



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 at 7pm  
Highworth Community Centre

Present:

Keith Smith	Maureen Penny	Sandra Rendall	Ken Saunders
Jo Cook	Alison Durrant	Paul Newton Smith	Sarah Olnier
Jo Clark	Anthea Beaumont		

1. Apologies:  
Shirley Colbeck Smith Helen Harris Claire Smith Peter Arnel
2. Minutes of the previous meeting:  
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by SO Seconded by PNS
3. Matters Arising: none
4. Chairman's Report:
  - Swindon Strategic Meeting – discussion on One Swindon (Big Society) which is a new plan with 4 parts i) Local and Lasting (Benefits for Communities) ii) Stronger Together (Fire, police, ambulance combining) iii) Prioritization and Leadership iv) Trust and Bravery (for further information visit swindon website)
  - Stronger Communities Forum Meeting – SBC continuing Grass Roots Grants available to community groups up to £1k. Administration Grants of £500
  - Swindon PCT – (KS on bidding group) have put a bid in for £50k grant to assist 3 areas, Asthma, Old people and Other Medical – this could benefit Highworth in these three areas
  - HTC Meeting – KS attended.  
Following an item on HTC Planning Agenda, KS expanded on accusations made by Angela Livall that HCPG had received favors and the inappropriateness of HCPG being in partnership with HTC, the strategy group agreed that KS should write a strong letter of protest to HTC repudiating any wrong doing. Next Council meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm
5. Vice Chair Person's Report:
  - Fox Roundabout – This has been mentioned at a CPCP meeting, paperwork has been sent again to get this moving. "Groundworks" a charitable organization have grants available to assist with such projects
  - Noticeboard – HTC have said no more noticeboards in Highworth Town Centre
  - Signs in Swindon Street, businesses have been asked to tone down colours
6. Highworth Community Centre – update:
  - To be known as The Centre
  - Start paying bills 1.4.11
  - Music Alive want 3 rooms - contracts to be signed.  
Prayer Group wants 1 room - awaiting confirmation  
Community Church have had a few sessions - awaiting confirmation
  - Swindon Film Society to try Hall out in March
  - Highworth Job Club and the Lions want to rent sheds

- Groups have been asking for storage space
- Groups enquiring about occasional hire
- Bills to SBC will be approx £12k pa from HCA. Therefore money available to do things around the Centre
- Barter with Community Forest to do gardening around Centre
- Occupational Groups in the area to be asked if they would like to help out
- Alarm Company are paid up until July 2011 at a cost of £65 pa
- Official Opening in June 2011 (possibility 21<sup>st</sup>)

7. SBC Core Strategy:

SBC have approved to go into Consultation in March regarding Core Strategy and The Rural Area (see attached) Concrete proposals in Core Strategy because of HCPG Vision, therefore good news for Highworth.

8. Members Business:

Pentylands – A little work to be carried out at Wetland to improve

Thames Water approached SBC regarding flooding (actually sewage) in the park Kilda Rd, Lismore area. They want to install a tank 17m x 2m x? in the park to take overflow

Village Green – Police will keep an eye on parking. Ken S to speak to Maxine

HAFFT – February 26<sup>th</sup> on the Podium ‘Show Your Labels’ cakes etc, decorate your bunting

Library – Quiz Night 17/2

Historical Society – 5/3 Pancake Race. Community Rooms, raising funds. May Day progressing

2012 Festival progressing

HADs panto 25 - 26 Feb

MP – HCA will apply for a grant for June Opening

Next meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at Highworth Library