

## **PACT monthly meeting - Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

7pm at Peter Simpson's, 4 Carleton Terrace, Penrith.

### **Present:**

Directors: Chris Cant, Christine Sutherland, Geoff Rockcliffe-King, Nigel Jenkins, Peter Simpson.

Other members: Graham Exton, Malcolm Carruthers, Heather Heron, Rosemary White.

Apologies: Barbara Daniel, Bill White, John Bodger, Peter Ward, Sally Brading.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Chris Cant and Nigel Jenkins declared an interest as their businesses receive funds from the Sustain Eden projects.

### **Resourceful Communities project (Christine)**

Christine met two of our three guinea-pig households at the Give and Take event, the other family were unable to attend. Katharine Smith (CCC) had already sent them all a questionnaire to complete and is to meet them all this week.

#### *Give and Take event - Freegle Give and Take Day (Chris)*

Held on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Shap Old Courthouse. 120 people attended and huge numbers of items exchanged hands. Everything that was left went to charity shops apart from some toys which Christine saved for the Toy Swap. We forgot to record the required data for the Resourceful Communities portal but will estimate figures. Chris has already given feedback on the RC leaflet. As we received a grant from CCC towards running these events we agree to give £25 to the Old Courthouse for the use of the building.

#### *Toy Swap and Nappuchino event (Christine)*

Christine has not progressed with planning these but will liaise with Eden Little Friends re dates and venues.

#### *Fix-it or Upcycling event / hedgehog houses (Nigel/Malcolm)*

Nigel hopes to discuss this with Alex Chalmers of the Ernie's Shed group at Apple Day to see whether they might help with an event. Various options were discussed.

### **Tree Whisperers project (Christine, Barbara)**

The exhibition has been on display in St Andrews Church and is still in the Soup Shop. No further news on the treeplanting in November – Chris will ask Emma later this week.

### **Apple Day at Acorn Bank**

Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Usual PACT stall and Malcolm also has a stall about the Community polytunnel. Set up at 9am, the event opens at 11. The focus of the stall is Grow your Own. Chris has blackcurrant sticks, damson suckers and kale seeds to give away and will have demo food digesters from Cumbria County Council. Plus display boards with photos of Penrith community gardens. Nigel will bring the Give Peas a Chance kit if he has it. We don't have a current leaflet about PACT to give away and should organise this for future events.

### **Beanstalk project (Chris)**

From our August meeting: 'Eddy Allen at Impact Housing asked Chris for our reaction to a proposed project trying to tackle childhood obesity by engaging with parents and children in playgroup settings to promote healthy eating. The project will only go ahead if they can get funding. One strand of the project is about growing vegetables and they would pay PACT to provide activities such as Give Peas a Chance. We agree to tell Eddy that we are supportive in principle.' Eddy is now completing a funding bid which will include £100 for PACT to provide 4 planting sessions. We agree to this.

**Bee-friendly project (Peter?)**

Joan Robinson told us at the August meeting that she had heard of some funding available for a bee-friendly project. We talked further about sowing bee-friendly seeds but have not agreed whether or how to take this further.

**Fairhill housing (Geoff, Graham)**

Graham's wife has been to a meeting about the playing field where people had made suggestions about how they would like the facilities to be improved. We assume that the idea is to get Story Homes to contribute towards improvements. Geoff and Graham plan to attend the next meeting to see whether there is a role for PACT in this.

**Sainsbury's (Geoff, Chris)**

Sainsbury's are offering one town in the UK £1million for a pilot project to encourage people to reduce their food waste. We feel that it might be better if Sainsbury's addressed their own food waste issues instead! Nevertheless Geoff (on behalf of PACT) and Chris (on behalf of Freegle) attended a meeting with David Whipp (Penrith mayor), Caroline Turner (CAfS) and Jane Langston (EDC). The group agreed to bid for the funding.

**Next meeting**

November 4<sup>th</sup> at Peter Simpson's: 4 Carleton Terrace, Penrith, CA11 8LR.