

“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

Nicola Boyles	Broxtowe Borough Council	Gary McGrath	Nu Trend Interiors
Karen Green (chair)	Finbows Gym	Barbara Demetriou	Andy's Fish Bar
Janet Budden	Stapleford Day Nursery	Tom Martin	Age Concern
Goff Walt	Resident	Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group
Debbie Blake	Full Throttle Notts Ltd	Brian Wombwell	Stapleford Town Council
Stephen Vince	Full Throttle Notts Ltd		

Apologies

Louise Ashby	Town Centre Coordinator
Jane Carling	Balloon Explosion

1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

Actions

- 1) **The Stapleford Area Action Plan report is on the agenda**
- 2) **LA has met with JC to discuss balloon Displays**
- 3) **LA is awaiting comments to feed back to group from Tech & Works**
- 4) **Christmas Activity is on the agenda**

a) Stapleford by the Sea

The group thanked LA for all her hard work and effort that went into making the day a success, one of the best events so far!

b) Treasure Hunt

JB suggested to increase the number of entrants the hunt could either start during the run up to the event or go on for longer as on the day the children were far too busy playing and they didn't get a chance to take the children at the nursery around.

2. Stapleford Area Action Plan – The SRG Report

It was agreed at the last meeting the group would submit a collective response to the Area Action Plan questionnaire however due to an initial lack of comments LA has produced a draft report for discussion. JB confirmed that they had submitted their comments to LA. Comments were collected by NB and feed through into the final report. The group did confirm that individual comments had been submitted.

Action 1

3. Christmas Events

For the Best Dressed Window competition the group decided the date for judging would be the 4th December. The Judging panel were confirmed as Christine Wombwell (Mayor), and volunteers from the group were JB, BB, and TM. The group enquired if the presentation could be linked to the light switch on, NB to investigate and BW will enquire with the Town Council if £100 could be made available to contribute towards the Christmas Hamper prize.

Action 2

In addition the group asked how the new regulations relating to Christmas lights would affect things this year and if there were to be any purchasing of new lights the group would like to be actively involved. Possible suggestion were a single colour scheme throughout the town e.g. white, NB to enquire and feed back at the next meeting.

Action 3

GM volunteered to sponsor the installation of white pea lights on the trees near Bessall Lane/Derby Rd. NB to organise.

Action 4

SV/DB enquired if more activities could take place on the evening of the lights switch to make more of an event of the night. Suggestions included:

- Hog roast
- Bands as well as the carol singers

- Craft stalls
- Hot chestnuts
- Fun fair
- Restaurants and food outlets could possibly have stalls, tasting areas etc
- Covered area so the weather can't spoil the night

Suggested locations:

The back of the Conservative Club
The front of the New Kent pub

NB to speak with the Arts Development team and Stapleford Town Council about these suggestions.

Action 4

4. **Newsletter content**

NB circulated the draft newsletter content for comments and additional suggestions. Additional suggestions included a feature on the recent paving improvement works and Finbows charity day.

6. **Any other business**

Group Chair

A request for volunteers was made to the group to fill the three vacant chair positions for October, November and December. BD, JB and SV kindly volunteered for these positions.

Potential environmental improvement schemes

NB asked the group for scheme suggestions in light of possible funding availability.

Suggestions included:

- The side of the toilets on Nottingham Rd near the Horse and Jockey pub.
- The area to the side of the Kebab shop on Albert St
- Continuation of paving works from Nu Trend to the Sandiacre Bridge and in front of the houses on the other side
- Improve/replace out of date street lighting to match new
- Melbourne Rd shops near Montrose Court
- Paving on Eden Rd

BW also informed group that there could be a scheme through O2 to fund projects up to £1,000. BW to investigate further and feed back

Action 5

Finbows Pink Day

KG informed the group that on the 28th September the gym will be raising money for Breast Cancer. Promotions will soon be going out informing people of how they can get involved. For more information contact KG

Town walks and trails

BB informed the group that on the 30th September, 10am there will be a 5mile town walk starting and finishing at the Carnegie Centre. And on the 14th October, 10am the Stapleford Town trail will be taking place, again starting and finishing at the Carnegie Centre.

Actions

1. **NB to feed comments to LA for final report**
2. **NB to investigate linking the light switch on with the best dressed window competition and BW to confirm the town councils contribution towards the Christmas hamper**
3. **NB to investigate impact of new regulations and if there will be any new lights purchased as a result**
4. **NB to speak with Arts Dev and Town council regarding light switch on activity options**
5. **BW to investigate O2 scheme details**

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 5th October 2006