



Report on ChAP Activities and Priorities for 2012/13

Partnership Development-

Background

At the May 2012 AGM the chairman & treasurer tendered their resignation following several years dedicated service to ChAP. There are a number of volunteer members of the steering group who continue to work tirelessly on the delivery of projects and initiatives, but who did not have the capacity to take on further responsibilities.

Several meetings have taken place during the year to consider new ways of working, in the absence of any nominations for an individual Chairman, including consultation with other CAPs in Wiltshire who have adopted new models, and discussions with the Town Council to develop partnership working.

Health & Social Care

The Health & Social Care Team has held regular meetings and draws attendees from all the major service providers. It is currently leading a project on improvement in Hospital Discharge procedures at RUH and GWH. It participates in CCG Stakeholders meetings and is engaged with the new Healthwatch initiative.

River Project

The River Clean-Up project has continued throughout the year. It draws on an increasing number of volunteers of all ages, including the Keyring Network, the Splash-Up project, Community Payback as well as individual members of the community. Our affiliation to the Wiltshire SPICE Time Credits Scheme enable us to reward the volunteers for their work.

Parish Forum/Rural Involvement.

ChAP established the Parish Forum to enable councillors from the 15 rural parishes in the C.A. to share practice and explore common issues. ChAP facilitated four meetings over the year. ChAP has now appointed a Rural Champion who will continue this work and ensure that the views of our rural community are represented.

ChAP Projects Ltd

ChAP Projects Ltd was set up as a Community Interest Company in order to deliver community projects.

ChAP Projects Ltd organised the 4th Chippenham River Festival over two days in August 2012. It was well attended despite some heavy rain on the second day. The festival is supported by a great number of community groups and volunteers. Sponsorship by local businesses supplemented generous grants from the Town Council and the Area Board

ChAP funding. Financial constraints have affected the planning for the 2013 event, but a one- day festival will complement other events in Monkton Park during July.

Arts, Culture & Leisure

Although ChAP does not currently support a thematic group for Arts & Culture we have strong affiliations to community Performing Arts groups. ChAp continues to support these groups and has promoted its' resources available for loan by such groups. ChAP supported ChAP Projects in delivery of the River Festival, and assisted with the Victorian Fayre event held in December.

ChAP is holding ongoing talks with the Town Council and other organisations to consider combining forces to deliver a programme of summer events in Monkton Park.

Distribution of the Chippenham Pocket Guide has continued and work is in progress for an updated reprint.

Environmental

The environmental group 'The Nature of IT' has expressed an interest in collaborating with ChAP.

The 'CAVE ' group has with drawn from active involvement with ChAP, but ChAP is full committed to this topic and has sustained it's River Project for over 2 years.

Other Projects

ChAP is represented on Area Board Task Groups, Chippenham YAG, Chippenham Campus Development Team, and Chippenham Vision Board. All these groups currently demand considerable work commitment from representatives.

ChAP collaborated with Wiltshire Council and SPICE on the design, and launch, of the Wiltshire Time Credits Scheme. ChAP actively promotes use of the Time Credits

Accountability ChAP has a key relationship with Wiltshire Council Chippenham Area Board, and participates fully in meetings, regularly reporting progress, and pressing for action were necessary to further the provisions of the Community Plan.

Communication ChAP maintains a network of organisations and individuals across the Community Area.

ChAP 'spreads the word' using a variety of methods including press releases, displaying it's logo on promotional materials, working with other community groups and having a presence at community events throughout the year.

Due to capacity constraints, and focus on action, it has not recently been possible to issue newsletters.

Close links have been established with the Town Council who are represented at ChAP meetings and are kept informed of and support ChAP activities.

Our project work with volunteers has increased awareness of ChAP and it's work in the community.

ChAP uses the Our Community Matters blogsite to promote events and initiatives.

ChAP regularly participates in the WFCAP Forum and COP Coordinator Group raising the profile of its work.

Consultation ChAP assisted with the planning and delivery of the first Chippenham Campus community consultation.

ChAP ensured ongoing consultation with the rural community through the Parish Forum

ChAP assisted with organisation and co-hosted the delivery of the JSA event and is keen to be involved with the next JSA event..

Community Planning ChAP maintained an ongoing monitoring of actions identified in the Community Plan Update. Community planning has been carried out through the various activities identified under Local Action below.

Local Action ChAP has supported local action in a variety of ways during 2012-13

- Managed a successful Chippenham River Festival
- Continued effective Riverbank Clean-Up project
- Supported the Skate Park for Chippenham project (as part of wider task group)
- Facilitated Parish Forum meetings
- Supported & assisted with successful community funding application for Sevington Victorian School
- Supported community events such as Chippenham Victorian Fayre, Health & Social Care event.
- Participated in and monitored local implementation of changes in the NHS
- Participated in the development of a Chippenham Campus (as part of CDT)
- Participated in the development of Chippenham Vision masterplan (as part of Vision board)
- Supported the Childrens & Young Peoples Parliament
- ChAP attended several meetings with police and event organisers aiming to minimise impact on local communities and businesses of the JAP fest event in Castle Combe
- Participation in the launch of the NEET voces project