.uk.com) for their advice. A new one needs to be written, use the new visions for it. Becky to find contact at OCVA.
6. Green Living Plan: Three sections (Principles, **** & Activation) (Thame Green Living website) the first two are complete, the third is about actioning the issues around the plan raised from the first two sections. The Green Living Plan is very supportive about this.
7. Thame Trees: 500 trees to be planted in Thame by 2020. Including nurturing a tree. Trying to get the website onto Google. Still getting all the details together. Meeting notes follow on from this one.
8. Thame Tidy: Sue gave Rosie our thank you gift. Thame Tidy signs and litter pickers are in the Thame Equipment Bank.
9. Oxfordshire Towns Meeting: Becky to inform Melanie Smams at SODC that 21st Century Thame still exists. Done. They need to decide how they can still support us.
10. Thame Equipment Bank: Chairs on their way.
11. Thame Carnival: Fly-past application has been submitted by Peter Harris. Still need a project manager - Sharon to meet with 3 new people. Work in progress.
12. Taste of Thame: Website under construction.
13. 21st Century Thame Twitter and other social media: 21st Century Facebook page created but actually we wanted to rename the old - still working on this.
14. 21st Century Thame Recruitment of new members:
 - Website is very important at this stage
 - A volunteers fair may be the way forward - Sue to discuss with Racquets etc.
 - Need a leaflet to distribute in the new houses - awaiting website.
 - Job Description for Advertising Sales Person - needs website
 - Mayors Charity Fair: We have decided not to have a stall at Mayors Charity fair.

- Thame Market: We should promote ourselves at the market - when it's warmer, when a cow is ready and when the website is up and running.
 - Presentation Evening: Discuss at next meeting.
15. Thame Wedding Fair: All of the businesses have venues, like the Art Crawl, numbered flags generic. Would 21st Century Thame contribute towards this? A smaller flag higher up the wall, fixings to be looks at by Becky.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th February 12noon - Racquets bar

Welfare Trust (Cllr Champken-Woods)

The Welfare Trust met in January and various small grants were made. One larger grant was awarded to the Thame Sports Club to pay for various additions to the new Clubhouse. It was also noted that we do seem to be getting a lot of requests from people who move to the area into social housing with one particular Housing Association with no floor coverings or white goods, this will be closely monitored in the future.