

# Middleton Culture, Leisure, Tourism, Community Cohesion & Health and Wellbeing Working Party

## Minutes of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

### Present

Councillor Jonathan Burns	RMBC (Chair)
Councillor Neil Emmott	RMBC
Councillor June West	RMBC
Councillor Susan Emmott	RMBC
Lauren Mason	RMBC Middleton Township Office
Jim McMahon	Middleton Town Centre Management Co.
Nicola Crosby	HMR PCT
Graham Duckworth	Link4Life
Peter Kilkenny	Link4Life
Kevin Finnegan	Link4Life
Terry Linden	Link4Life/ Local Resident
Marie Gribben	Middleton Shopping Centre
Audrey Riches	Middleton Civic Association
Nick Feist	Middleton Parish
David Ratchford	Millennium Churches Together
Margret Ratchford	Middleton Musical Society
Tina Wright	P.E.A.R.L.S
Beryl Dowd	WRVS
Christine Grime	Middleton Civic Association
Paul Stott	Middleton Heartline

### Apologies

Tim Nuttall	RMBC
Geoffrey Armitage	Resident
Glenda Ann Goodman	Glenda Ann School of Dance
Roger Bottomley	Heywood & Middleton Model Railway
Stephanie Singleton	Middleton Heritage & Conservation Group
Rev. Norman Vivian	Alkington & Providence U.R.C
Marion Beales	Middleton Civic Association
Kerrie Smith	RMBC
Councillor Mike Holly	RMBC
Councillor Peter Williams	RMBC
Councillor Malcolm Borris	RMBC
Councillor Philip Burke	RMBC
Councillor Teresa Fitzsimons	RMBC
Councillor Alan Godson	RMBC
Councillor Carol Wardle	RMBC
Councillor Linda Robinson	RMBC
Councillor Lil Murphy	RMBC
Councillor Maureen Rowbotham	RMBC
Councillor Donna Martin	RMBC
Brenda Stringer	Middleton Floral Arts
Tim Nuttall	RMBC Tourism Officer
David Morris	RMBC Heritage Officer
Christine Grimes	Middleton Heritage & Conservation Group
John Taylor	Link4Life

The Chair of the meeting welcomed all and following apologies, introductions took place. Members of the group agreed, after a discussion about limited officer availability, that updates for the public regarding the refurbishment of Middleton Gardens would be brought to Township Committee meetings rather than Culture, Leisure & Tourism Working Party meetings. The next Township Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **1) Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **2) Matters Arising**

- Page 2, Item 2, Point 1) Middleton Gardens – Lauren Mason explained that a report would be taken to the next Middleton Devolved Funding Services Sub Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> December, where Members would be asked to agree a proposal from the 'Friends of Boarshaw Cemetery' who have requested the old granite benches are relocated within the cemetery.
- Page 2, Item 2, Point 3) Lauren Mason advised that Health & Wellbeing would be a standard item on the agenda from this meeting onwards, and Nicola Crosby from HMR PCT was present to provide a report on Heart Attack Pathways.

### **3) Health & Wellbeing**

#### **a) HMR PCT – Nicola Crosby**

The Chair advised that following a presentation to Middleton Township Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011, he had requested that Nicola Crosby be invited along to this meeting.

Nicola introduced herself and explained that her role was to manage the Patient & Public involvement for Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Primary Care Trust. Nicola advised that she is very passionate about Middleton and agreed to become a member of this group.

Nicola explained that she had been unable to get the heart-attack rates etc. for Middleton and the Borough prior to this meeting, but that she would be able to summarise the consultation around the changes of service delivery from Fairfield Hospital to Rochdale Infirmary. Nicola advised that the Silver Heart Unit looks after patients who have suffered from a heart-attack/ stroke.

