

## Clowne Community Association

### Final Minutes of Meeting

Date: 19 JULY 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall

1. **Apologies** Simon Nissenbaum, Brenda Gauntley

Attendance was 36 people.

2. **PCSO were due to attend - but Police activity seen tonight so presumably away at an incident**

The community are the eyes and ears of the Police- please pass on anything you see.

As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**

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### **3. Closure of Clowne Community Transport**

#### **Speaker Jill Meeds**

Jill began by thanking people –staff have been overwhelmed by the expressions of support given by people.

The funding that will end at the end of September will be Dial A Bus trips to shops and aCTive Travel to health appointments.

DCC have had extreme legal challenge from bus operators who say that grants are distorting the market place.

So Derbyshire CC have had to put these services out to tender at the beginning of the year and Clowne Transport couldn't bid as they have no operators licence and insufficient staff or vehicle capacity to meet the bid criteria.

The tenders covered East Side of Derbyshire County and West Side and Clowne Community Transport only have 7 vehicles and so couldn't cover the whole of the bidding area.

2 separate operators have been appointed for the two services

Dial A bus

Active Travel

A service continues under a different operator.

But can't say what days it will travel and which stops it will go to. It will be free for Gold Card holders.

#### **Questions**

**Q.** Will the new operators have passenger assistants? for wheelchair bound people.

**A.** Don't know how the new operator will work with assistants.

Active Travel health appointments will continue with different operators. Group transport for community and voluntary groups in order to be able to this.

**CT4TC** another operator- **Chesterfield and Amber Valley**- will take over the regular bookings. Other new groups have to approach alternative providers.

Day trips should also be covered by CT4TC.

Clowne Transport have gone beyond basics to support the walking group and evening groups and are keen to see this keep going.

They have 65-70- members and looking to support this group.

Clowne Community Transport can't support it as they won't be there after the end of Sept.

They would seek funding for keeping the group going.

New charity organisation hoping to set up to pick up for Working Together for Older People projects.

Chesterfield Diane Shepherd is seeking another provider. CDCT will close at the end of September but are seeking suitable alternative service.

Jill expressed her thanks for everyone's support and to all the staff commitment that staff and volunteers have put in over 28 years.

**Q.** Will the new companies have the same H&S restrictions etc, awareness etc to meet?

**A.** Jill hopes so – but Clowne Transport has always had high standards of support. Dial a Bus operator is another CT operator and so should be up to standard.

Action Travel not sure who the operator is but should be monitored. CT has first aid trained operators.

Jill expressed her thanks to all the staff who have provided 28 years of excellent service.

**Q.** What checks will DCC have on operators?

**A.** There has been normal regular checks on certification and advance DBS checks etc. Will be a once a month service under the contract.

**Q.** Clowne Barlborough Walking Group - who will the new operator be and what long distance routes will be covered?

**A.** CT have notified all parties and funders and have written to individuals taking this and what will happen. Hope that the costs will remain the same. Hope CT4TC will base some buses in Clowne to avoid dead mileage.

**Q.** Is this happening elsewhere in Derbyshire?

**A.** There are 6 different CT schemes in Derbyshire. Bakewell and Glossop CT have not won any contract. Ashbourne have won the West side contract.

Other two Erewash and Swadlincote are cash rich and will hopefully manage.

Amalgamation has been talked about with another CT operator eg in Notts area. CT have some small work in Notts but it's minimal. CT don't have enough core funding to keep going. Didn't want to go insolvent – wanted to complete and end in a properly managed way with planned closure and are looking at another way to provide social and group work.

**Q.** Will existing staff be employed?

**A.** Staff which are with a contract will transfer under TUPE rules and others will be made redundant. Hope that some of the staff will transfer and vehicles will be sold off.

**Q.** When was the decision made?

**A.** Finally was beginning of July – but they have been aware of the cuts for some time. See Jill Meeds Facebook page. CVP statement about CT and the risks and loss from the decisions.

**Q.** After the end of CCT what is possible?

**A.** Local Transport Plan LTP and other grants CRT etc have helped capital costs eg a new vehicle costs 70-90K. So they are running old vehicles – annually a £50k maintenance /repair bill so no chance of new vehicles. There will be a need for CT – Helping hand at Killamarsh and Clowne Lunch Club are some of the earliest clubs using the service for the last 28 years. Will continue but elderly groups now want different activities – more active population. Taking away CT impacts greatly on a whole host of local groups and individuals.

**Q.** Concern over Health and safety issues and risk to vulnerable people on using future CT.?

Was CCT audited by DCC?

**A.** Yes DCC could turn up at any time and check vehicle clamps etc. CCT do checks on all vehicles and wheelchairs before transport. If not checked then people have to transfer and move into a regular vehicle seat.

**4. The Minutes of the previous meeting 24 May 2017 were approved as correct.**

**5. Street Lights** – these are being changed . At the same time bins are disappearing as the columns are being swapped. Under the previous DCC operation lights were changed as needed but now all are being done on a rolling programme- longer lifespan and cheaper to run .A lot of LEDS have to be replaced in their entirety but they last longer. Next CC visit in Sept will pass on our comments to Parish Council to raise.

