**Culcheth Community Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, 23 July 2014

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Venue:** Culcheth Community High School

**Present**

Sara Isles (Girlguiding Culcheth District), Chris Elcoat (Livewire), Paul Taylor (Taylor Business Park), Dawn Ashcroft (Livewire), Christine Housby (Scouts 1st Culcheth), Chris Vobe (Warrington Borough Council, Croft Parish Council), Jacqui Johnson (Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, CADRAG), Peter Caswell (Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, Glazebury Methodist Church), Ruth Whitworth (Warrington Borough Council)

**Apologies**

Mandy Brown (Sainsburys), Nick Milner (Sainsburys), Ann Court (Warrington Borough Council), Amanda Dodd (Culcheth Primary School), Ruth Harrison (Chair of Governors), Jane Titchard (Culcheth High School Governor & Children’s Society)

1. **Welcome and Apolgies**

Cllr Vobe welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained he will now be chairing meeting in place Cllr Bland. Everyone introduce themselves.

1. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

Minutes were approved, except Peter had given his apologies for absence.

There were no matters arising

1. **Partner Updates**

Members reported that the open day on 20 July at the Community Campus had been a success. 300 people signed in, and Girlguiding had 8 people sign up for waiting list for Rainbows and Brownies, and 2 people sign up for the Guides. Chris thanked Sainsburys for supplying fruit and water, and said photos of the day were available and would be on the Livewire website.

Members were also pleased with the swift action to deal with the travellers issue, and thanked all involved. Paul noted that there had been some issues as do not have a central list of who owns land. He proposed a contact list so whole community can respond quickly in future case. Taylor Business Park would manage this list. They are also writing to the land management companies about clearing the litter that had been left behind. Jacqui offered to write as a parish as well.

PCSO Steve Dodd noted summer holidays upon us and Wendy has something a CPX is planned with the Methodist Church. PCSOs are out and about and want kids to have a good time over summer, looking to keep them safe. The PCSOS have been to a number of school fetes to engage with children and young people. Funding is secured for movie nights in school from 10 October every three weeks until beginning May. They are getting more successful as the years go on. Colin also encouraged people to sign up to Cheshire Alert.

Chrissie informed the group that the scouts had had two sponsored hikes and had so far raised £150, to go to supporting children’s charities. They have secured a defibrillator from Sainsburys, which is now at the scouts centre and have had training to use it. They are on Chamboree from 1-9 August.

Dawn told the group about the national summer summer reading challenge, Mythical Maze for children ages 4-11. Introducing computer charges from 4 August, one free hour per day, then £1 per hour and 50p for concessions. Concessions are for those on benefits or OAP. Also hiring out library space and computers out of library hours. Community rate £10 per hour, £27commercial, and £16 and £43 respectively per half day, will also be charges for set up and caretaker. Charges for computers will be reviewed when universal benefit in place, as this will take more than an hour to apply for. Dawn to provide the standard script that library staff are to have when people ask questions about the charges.

Lifestyle team are starting a smoking cessation drop at Culcheth library, from Monday 1 September 10-11. The Padgate drop in has been disbanded through lack of interest, thought might have attracted some people from the university.

Chris noted that a new class Insanity fitness, a high intensity aerobic session, will be starting on Tuesdays 7-8, in the near future. Warrington Wolves are running summer gymnastic and football camps.

Sara reported that the Big Brownie birthday had been successful and they had had a sleep over in circus ring in Blackpool tower. Sara thanked the primary school for use of car park. They have assessed 9 people for bronze, and four people for silver, with 2 more for silver to be assessed, for the Duke of Edinburgh awards., Next year they will enrolling people for bronze, silver and gold. It will be the first year for gold, and it is expected that it will be quite expensive so fundraising has started, including a bag pack at Sainsburys. 2 new volunteers have signed up since last meeting. Currently they have 250 members and 60 volunteers. They have also received a defibrillator and training from Sainsbury’s, and are currently in negotiations with the parish council are siting it in the parish centre, where they meet.

Ruth informed the group that there is a new team in the East area. Herself s area manager, Bonnie Howlett will join as service support in September when her secondment as community connector ends, and we are currently recruiting for a community project support worker. All these posts are half time, Rachael Green remains as wellbeing mentor.

Peter said that many members of Glazebury Methodist Church are at annual camp north of Kendal. Peter gave thanks to all the hard work of Rev Chris Stafford who has moved onto Newton-le-Willows.

The Parish Council, law and order committee are meeting next Tuesday, and one of PCSOs will be there. There is no full council meeting in August, but normally it is every 2nd Tuesday of the month and September’s is in Glazebury Methodist church. Looking for ideas for next years community day on the first bank holiday in May, last year community groups made a total of £8,000 on the day. There are also planning meetings for the Victorian Day with the Lions, which will be on 29 November.

Jacqui has also been attending CADRAG meetings and been to a meeting with all councillors at the Town Hall about HS2.

The path for the teen shelter given up on path is on hold until village green drainage is sorted. Glazebury play area coming on, and allotments are planned for September. A strawberry tea was hled to launch the new name of Culcheth Age Concern as Culcheth Centrre.

Letter of complaint have been written about the bus routes, but Network Warrington say that they have not seen a reduction in passengers since the routes changed. The group asked for enquiries to be made about any change in demographics to the customers.

Plans for a wind turbine is at consultation stage in Salford.

Cllr Vobe reported that the future of Culcheth six form is now in the hands schools’ adjudicator, the overview and scrutiny committee had objected to the decision to close the sixth form.

1. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 September at 1:30pm