



St Anne's Enterprise Partnership

Date: Monday 22nd Jan 2018

Time: 6.15pm – 8.00pm

Venue: The Chadwick Hotel, St. Anne's

Notes from QUARTER 4 Public Session

Andy Ainsworth	Dorothy Aitken	Aileen Ames	Georgina Bearman
Jamie Bearman	John Bentham	Fiona Boismaison	Carlos Bonixo
Norah Boylan	John Chamley	Heather Cross	Mark Daniels
Paul Drinnan	Sarah Dunn	Tony Durkin	Wilkinson Finch
Allyson Forster	Carley Harrison	Claire Harrison	Laura Heney
Sharon Iqbal	Amanda Jones	Anthony Jones	Veli Kirk
Bethany Lacey	Fliss Lacey	Cheryl Little	Barbara Mackenzie
Geoff Moore	Ed Nash	Ayten Nightingale	David Prest
Kathryn Quinlan	Vernon Smith	Arnold Sumner	Wilf Voss
Louise Wiltshire	Bev Wood	anonymous	anonymous

1. Welcome and apologies

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

She raised the subject of future funding of STEP and one way to address funding needs may be through paid membership.

2. Website Update

Aileen Ames explained that the STEP website is now Live including biographies of STEP project board members. Feedback is welcomed and can be made via Facebook or via St. Anne's Town Council.

Regarding art, Aileen asked that Amanda Joynt be contacted about this, there has been lots of recent art activity in the town and more is planned.

3. Regeneration & Maintenance Updates

Bev Wood spoke on Paul Drinnan's behalf about the ongoing regeneration works in the town centre here. St. Andrew's Road South is its current focus which will then move on to Wood Street. In addition to new paving surfaces there will be tree planting and possibly illumination of trees.

4. UR Potential (Guest Speaker)

Denise Parker representing UR Potential, played a short video showcasing the activities of the group which encompasses social action projects, volunteering and youth work. Since being set up 7 years ago UR Potential has grown considerably and is proud to offer training courses which are accessible to all and free of charge. This includes adult training such as employability courses. They hope to start a new project to create Digital Champions who can train others and the cascade of knowledge can be used to support others in using technology.

Denise also mentioned that volunteers needed at events could be supplied by URP as this provides useful training opportunities in return.

5. Events & Updates

Beth Lacey – Children's Festival 2018

Beth explained that the Children's Festival is planned for 12th May – a week ahead of the Royal Wedding. A further meet up to discuss ideas will be held on 1st February at 6pm, in the

Excel Fostering offices on Clifton Drive South. Venues so far include Ashton Gardens and the Masonic Hall on Garden Street. Beth has asked that any ideas be brought to the February meeting or please contact her on 712734.

Alison Forster – The Bag Borrow

Alison spoke about her motive which is to help the local coastline especially with plastic bag usage which amounted to 2.5 million single-use carrier bags in Lytham St. Anne's last year. Her proposal is to start a Bag Borrow scheme in LSA for shops to provide a free, cloth bag instead of charging for a plastic carrier bag. Borrowers of the bags simply return them next time they visit. Alison is looking for more people to get involved and spread the word about this initiative.

People are invited to find out more by visiting the Facebook page The Bag Borrow.

Contact Alison on 07793 072171 or email allyforster@gmail.com

Pat May – Kite Festival

THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR ARE 31ST AUGUST – 2ND SEPTEMBER

Pat thanked St. Anne's Town Council in particular and Fylde Council for backing the event in the last 5 years, as well as the Pier Café and other sponsors.

He described how with guidance from Helen Ficorilli the next step is for the group to become a Community Interest Company. This is especially important as event funding is to be heavily reduced by the Council this year.

St. Anne's beach is recognised as being one of the best for Kite Flying and the success of the recent Festivals here has now attracted the interest of the Malaysians and Chinese. We already have a partnership with the Kuwaiti international Kite Flying Team.

For 2018 a repeat of the Friday night is a must, with such large crowds and good feedback from last year's event when only a small audience was expected. In acknowledgment of this, food stalls will provide catering during the weekend including Friday night. Volunteer help is sought with tasks such as litter picking, bins and traffic marshalling. Pat will send a detailed list of his requirements to STEP via Bev Wood.

John Bentham – Music & Arts Festival

THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR ARE 27TH -29TH JULY

John firstly wanted to express how impressive he felt the St. Anne's Christmas lights had been last year especially with the display extension over the Crescent which shopkeepers have wanted for many years.

The Music and Arts Festival is growing bigger each year. This year there will be 3 performance stages including a special needs stage and an acoustic stage. Additionally St. Anne's Palace are going to be involved and Friday night there will be an event aimed at younger people.

Heather Cross – The Victorian Festival

Heather spoke about the event, now in its fourth year and how it is all aimed at trying to make the town vibrant and encouraging people to come and shop here in an otherwise quiet time of year. Her original concept was simply for the town's retailers to embrace their Victorian heritage by dressing up in their own premises. More people are needed to get involved on whatever scale and help grow the Festival.

Fiona Boismaison – St. Anne's In Bloom

Fiona described the success of the annual Christmas tree recycling process, which this year had assistance from Ansdell In Bloom who are planning to offer their own recycling initiative. Approximately 400 trees were collected this year and in early February they will be "planted" into the dunes to help stabilise them.

Fiona then outlined the year-round work of the group which is about preparing displays around the town centre. Sponsorship of displays is also possible and this costs a maximum of £50 so is affordable by most businesses.

With the prestigious RICOH women's golf tournament in the town this summer, there are plans for planted golf bags. If anyone can donate unwanted golf club bags, please let Fiona know.

Tony Jones – Blackpool Carnival committee

Tony is hoping to network with other areas and get people interested in being involved with the Blackpool Carnival which is held on 22nd July this year.

Please see www.blackpoolcarnivalcic.co.uk for more information or email Tony on awesteast@yahoo.com

Paul Drinnan – Fylde Borough Council – Regeneration manager

Paul explained that an advertising policy is being put together and consultation is wanted. The policy will include things like use of 'A' boards which he appreciates are seen as being essential by some local businesses. It is about finding a balance so that safety is considered and the overall improvement of the street scene.

6. Quarter Two Public Session

Monday 9th April 2018

6.15 – 7.30 at

The Lindum Hotel

St. Anne's on the Sea