**6. Cemetery on Barlborough Road**

This is not as well maintained as in the past. Send letters to complain to the Parish Council- Burial Board meeting. For three and a half years there was contract – Mr Widdowson had the correct equipment and certificates and did a good job. For 18 months now new renewal of contract with new operator has been inadequate. They finished and the Parish Council have taken on 1 person with set hours of 10 to do the work and it seems this is not enough hours?

Not correct equipment and no Job Description or adequate insurance. Re-interment recently was really badly managed. Recent Derbys Times issue and article.

2 BDC gardeners and 2 work experience people were doing it recently – so 4 people doing the work that one previously did. Not enough time to cover maintenance currently?

Parish in their reply to the DT article have said that they have 3 people available to do the work. DT article said Ross Walker had been putting in questions to Parish and getting no answers. Parish simply denied it!

Feel that the gardener is doing his best but not enough time and no real equipment available.

E mail Brian Watson at District Council e mail Vice Chair of burial board. Gardener has also lost his father and cannot get back to visiting the grave yard while he is grieving. The power station on the left hand side was an issue – the Board say that trees need to come down . Ross and Allan met the Power company and they say they are all OK and that they will trim them

The ex chairman K Read said it would cost £4.5 million to move the substation and said they had no choice?- why would he say that?

But Western Power say that there is a choice and under good will they will handle it. CCA can make a formal complaint

As individual Councillors they can make objections against Councillors who has lied and has maligned someones character.

There must be a formal action done against this – “hung by his own tongue” is the phrase. There is also video evidence.

Q. Who do you complain to?

A. Sarah Sternberg at Bolsover DC.

Can then take it up from her reply and e mail follow up Ross is not lying.

Send it to Bolsover DC – Brian Watson.

**7. Midland Rail Trespass Sign 1893**

The 1893 Trespass sign has been done on site by John Kasher for the History Society paid for by Clowne in Bloom- Tesco Bags of Help grant. Sign - Town Trail plaque to be added.

**8. Southgate Memorial**

Planning application in progress- no issues identified. Half Mining Wheel and a second mining tub and bench to be installed. There will be memorial garden - Barlborough No 1 Oxcroft No 3 pit marker. Still seeking funding for the work eg Tarmac and developers and local businesses.

**9. Gladman development proposals – off Mansfield Rd**

This developer is advertising for comments on the proposals to develop off Mansfield Road. They have done a lot nationally. 100 houses proposed now but could be up to 500. Comments on Facebook – suggests nobody replies as they are seeking

responses from the public and then they will put it in the Planning application. What will the community put up with ?

Also house developer Avant - Mrs Robinson commented that they were to put in a **Pelican crossing on Mansfield Road** and it has not appeared and they are still building after the break point for it to go in.

District say the builders should put it in. Presumably s106 funding and £75k was promised for Library.?

### **10. Clowne Gala 15 July 17**

Thanks to those who helped out on the day and especially to Alan Gillway for the stall sales who donated £30 and publicised Clowne Association and Clowne in Bloom with new banners.

**11 Creswell Markland site \_ Free Tennis** being promoted there now with junior and senior classes.

CTTC tennis gates kept on site at Clowne by new housing developers- History Society are writing to acknowledge.

### **12. Clowne in Bloom- Tesco Bags of Help grant**

Blue Plaques/Town Trail plaques 2 free plus eight to order from Victory Design.

Play Train on Parish Council site has been surrounded by security fence again.

Inspection report and work done to meet safety inspection . hope to do final items requested by Parish and have it complete and open.

Rail sign being designed- discussed with History Society. Three town centre history signs for The Cross/ Heywoods and Station Road area. No Planning permission needed as owners property and their signs. Linear Park 10 A3 sized signs being designed and bases to be installed.

Surrounds to old Linear signs improved with Limestone – Bolsover DC say they are to produce the new signs here

**13. Well Dressing this year is Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10 am.** Making underway and small boards from each of the 3 schools as well as Salvation Army so twelve small boards. To include **1917** -Margaret and David Hewitt are attending a memorial event to mark 100 yrs since battle of Passchendaele(3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Ypres) and will be placing wreath for Clowne men of the Sherwood Foresters at event and Tyne Cott Cemetery.

**14. Parish Council Notice Board-** what happens to it when property is sold?

It is a Parish decision.

### **15. DCC Greenway and Wheelchair Access**

DCC Countryside Service staff spoke today to Anna Chapman. Possible ramp idea to get across the back of the new houses on goods yard/skate park site. They have got funding for it?

The old A frame barriers are out of date and don't meet current requirements on wheelchair friendly access. The Planning application for the Greenway route had to be re-submitted because of technical boundary issue where the No 4 café on North Road ownership is. It may come back – 8 weeks to process.

### **16. Any Other business**

**16.1 Station road issue** – now that the shrubs on the footpath are going onto the pavement alongside Biffa. Are the Council maintaining this area? So not sure what is happening. Biffa have shut down this week.

**16.2.Creswell Community Gala Saturday 29 July** Free childrens activities

### **17. Meeting DATES FOR 2017**

**Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings**

**Committee Meetings**

**6 September 20 September**

**1 November 22 November**

**Note** Drinks and Raffle everyone was thanked for their donations- £55.34