There are three pathways for residents' from Middleton who suffer with a heart-attack;

1. Patients suffering a big heart attack (acute ST elevation myocardial infarction) and needing immediate treatment to prevent damage to the muscle, will be assessed by a paramedic at home or in street etc. If an ST elevation is diagnosed via a test (electrocardiogram), the patient will be taken to the heart attack centre at either MRI or South Manchester depending on which site is the intake centre of the day.
  - The patient will be taken directly to the catheter lab for a procedure
  - This is the treatment of choice and patients should be in the heart attack centre within 120 minutes of presenting in pain.
  - Patients suffering from a big heart attack need to be treated at sites where cardiac surgery and specialist staff are present
2. If a patient presents in the same way but does not have an ST elevation, these are non ST elevation (small heart attacks) and these are treated as acute coronary syndromes. These patients will be taken to their local A&E, which in the case of Middleton patients will most likely be NMGH, to be treated with Anti Coagulant drugs and admitted to a cardiology ward.
  - After review by medics these patients will be listed for an angiogram and if necessary, intervention will be provided immediately.
  - Patients will be transferred to SHU for this procedure within 72 hrs of presenting at A&E. Following this procedure they will be repatriated back to NMGH or home, whichever is more appropriate.

3. If a patient presents at GP surgery with a non emergency, they will be referred to SHU for outpatient day case angiography within 6 weeks.

Following a discussion about the work done by Heartline in Middleton, it was agreed that Nicola will consult with them separately. It was agreed to send copies of the consultation document via Middleton Township Office.

Terry Linden raised concerns that previously Keith Surgeon, who was Chief Executive of Heywood & Middleton PCT before it merged with Rochdale, had promised integrated units for patients. Currently it is very difficult for friends and family to visit relatives who may be in Fairfield Hospital or Rochdale Infirmary, which are both very difficult to access from Middleton, with no direct transport links to either. It was agreed that Nicola will report back on transport at the February meeting.

#### **b) Link4Life (L4L) – Peter Kilkenny**

Peter Kilkenny explained that the role of Link4Life is not just to provide buildings with sports centres, they have a much wider remit and when PCT's are abolished from 2013, services will be commissioned and delivered by Voluntary/ Community and public organisations more widely than at present. Rochdale Borough will have one such commissioning 'body'.

Peter explained that the above changes mean that there will be major opportunities and challenges to organisations such as L4L, who currently receive around £1million to provide Health & Wellbeing services to residents.

#### **4) Jubilee Gardens**

The group were advised that under the efficiencies programme, Middleton Library will remain and work is taking place to ensure that the building becomes DDA compliant. Any proposed changes to the park resulting from works will be consulted on with organisations such as the 'Friends of' group.

It was agreed that work needs to take place to encourage people to use Jubilee Park as well as the Old Burial Ground, but to also differentiate between the two areas.

#### **5) THI, 600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

For the THI update Please see attached Appendix 1.

David Morris explained that there are currently a number of organisations/bodies working together to try and secure the closure of Canky Ginnel.

Councillor West asked for assurances that any historic materials which belong to Middleton will not disappear to the Rochdale archives long-term. A discussion took place about the need for some items to be stored at Fishwick Street due to the conditions required to keep them preserved.

David advised that a THI board place is available; anybody interested should contact Lauren.

A discussion took place about the importance of the Local Studies staff that are based in Middleton Library, one of whom has retired.

Christine Grime explained that Heritage Lottery Funding will be used towards the 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and 600<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Langley Event.

Rev. Feist has agreed to book the Parish Church for the event and it will play host to a flower festival over the Jubilee Weekend and a civic service on the Sunday evening, which the Lord Lieutenant and The Mayor have been invited too. Middleton Musical Society has also agreed to get involved.

A Medieval Pageant is planned for the bank holiday Monday, which Pride Media have agreed to support. Christine explained that she is currently trying to secure £3,500 from Middleton Township, which may not be needed as she is hoping to secure sponsorship from Middleton Businesses. Peter Kilkenny offered the support of L4L with marketing.

Christine explained that Asda are currently sponsoring the 'Have a field Day' so discussions will be held with Middleton Cricket Club to look at them providing an activity over the Jubilee Weekend.

#### **6) Tourism Update**

The group were advised that JW Lees are currently looking at investing around £100,000 in the Olde Boars Head due to increased visitor numbers the pub is seeing.

#### **7) Feedback from Events/ Members Groups**

Lauren advised that the Remembrance Sunday event had attracted large numbers of residents, with some people being unable to gain access to the Cenotaph and having to stand outside the gates.

Lauren advised that Middleton Christmas Lights Switch On had been well attended, although very different to previous years due to the work taking place in Middleton Gardens. It has been proposed to hold the event on either 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> November next year.

