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(NB. Due to the partnership being heavily involved in issues surrounding the White Horse Leisure Centre in recent weeks, this update has been compiled from the verbal update provided to the Calne Area Committee (5) on 27th February 2007 by Jill Martin)

Projects

- **Patford Street Old Ambulance/Fire Station** – Potential for community use. In addition to the 'Listed' status of this building the Partnership feel that it is essential that it be put to good use for the benefits of the community. The partnership recognise that in addition to the initial cost of renovation/re-fit they also have to take account of the long term potential for self financing and are therefore looking at a range of options that will allow this historical building to be reinstated as one of the central community based buildings of the town.

Progress: Ongoing

This project has been put on hold while issues surrounding the future of the White Horse Leisure Centre have held such a high profile in the Community Area.

- **Lower Compton Playing Fields** – Community Group trying to renovate or replace a children's play park, which has fallen into disrepair following the hand over of housing, from the MOD to a local residents committee. This project has been identified through the District Council's Community Partnership Officer and the group's article in the local press.

Progress: Ongoing

The Partnership hope to meet with this group and begin preparations for a consultation process in the near future.

- **'Moviola' - Mobile Cinema** – The Partnership has supported bringing a mobile cinema to Calne Town Hall on a monthly basis.

Progress: Ongoing

The Project group recently came back to steering group to present a progress report that showed that this project continues to be successful. Although it does not make huge profits, it is able to sustain itself at this time. The Steering group is concerned that recent increases in the hire charge for the venue were not foreseen and is investigating the opportunity of negotiating with the hall operator in order to ensure that such increased charges will not compromise the projects continued sustainability.

The success of this project represents the achievement of one of the Culture Theme milestones in the Community Area Plan.



- **CAT, Research re. Transport issues** – Calne Area Transport is the Transport theme group of CCAP. It was planned that this group would present a seminar to investigate current transport issues in the Community Area.

Progress: Complete

The planned seminar took place on Saturday 27th January 2007. Members of CAT, Community representatives of the Partnership and Officers from the District Council, worked together to facilitate the event and it is considered to have been a success. Calne Area Transport are now preparing a report of the day which will be useful in their attempts to draw down funding for future projects. It will also feed into and inform the progress of the Calne Community Area Plan.

- **Intergenerational Design Group** -Through CAIAC, Colemans Farm Community and Learning Assoc. and the Ecalne project, the Partnership is investigating working with younger people and older people from the Colemans Farm Area to produce promotional material for all 3 groups. The main aim of this project is to address one of the partnerships main objectives: to promote a sense of community cohesion. This will be achieved through the involvement of young people and older people working together creatively, by encouraging interactions and communication, the project hopes to foster longer lasting understanding and awareness between them. (If successful it is hoped that this may be go on to involve other groups of people in similar work)

Progress: Ongoing

- *An arts facilitator has been approached to run this project on behalf of the Community Area.*

- **Community Database** – The full Partnership have identified the need to update the current database.

Progress: Ongoing

This piece of work continues to be considered highly important, but recent pressures upon the partnership have prevented any movement since the last update.

- **Develop a website presence on the Internet** – The steering group aims to develop its own website, but in the short term have identified a need to have a presence on the free Wiltshire Community Website as soon as possible.

Progress: Ongoing



The Partnership/Steering Group.

Members of the Partnership and steering group attended the first development and training session run by the District Council and Community First on Wednesday 21st February. This session was looking at strategic elements of partnership working and also gave those present an opportunity to consider their work amid the wider picture of partnership working. It was considered to have been a worthwhile session to attend.

The Partnership are signed up to a further 2 of these sessions looking at funding issues and working effectively as a group, commitment, sharing jobs etc.

Other Issues:

- White Horse Leisure Centre:

The future of the White Horse Leisure Centre continues to be the main element of community concern at the present time. Last November the Partnership resolved to facilitate opportunities for the District Council and any potential rescue package providers to come together and enter into discussions. The Partnership did not ever believe that it had the skills or knowledge to work beyond that remit and has continued to express that belief throughout recent months.

With the start of negotiations between a potential leisure provider, the Partnership believes that it has been successful in carrying out that resolution and, as such feels that its role as facilitator has now drawn to an end.

However the Partnership still feels concern that the ultimate conclusion of this matter may not be in the best interests of the Community Area.

- Other Projects:

The Steering group is also in the early stages of looking at involvement in a number of other potential projects in the Community Area that have been referred to the Steering group from the wider Partnership.