

Battle Health Pathway Project Group

Minutes of the meeting of the Battle Health Pathway Project Group held in The Almonry on 10th January 2019 at noon.

Present: Sue Burton, Meg Beckett, John Boryer, Dale Wheeler and Glenna Favell (Battle Town Council)

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Deb Winchester and Vikki Cook. Fran Mariani, who has obtained 16 letters of support for funding applications, was unable to attend, but the group looks forward to welcoming her.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting on 7th November 2018 were reviewed. SB noted that she had suggested free popcorn for the Family Film event to encourage sales.

Matters arising not on today's agenda

SB did not hear back from Autism Sussex.

Project update

The Landscape Architect has made amendments to the plan and the drawing has been updated to include three heavy vehicle crossings following input from the Town Clerk and BTC staff. The route has had to be altered slightly and the gradient of the resulting path is unknown. There is some concern about this, but it is recognised that the BHP is a rural path in a challenging environment.

SB will provide GF with the names of four companies who should be invited to tender for the Pathway and three names of companies to be approached for quotes for the cycle skills area. Sussex Lund will be approached regarding the soft planting.

Update from Battle Town Council and 'Fit for Battle' Working Group.

BTC has received planning consent for the new Pavilion from RDC.

The meeting agreed that it would be best if the Pavilion could be built before the Pathway, but if funding dictated otherwise, the Pathway would have to be built first.

Account update and income. Outstanding funding sources

Total £17,203.79

Cycle Skills Area total £8,381.12

Pathway £8,822.67

 Battel Bonfire Boyes donated £200 to BHP

 St Mary's Church donated £600 from the Christmas Tree Festival

 Deb Winchester donated £102 from her £2 cuppa event

 SB and Sheena made £90 at the table sale

Police Commissioner's Safety Fund – BHP will re-apply in February 2019.

REG –waiting for a response

NFU – Annette made an application.

Lottery – **SB** will send a reminder to Jane Haddock regarding a meeting with Reaching Communities and Heritage Lottery, together with GF and the Town Clerk.

New funding Sources and applications

Rother District Council Community Fund – BLAP agreed that BHP could spend £750 for Annette (Step Up Sports) to complete an application for £30,000. The application is waiting in the BTC office for the Town Clerk to sign before submission. It is an enormous, detailed document that will be useful for future applications.

Hastings Round Table – **GF** to apply.

JB will find out if BHP meets the criteria for an application to the Blackman Foundation.

It may be possible that a charity (e.g. the Girl Guides) could undertake a bag pack in Sainsburys to raise funds for BHP.

GF will contact Ross Wingfield or Christine Meadows to discuss the possibility of applying to Sussex Lund for the soft planting.

Forthcoming fundraising events

BHP is the benefiting charity at the indoor boot fair at Kings Church on Sat 9th February. BHP will also get a free table, but could pay for a second table. The event is to be advertised on the BHP website and Facebook. BTC could advertise it on their website news. Good quality donations will be welcome.

SB will attend a meeting of Battle Photographic Society to thank them for their support. Images of the donated photos still need to be put on the website with information about where to buy the prints.

GF will change the booking for the Battle Memorial Hall to 14.00 to 17.00 for the Family Film evening on 23rd March. It was agreed that Littlefoot is a suitable film. **GF** will ask Tanya if she could help with sweets and popcorn.

Jempsons may collect for BHP in-store. **SB** to follow up.

£2 Cuppa is continuing. **DW** will provide a financial report on this successful fundraiser.

Publicity

The website needs to mention that BHP is working with Fit for Battle.

Publicity illustrations with a thank you to Gill Scollay and Kay Gates for designing and executing the illustrations will be posted on the website as a news item.

DW will provide the number of subscribers to updates on the BHP website. Members of the group will encourage friends and acquaintances to subscribe.

GF to ask if details of the website and updates could be included in the forthcoming article in the Battle Observer.

Next Steps

DW will take images of photographs for sale in the Deli and advertise them on the website.

GF will amend the booking for the Battle Memorial Hall for the Family Film evening.

GF will ask Tanya if she could help with sweets and popcorn.

SB will provide **GF** with the names of the four companies to be invited to tender for the Pathway.

SB will send a reminder to Jane Haddock regarding the meeting with Reaching Communities and Heritage Lottery.

GF will make an application to Hastings Round Table.

SB will follow up with Jempsons regarding a collecting box.

GF will contact Laura at the Battle Observer.

JB will find out if BHP meets the criteria for an application to the Blackman Foundation.

GF will contact Ross Wingfield or Christine Meadows.

DW will provide a financial report on the £2 Cuppa.

DW will provide the number of subscribers to updates on the BHP website.

AOB

Battle Wildlife Meadows Group could be approached to provide manpower for the soft planting.

Time and date of next meeting

11.00 on 21st February 2019 (TBC)