#### **8) A.O.B.**

Tina Wright introduced herself and advised that she is here representing P.E.A.R.L.S. which stands for 'Play, Education, Arts Resource, Lending Service'. The business is operated as co-operative and works with local providers to minimise waste going to the tip by re-using and selling scrap products which can be bought by members at reduced costs.

This year alone P.E.A.R.L.S. has diverted over 70tonnes of waste from landfill.

It was agreed that Tina will become a member of this meeting.

#### **9) Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

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Edgar Wood & Middleton Heritage Initiative UPDATE – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

1. Since the successful Golden Cluster visitor month, we have been concentrating our efforts back to media and Edgar Wood heritage projects and maintaining momentum with the Old Burial Ground project.
2. *Medieval Middleton Film*. This is now largely filmed, edited and cut. We had a rough cut showing on 15<sup>th</sup> November upstairs in the Ring-o-Bells and were very pleased with the result. More editing is now underway which will be followed by the film being sent for post production and the final cut by February/March ready for the new financial year.
3. A booklet on the *Stained Glass windows of Middleton Parish Church*, written by Geoff Wellens, is being produced. It is currently at a draft stage with further work being done on the text. We are meeting the graphic artist of the Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust who will be producing the final booklet.
4. A trail and leaflet on *Historic Schools of the Golden Cluster* is being produced, written by John Healey and a sub-group of the Middleton Heritage and Conservation Group.
5. The restoration of the former nursery and *Independent Labour party club house* on Milton Street are well underway and due for completion this month. This was designed by Edgar Wood in 1910 and has the earliest known example of an Art Deco stepped gable in England.
6. A heritage grant scheme for *36 Mellalieu Street* has been tendered and is close to being able to start. This is one of the first concrete roofed houses in England built for the then Middleton Guardian owner, Fred Bagot, in 1910 (the only earlier ones are also by Edgar Wood).
7. However, we have recently discovered that 36 Mellalieu Street and the Milton Street club house were built ‘using hot lime mortars’, a very traditional way of construction which had almost died out by that time. Hence while they were very modern they were also very traditional buildings and this says a lot about Edgar Wood’s approach to architecture.
8. A similar conservation grant scheme has also gone out to tender for *Arkholme, 1 Towncroft Avenue*. This was Edgar Wood’s very first building with a concrete roof. It was built in 1901 as a photographic studio for Charles Jackson, brother of the painter Fred Jackson. It was converted into Jackson’s home in 1905 and named The Studio. It was changed to Arkholme by the Taylor family who moved there in the 1920s as they particularly liked the village of Arkholme near Lancaster. Their Lincrusta decoration scheme still survives as does the 1924 quote from the decorator W. E. Mellalieu of Wood Street.
9. A third scheme for *Redcroft, Rochdale Road* is at the design and specification stage. This was built by Edgar Wood as his own home in 1891 and is one of the first Arts and Crafts artisan homes in the country. We are looking at ways of restoring Edgar Woods original garden design.
10. On Tuesday night, Kerrie Smith hosted a public meeting on the *Old Burial Ground* which discussed a range of issues including the following (thanks to Kerrie for this update).
  - a. Howard Gott attended and there was a discussion about the Connect 2 Cycle Pathway route through the ‘Golden Cluster’. The main concerns were the

steepness of the route and the width of the paths. Howard is going to consider the comments received and will update Township and CuLT.

- b. It was felt that the Old Burial Ground needs to be identified as a priority and should be considered as part of a wider Jubilee Park.
- c. As an historic area, it should get a higher level of maintenance than it presently does, otherwise the improvements will not last very long.
- d. Two display boards within Jubilee Park which are currently empty. The Heritage Initiative could use these Boards and commission a map of the Golden Cluster area, including Jubilee Park, Old Burial Ground, 24 Steps etc. to further the perceptions that this is a united area. Would CuLT be happy with this?
- e. Cankey Ginnel. The clearing out of the ginnel alley and the reinstatement of the steps etc. is well underway. However, Kerrie has been working with Community Safety and Highways to get a definite ruling on whether the ginnel can be closed. Unfortunately, she was told that there is presently not sufficient evidence to legally allow the closure of the alley. This is because some incidents may not have been correctly reported via the formal route and therefore do not show up on the statistics. Kerrie will contact the relevant people to advise them and Community Safety have agreed that the matter can be revisited in around six months time.

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