

Community Plan Meeting Notes – 7th June 2023

Introductions

Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Chair), Arabella Calder, and Alex Shand, Vale Creative Communities Team, Cllr John Andrew, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Vale Cllr Charles Champion, Cllr Dave Breen, Admin Assistant Clair Davis, Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy.

Apologies

Cllr Terry Williams

Revised Terms of Reference

Quorum to be changed to 1 councillor or Town Council Staff member and ability to have more than six community groups.

Feedback from the Coronation Event

Discussed the comments made, and green spaces was seen as positive for Cowbridge and is a theme to be developed. Another issue was the poor mobile phone signal in Cowbridge despite the web site mobile.co.uk saying the signal was adequate Charles Champion is in discussions with OfCom in conjunction with Alun Cairns to get some recognition of the problem and a plan to resolve with the providers

Update from the Vale

Project showed that people visiting Cowbridge love the old buildings etc.

Green spaces highlighted as very important

Funding – applied for funding for full community mapping exercise

Next few weeks Vale will come up with internal report – timeline for towns – there will be up to £50,000 available for each town in the Vale.

£15,000 in town council budget for community plan.

Online surveys in Cowbridge – The point was made that surveys must be badged as the Town Council so if using the Vales survey software, it needs to say something like will Cowbridge with Llanblethian in conjunction with the Vale Council. It was recognised that there will be other forms of engagement including paper surveys, community meetings and focus groups. It is also intended to include neighbouring villages. Councillors can help by delivering to their neighbours.

on The Vale website will have Placemaking pages for the four towns links to the Town Council web site Will consider flyer drops to all houses in the areas, using councillors as a resource.

Should we approach neighbouring councils – maybe survey online for people in this area – tread carefully as it is a town focussed project.

Match particular councillors to particular groups.

- - Dave Breen- Schools/informal youth/St Johns ambulance
- Heather Weddell – Church
- John Andrew– U3A History/older group
- Terry Williams– Leisure

Priority Groups – engagement

45 – 55-year-olds need to be drawn in. Shop local is not necessarily hitting the mark. Need to evidence that we have reached out to groups of different people. Difficult to target people in middle age group as they do not move in groups.

July Mayor Coffee Morning

Will relaunch the placemaking plan.

Expanded membership

Focus meetings – concentrate on different age groups for each meeting.

Weekly meetings with Vale attendance taking place

School project – Y Bont Faen

Year 6 – present to meeting

School council could inform what school think

Year 6 carried out an accessibility project on the shops in Cowbridge

Meeting ended at 7.17pm

