



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 7pm
The Centre**

Present:

Keith Smith Sandra Rendall Phil Baker Helen Holly Paul Newton Smith
Sarah Olnier Ken Saunders

Guest:

Mark Pritchard, Localities Team, SBC

1. Apologies:

Shirley Colbeck Smith Alison Durrant Adrian Hares Suzanne

2. Minutes of May Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **SO** seconded by **PB**

3. Matters Arising:

8. Cycle Track – KS spoke with Lou Lawton, member of Missing Link; he is moving to Shrivenham but will still be involved. Rough cost £1m, routes have been looked at and are possible, Alan Bishop HTC will speak to local land owners to see if they would be on board.

Mark – SBC would be behind a cycle track to Highworth, with no preference as to the route. But due to budget cuts would be a low priority, but happy to back up community and work with us.

4. Update from Mark Pritchard, Localities:

- Following team restructure, Matt Gott gone now Patrick Weir in charge of team. North East now being covered by mark and Pam Gough with a new terms of working:
 - I. Strengthen Families
 - II. Adult Demand
 - III. Leisure and Culture
 - IV. Street Smart
 - V. Wichelstowe
 - VI. Economy

Looking into community support for the elderly and adult social care, changing available services, green space management and supporting ward members

- Listening Project – About 700 information sheets received so far, now need to collate and put this information to good use. HCPG to continue and deal with outcomes and analyse. On Agenda for next meeting, MP will ask appropriate questions at SBC
- KS has recently had several conversations regarding social care for the elderly and vulnerable. Would SBC support us in setting up a social enterprise? Also has an organiser who would help us run it. Also involve the doctor's surgery to look more closely at community. MP responded that SBC would be interested; we would also need backing and support of HTC. (SR to forward Debra Brown details to KS)
- 14/9 SBC meeting on Anti-Social Behavior and Young Persons – following an incident in town
- 4 green recycling bags policy – should we set up our own recycling?

5. Correspondence:

- WFCAP Meeting – no one going

- Letter from Gerry Evans, Chair of Royal British Legion to HTC regarding centenary of WW1 (28.7.14) and passed on to us, is their going to be a memorial service in church? Felt this is up to town to decide not HTC. Would British Legion be interested in taking on Memorial Garden and doing it up? PNS will put on next Historical Society Agenda to sort something out together with the Royal British Legion.
6. **Report from HTC Representative: AD**
See attached
7. **May Day Market Proposal:**
Several thousand people attended a good day out. There was however the negative attitude of the Market Manager who encouraged some of the stall holders not to turn up. HTC had written to Market Manager saying where they could pitch and a large gap was evident. HCPG disappointed, KS will write to HTC about his negativity.
8. **Projects for 2013:**
Highworth The Vision: due to KS being very busy still pending. Asked MP about accessing 2011 census information. How much info SBC actually have? When can we access Highworth ward, Swindon and National?
Neighbourhood Plan SBC consultation: a re-run of the housing also infrastructure (roads, travel) will be held on 6/7 at 10-1 in the community rooms
 SBC have written a protocol asking whether Neighbourhood Plan needs to go ahead. KS will email the email received around
Local Food Strategy: AH – Postcard invites for meeting on 19/6 to be handed out to local businesses (not service businesses) and local producers. Cost will be met by HCPG agreed **PNS** seconded **KenS**
- 13/7 podium is available for producers to launch Totally Locally
 - HTC proposal of having the podium once a month for Totally Locally
 - Link article for this weekend KS
 - Flyers went down well at May Day Festival
9. **Members Business:**
KS – HCPG building society balance is £6374.84
SO – July Link, grass contract has now been sorted. Community Payback Team wanted to charge £25 per month, Mark will raise this issue with SBC
KenS – Single farm payment, Pentylands have never claimed this, SBC do, if they do this year hopefully it will filter back to Pentylands
PB – Surgery waiting area revamp, still pending. Looking into a percentage of appointments being booked online, also a survey on opening hours, which could be a battle as surgery not keen to change. Only one late session till 6.30. **KS to MP** - do locality team have any input in surgery ie: social care, commissioning as surgery not very forward thinking, MP will find out.
- Community Church looking into becoming a fully-fledged centre in its own right, presently negotiating. To improve the service they already provide with debt counseling
- HH** – Cycle track, started walking possible routes down A361 in trees
KS – Job Club Jane Greening from the Ladybird Centre who has a responsibility for families is eager to help out, also bring some of her mums along who want to get back to work etc.
MP – SBC setting up Call in Time, this is for people to befriend older, isolated and vulnerable people, article in Link

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2013, 7pm at The Centre

Town council Report 5/6/13

Phil Beaumont elected Mayor - Charity Swindon Women's Refuge
Pam Adams Deputy Mayor

Sporting Hub consultation Report (hot off the press!)

Phil Back presented the independent report which will be shortly available on SBC website. Here are the highlights:

Responses

- Just over 1000 responses – 24% of population
- Responses mainly from 45-75 years, fewer from younger people
- Responses from across Highworth, not just in the area closest to the Rec
- 50/50 on whether there is enough sport in Highworth

Change wanted in sport provision – top 3 in order

- No change
- All weather pitch -AWP
- Limit provision for football

Impact on Highworth

2/3 think impact will be negative

Main reasons to like proposal – top 3

- Trim trail
- Improved parking
- AWP

Main reasons to dislike –top 3

- Traffic and parking increase
- Excessive focus on particular sports e.g. football
- Loss of informal open space

Site of AWP

Over 50% prefer Warneford school

Conclusions

- Clear division within community
- 50% support or support with reservations, (38% support), 50% oppose or oppose strongly
- How critical is AWP location and can this be reviewed? – e.g. Warneford