



St Anne's Enterprise Partnership

Date: Monday 9th Oct 2017

Time: 6pm – 8.30pm

Venue: AKS Lytham

Notes from QUARTER 4 Pubic Session

Andy Ainsworth	Dorothy Aitken	Aileen Aims	Denize Ashton
John Bentham	Fiona Boismaison	Norah Boylan	Peter Buckley
Fiona Burnett	Karen Cooper	Heather Cross	Michelle Cuffe
Tim Dixon	Paul Drinnan	Mark Dufour	Tony Durkin
Shane Grindey	Carley Harrison	Laura Heney	Veli Kirk
Shannon Kuspira	Fliss Lacey	Nigel Leech	Stuart Livesy
Barbara Mackenzie	Linda Markey	Allan Oldfield	Keith Rothwell
Vernon Smith	Andrew Sowden	Arnold Sumner	Deborah Terras
Sally Thompson	Darrel Treece-Birch	Melanie Uttley	Wilf Voss
Louise Wiltshire	Bev Wood		

1. Welcome and apologies

Bev Wood (chair) welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

2. New Project Board Member

Councillor Cheryl Little was announced as the newest member to the STEP Project Board by the Chairman Bev Wood. It was announced that Cheryl's role will be that of an Ambassador for the partnership as her position and community involvements make her ideally placed.

3. Business Update

STEP Retail & Business theme leader Wilf Voss of Silly Moos on Orchard Road gave a brief update on 2 activities that STEP are working on in this sector. The first being the roll out of a retail and business sector online questionnaire aimed at ascertaining the current needs and wants of this community. The online form is in its final stages of preparation and will be sent out imminently. The second activity is the STEP website which is still being developed. There are multiple elements to this site which will have a beneficial aspect for the town, businesses and residents. The aim is to have this site fully developed for January 2018.

4. Events & Updates

Veli Kirk (STEP Deputy Chair) ran through a list of all the activities and events that have occurred in the town during the summer months. STEP gave its thanks to the organisers and volunteers that gave St. Anne's a summer of successes. Dorothy Aitken and the team for St. Anne's Carnival and the brilliant addition of the first 'Piano in the Park'. John Bentham and team for the St. Anne's Music & Arts Festival with another run of locally based talent. Fiona Boismaison of In Bloom for the activities at the Peace & Happiness Gardens. Stone Carving Workshops and the Piano Memoria. STEP's very own St. Anne's International Food Festival and 'Cuffe & Lacey's' excellent first St. Anne's Gin Festival. Pat May and team for the ever-growing St. Anne's Kite Festival and the brilliant, Friday late event of Illuminated Kites.

Veli also brought to the public's attention 2 of the remaining larger events for the town. Namely the Christmas Lights Switch on and Launch, and the Victorian Christmas Festival. Heather Cross (Vanilla Artisan Bakery) invites the town to be engaged in the activities. To dress up in Victorian/Edwardian Dress to help generate an atmosphere that will be infectious. Stores and business really need to get involved, to make this a worthwhile visitor attraction to the town. Excell Fostering announced that they are intending to have a Children's Festival in Ashton Gardens in 2018, and would welcome all the help offered.

5. Regeneration & Maintenance Updates

Paul Drinnan (Fylde Borough Council & STEP) explained that the St. Andrew's Road South works have now commenced and should take about 8 weeks. The funding for these activities have all arrived as 'contribution led' from developments. The secondary stage to commence in Spring of 2018 will be the finishing elements to the top end of Wood Street and perhaps an extended part of St. Andrew's Road South adjacent to Wood Street. Paul Drinnan also made a proposal to look at the possibility of works for the Back St. Anne's Road West, this could be for paving, lighting schemes, traffic flow etc.

A further work in development is the proposal for a Maintenance Manual to be cross-council utility that will have all times, schedules and relevant information to ensure that St. Anne's is maintained to highest possible pristine standard. Paul Drinnan is looking for assistance in forming a working team to develop this essential piece of documentation.

6. Blackpool Transport (Guest Speakers)

Karen Cooper and Shane Grindey of Blackpool Transport gave a presentation regarding various items. As strategic Headlines the summaries are:

- New grey and yellow busses are now ½ way through their commissioning.
- By 2020 all busses will be Palladium branded. 140 in total.
- All will have FREE Wi-Fi
- Lifespan of a public vehicle is 10-20 years, most of the fleet is well into that timeline.
- BT is historically an old fashioned valued company, but is doing more to be forward thinking.
- New training and legacy well-being attitudes are being implemented to look after the team
- There has been a spike in anti-social behaviour on busses, especially brand-new ones.
- Youths are throwing bricks through windows!!
- All busses have CCTV installed.
- Too expensive to add additional conductors to vehicles.
- Trams do not have the same issues as Busses.
- Working with Schools, Heads of Departments. Often in plain clothes as deterrents.
- Blackpool Transport are working closely with Community Groups to improve performance.
- RAIL REPLACEMENT: 'Alternative Service' is Open for Business. 11th Nov – 31st March.
- Busses/Coaches will take on all Train routes that are cancelled due to necessary Rail works. Commuters will be taken to their booked destinations, it just may take a little bit longer.
- Question posed for how BT can work more closely with local business owners.
- There are promotional opportunities on services 7 & 11 (even 14 to Fleetwood).
- Screens are on the new Palladium Busses to promote activities/events in the town.

7. In Bloom (Unannounced Speaker)

Fiona Boismaison asked on the evening to make a presentation update. To summarise.

- Peace & Happiness garden a great success and is a sensory delight.
- Carvings are lovingly called 'Sand Grown Sand Stone'.
- Plans are in place for the Gardening Club.
- A Daffodil planting session is planned for Queensway on 22nd October.
- North West In Blooms 'It's your Neighbourhood Award' will happen 3rd November.
- In Bloom invites all local guest houses, cafes and hotels to be involved in the 'Colourful Welcome Award'.
- In Bloom are needing new committee members and ask for anyone interested in this role to contact Fiona.
- Councillor Tony Ford has applied for a litter pick of the Rail Line whilst the line is closed for essential works. If this is authorised volunteers will be greatly appreciated to help.
- In Bloom will once again be collecting REAL Christmas trees post new year in order to be used as vital sea defences by sustaining the natural sand dunes.

8. Dementia Awareness Evening

Home Comfort Services in association with STEP are proud to announce a Dementia Awareness Evening to be held at AKS Lytham on Wednesday 15th November from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the 6th Form Rooms.

There is 850,000 people living with Dementia. Ladies of 75 and over are x3 more likely to get dementia. It is estimated that 4,000 are living with this in the Fylde and 50% of that is undiagnosed in parallel to government statistics. The awareness evening will give advice and information to businesses and residents on how to be aware and how to create an attractive environment for those with advanced dementia. There will be advice on what to look for and how to look after those with Dementia.

9. U R Potential

Guest Speakers for January 2018 Quarter One meeting will be U R Potential.

Deborah Terras gave a brief introduction to the presentation for next year.

U R Potential are a youth focused society here to support young people in the Wyre/Blackpool and Fylde areas. In 2016 the organisation raised £4,500. An aim is to get young people involved. Involved in networks, communication groups (like STEP) and in activities/events.

Members were encouraged to always 'invite' young people to get involved, and to explain that they have a voice.

10. Next Meetings:

Quarter One Public Session

Monday 22nd January 2018

6.15 – 7.30 at

The Chadwick Hotel

St. Anne's on the Sea