



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2009 at 7pm
The Library, Highworth

1. Present:

Keith Smith Maureen Penny Sandra Rendall Ken Saunders Sarah Olnor
Peter Hinton Jo Cook Paul Newton Smith Shirley Colbeck Smith

Apologies:

Claire Smith Anthony Peake Jo Clark Alison Durrant

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS Seconded by SO

3. Matters Arising:

KS spoke with Shrivenham Farmers Market, no particular person or group available to help, we have to organize ourselves. KS to ask AD for assistance.

7. Adult Education – KS still to do piece for the Link.

4. Celebration of the Arts 2010:

Peter Arnell organizing Highworth Year of Culture with HTC backing. Open with a concert in January and events each month throughout the year. A brochure and calendar of events to be produced. There will be an Open Meeting in due course. A book is to be published to celebrate the present Highworth (2010). We should apply for grants from SBC (Helen Miah, Arts and Culture) towards it. Historical Society thinking of May Day Celebrations (possible date 3.5.10) with medieval market, maybe civil war enactment, costumes. Hopefully we can use an empty shop front to publicize events

5. Fox Roundabout update:

The Festival committee have backed use of £3,000 raised (possibly more) towards the Fox Roundabout. KS to draw up plans then Festival committee to go to HTC who will then present to SBC as one of the Town Plan projects. Suggest we ask Arkells Brewery to sponsor a Fox sculpture for the centre of the roundabout. Permission only needed as Festival committee, HCPG and HBG will fund. PH to do brief plan for KS

6. Chairman's Report:

- MUGA /Skatepark – (Costing is approx £150-165K) Youth Group Committee meeting (Pauline Webster, Peter Robinson, Area Manager for Children's Services) £1.1m was available for urban areas which has already been used up but decided that a further £100k available, £50k for Parish Councils to bid for. David Lane has been asked to bid. A further £17,950 is available from 106 monies to be used in Education, eligible to ask for money, therefore a possible £68k available to bid for. There is also a Youth Capital Venture Fund that Youth can apply for. 2 locations shortlisted: favoured – Westrop School field, near to Youth Centre and new Assessment Centre. Second – Barra Close, which would not be suitable. If it were to be put at the Rec, we could apply for Grass Roots Grant. The £50k grant from SBC has to be spent within 2 years.
- All weather pitch – letter from football club inviting HCPG on the 28th April, PNS will attend

- Letter from Michael Wills thanking the set up of Job Club. He passed it onto Hazel Blears, Secretary for State for communities and local government
 - English Heritage Campaign to save conservation areas in Adver. KS wrote back requesting the Highworth be considered
 - Action for Market Towns – Understanding Typologies of Market Towns (see <http://towns.org.uk/policy/policy-news-and-events/>) In brief: how to alleviate problems that arise without change
 - WFCAP want a meeting with Wroughton
 - South West Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership meeting. Councillors and Community groups welcome. MP attending.
7. Financial Report KS:
- We have a balance of £704.
 - Insurance of £350. Ken S and SO to send details of their cover they use as cheaper.
 - £60 to subscribe to English Heritage
 - £40 to KS for dongles (memory sticks) MP will give invoice to Steve Silk HBG
 - MP to apply for further grants
8. Progress on support for the unemployed MP:
- Job Clubs are part of the Conservative Manifesto. Its moving slowly, next step is to get more new members. Talk to Phil of Swindon Web and Manager of Co-op, re Plasma Screen advertising. SO to send details to MP.
- SCS – Job Centre could use the library on Wednesday pm as a Job Centre as other libraries are doing.
- New College – courses are being advertised free of charge to certain areas of Swindon, Highworth not included. Reason: European Union stated certain areas; the college has said that Highworth people who are on Jobseekers could apply for free.
9. Website PNS:
- Jan has revamped HCPG website which will be up and running soon. MP has suggested that HTC have their own website dual badged with HCPG and linked to other groups. HTC could provide funds towards this also sell advertising. To be professionally done, PNS to look at costing.
10. Members Business:
- Ken S – Pentylands to hold a Fete in 09, activities etc
- PNS – Banks for Community funding – still chasing
- MP – Arranging a meeting with Sara Tough, new CP2 Manager for Highworth et al.
- 100 people on waiting list for Allotments. MP to ask council for land to be freed up

Next meeting Wednesday 5th May 09 in the Library.