



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 7pm

The Council Community Rooms, Highworth

Meeting chaired by Keith Smith

1. Present:

Keith Smith	Charles Coffin	Sandra Rendall	Peter Hinton
Joanne Cook	Josephine A Clark	Ann Lewis	Paul Newton Smith

Apologies:

Tom Aherne	Ian Young	Nicki Coyne	Alison Durrant
Clare Smith	Lynn Vardy	Katie Wood	Shirley Colbeck-Smith

KS Would like to thank everyone who turned out to supervise the ice skating in atrocious weather. **PNS** and the group would like to personally thank Keith for his tireless effort and hours of organizing to arrange same.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **PNS** seconded by **JAC**.

3. Matters Arising:

5. KS Need for a councilor to attend HCPG meetings as a link with HTC. David Lane had asked Lynn Vardy who accepted.

NC On Friday 7th December Keith and Peter Wilcox of Wroughton would attend a meeting with SBC to talk on Local Action Initiative. Would SBC be going to make a bid from Rural Development Programme? Interests had to be registered by 31st December, KS registered an interest with Gloucester. Ken Saunders of Pentylands would apply for a grant for rural activity (Wetland) by taking this direction for funding it could spread into town. **CC** Leader Plus Grants (European) would be finishing soon. Environmental Funding programme taking into account areas of particular interest. Full bids to be received by June 08, limited to £28m over 7 years, each south west project estimated to be about £1.5m. This is a positive as actually invited to meeting which means recognition of Highworth and HCPG.

PNS Still looking into banner across High Street to advertise Highworth Passion 08.

4. Correspondence: KS had received letters from

Letter 1 - David Lane, HTC to ask about progress so far on the Plan, and that Lynn Vardy, Councilor would join HCPG. Agreement for New Year celebrations to go ahead.

Letter 2 - Michael Wills MP Keith wrote regarding 106 monies. His response was that he is happy to help in any way and that HCPG would gain most by SBC including Highworth in future consultations etc and not to necessarily focus or rely on 106 monies.

Letter 3 – Michael Wills MP had received a copy of the Socio-Economic Profile and Plan. He noted the section regarding Young People and would keep us informed on any developments in this area.

5. The Plan – progress so far and next steps:

Copy of notes on recent Meeting held by strategic group is attached.

CC – Why a plan? What difference will it make? What impact will it have? Who will assist? When do we do it?

- Key themes, broken into key objectives
- Think about solutions
- Start thinking about evidence, needs and impacts. Background and evidence needed before going forward.
- Needs to reflect being Community led, not over professional
- Look at projects and add some meat to them
- Projects – draw the picture

PNS to look at design of brochure

CC and KS will look at resource book template pro forma of aims and objectives. A format that we can all use and sell to HTC and SBC. Email out to the rest of the committee for views.

6. Ice Skating – report back:

Considering the appalling weather it was well worth doing with around 230 people going on the ice and raising £540. **KS** has sent a card to Rachel, skating Fairy and her grandmother for supporting us. Letter of thanks to The Bridge for their support also John Jupp of The Globe for helping with organizing. It would be worth doing again as many people enjoyed themselves, unfortunately HCPG would not be able to sponsor it. Sponsorship needed for next year, possibility of local businesses advertising around the rink. **AL** to approach local businesses.

7. New Year's Eve – volunteers!

Agreement from HTC has been given for the go ahead. Big screen with link up to Big Ben and music. Volunteers needed from 11.30pm to 12.15pm.

8. Future Events:

JAC – May Festival 2009. Hold it on a bank holiday, not a Saturday because of the Market. Work with the Festival Committee to possibly make it an annual event. (Details of possible features will be emailed to committee etc).

9. Members Business:

PH – 23/1/09 there will be a meeting of the churches to discuss the Plan.

KS - Had received a telephone call from? of Highworth Twinning Association asking why they were not on our website. **KS** had responded by letter inviting him to send relevant information for inclusion.

KS – Fairtrade Fortnight 5/2/08. Brenda Hill of The Bridge supporting Fairtrade. We would assist in anyway possible, including making Highworth a Fairtrade town.

**Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 7pm in
The Council Community Rooms**