



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm  
The Library, Highworth

Present:

Keith Smith	Maureen Penny	Sandra Rendall	Ken Saunders
Jo Cook	Alison Durrant	Claire Smith	Paul Newton Smith
Jo Clark	Helen Harris	Anthea Beaumont	Shirley Colbeck Smith
Peter Arnel			

1. Apologies:  
Sarah Olnier
2. Minutes of the previous meeting:  
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS Seconded by Ken S
3. Matters Arising:
  5. Feasibility has to be completed and sent in by end of March, time running out in relation to getting work finished and getting grant.
4. Highworth Community Centre – update:
  - Highworth Community Association (HCA) is in possession of keys to Northview School, but cannot trade yet.
  - HCA with SBC will run Northview
  - Two offices ready for use
  - Charitable status still going around in circles. Now received
  - The new trustees need to read and sign constitution. All 7 trustees now need to meet
  - Confirmation that Music Alive is renting 3 rooms a month. They will soundproof themselves, also placed at one end of school
  - KS to do insurance
  - 3 meetings regarding charitable funding in March, details to be circulated for attendees, also discussing lottery funding etc
  - There is a high interest of usage in the hall, also from outside the area – Highworth catchment first.
  - See how the first year goes, Criteria will be written as we go along
  - Hopefully open in March when Music Alive would like to start
  - Lift to go in, adult disabled toilet and shower, extra parking – works to start next week
  - HCA to do cleaning and decorating
  - Opening Ceremony in Summer, with a fete or coincide with Big Lunch
5. Members Business:

Pentylands – Wetland has been created and funded by Great Western Forest. See what grows naturally over the next year

Village Green – Over Christmas, the green was turned into a car park. Start with no parking signs? Keep an eye on it, notices on offending windscreens

HAFFT – meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. February 26<sup>th</sup> start of Fair-trade fortnight. HTC need to show logo on their headed stationery. AD to send logo to MP to pass on to HTC. Fair-trade sign? Only allowed on private land

Transport Plan – HH This has been sent. PA to speak to Richard Scotchmer (designated transport link HTC) on behalf of HCPG

Job Club - new article for Link. 145 unemployed in Highworth Nov 09 the figure for Nov 10 was 81.

Library - Monthly speakers for £1, Lions are part funding, Friends of the Library doing teas and library staff working in their own time.

- Art Displays
- Lechalde Library closing, Faringdon to restricted hours
- If Library Strategy goes through as it is, Highworth library will open Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
- HCPG to do article for Link regarding taking out books from Library. Need to keep figures up so as not to lose services
- Urge public to let the Library know if they want certain authors stocked etc

Highworth Business Group - 5 people attended last meeting, discussions on how to move HBG forward. Happy to take £45 membership therefore should be accountable to members. No accounts or AGM. Fairford Business Group minutes have been forwarded to HBG for reference

PA- June 2012, Jubilee Day, gardens open, games, bands, hog roast. August Festival, Art in Action

PA spoke to David Lane, HTC re Town Crier Uniform, HTC do not want to look after it. Richard Williams can enter competitions

CS - Youth Service under threat following SBC cuts, impacting on youth workers. Connexions has been redesigned and merged. Anna our present youth worker has done a brilliant job with some of the more difficult children and offered some good services

The REC – gone quiet

6. Plans for 2011:

- Community Centre
- Fox Roundabout – meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at SBC. The roundabout has been mentioned on council intranet

7. ‘Decentralisation and Localism Bill’ -:

The Big Society – local communities take on strategic work. HCPG has the infrastructure in place to do this – what are our local elected members doing or know about this Bill? What is HTC planning to do, what could happen in the future?

If Bill is passed many opportunities given, will elected members take forward? We need to look at the Plan in conjunction with HTC, HCPG to support HTC being proactive with elected members.

We need to know what Highworths assets are ie: green spaces

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd February 2011 in the Library.