



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7pm  
The Community Centre**

**Present:** Keith Smith      Sandra Rendall      Ian Webb      Alison Durrant  
Ken Saunders      Mark Pritchard      Adrian Hares

**Apologies:** Sarah Olnier      Matt Goddard      Shirley Colbeck-Smith      Paul Newton Smith

**2. Minutes of November Meeting:**

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **AH** seconded by **IW**

**3. Matters Arising:**

4. Clivey Project should be Credit Union - changed
6. Paul Newton-Smith had attended Warneford School as a Business Advisor

**4. Notes from December Meeting:**

**5. Locality Team Input:**

- 'Circles of Support' – SR was now a signed up as a member

**6. Correspondence:**

- Email from MG – would like to get more involved with Business and Economic as this is his forte. Agreed that he should be asked to take a lead with Totally Locally, will discuss at next Totally Locally meeting on 15/1/15
- Library – were having Wi-Fi installed, paid by SBC but the money has been eaten up by General IT fund. People are queueing up to do courses/and help on their own equipment. Can HCPG help? We can through sourcing – the Company that did the Centre's Wi-Fi could quote for the library and take to SBC, funding could come from local companies or maybe Friends of Library. HCPG agreed that this was the responsibility of SBC; it was also felt that access to Wi-Fi could help the tourists and another argument for having Tourist Information in the Library, easier access. KS will get back to SCS.
- SCIP Swindon Community Infrastructure Partnership – Dave Potts has been appointed Strategic Network Development worker, to further develop community and voluntary sector network
- Healthwatch Swindon – website has a survey for top 3 priorities in 2015/16. HCPG will do as a group, taking top 3 from the Vision, but we would also do as individuals. AD mentioned NHS Dentist (SR to email list to AD)

**7. Report from HTC Representative: AD**

- Planning – Developers presented to HTC only, public not included regarding public open land at Crane Furlong (owned by SBC, rented by HTC). HTC by majority vote do not wish to give up this land for development. KS attending a Neighbourhood meeting next week where he will ask why he was not invited to planning meeting
- Persimmon Homes – grazing field in Shrivenham Road for possible development, early stages
- Public Toilets – these have been taken on by HTC. They will be updated into pay toilets (20p) 2 unisex and 1 disabled with baby changing. It is believed that 106 monies from Pentylands development are paying for these

- Fox Roundabout – project passed onto HTC. Health and Safety was only issue when passed on. (SR to check minutes for confirmation) MP will check with Andrea, AD will check with Maureen Penny and David Lane.
- AD moved by Links article on Poverty and Foodbank. She emailed Justin Tomlinson a) What percentage used foodbanks in Highworth and Swindon? b) Percentage affected because of delays in benefits? c) What are you doing about it? Tomlinson's response not helpful. AD will write back and pursue Tomlinson as an HCPG not HTC person for Freedom of Information request regarding poverty in Highworth (if a cost, HCPG could cover). Did we need a public meeting re awareness and assistance? If we gather facts, put them in the Link, and then have a public meeting.  
The Library is gearing themselves up to helping with Universal Credits, SR and KS to be trained to assist with enquiries at Job Club. KS also finding out more about Credit Union.
- Post Office – Co-op and McColls have both expressed interest
- Ladybird Centre – no change. Westrop use and pay as breakfast and afterschool club. Preschool are moving into half of it. Caretakers bungalow could be sold for funds

**8. Connections Progress:**

Thanks to MP for running an engaging 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, it was useful with many opinions and ideas. Next step is to move forward, what's possible/not possible. Proposal outline to take to Seqol Marketing Manager for feedback. Patrick Weir, MP's boss fully supports, has practical ideas and 3 hours free consultant assistance. Concept to business plan

**9. Projects for 2015:**

**Connections**

**Highworth The Vision:** The Listening Project part of the Vision

**Totally Locally:** monitoring

**10. Members Business:**

- IW – WFCAP Mtg – Delighted to see that Corsham has a revamped facility for sports, library, neighbourhood police, climbing wall. Devizes has also become coach friendly for tourists thanks to their councils taking an active interest and applying for funding
- Doctors surgery car park – buildup of silt in kerbs making it dangerous under foot. In hand MP will chase. Overhanging branches needed cutting; IW did as no joy from council. White lines need replacing
- St Michaels Road – signs that needed taking down have been, but posts remain

**Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015**