

## Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 7pm Highworth Library

#### Present:

Keith SmithSandra RendallKen SaundersJo ClarkPeter ArnelSarah Olner

Maureen Penny Helen Harris Claire Smith Paul Newton-Smith Shirley Colbeck-Smith Anthea Beaumont

#### 1. Apologies:

Alison Durant Jo Cook

Joe Gassman

Allyson Jordan

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS Seconded by SCS

#### 3. Matters Arising:

- 6. Community Grant not Grassroots Grant. Pentylands Group were successful in getting £3,000. Congratulations to Ken and the rest of their team.
- AOB Missed out survey of Halls in Highworth and their costs

# 4. How to make full use of Highworth Library. Discussion with Allyson Jordan, Library Services Manager:

HCPG would like to thank Shirley and her team for all that they do for us and the community. Allyson was unable to attend due to being ill. She has asked that we put together a letter with everything we would like to see in the Library, suggestions for extra use etc. She will meet with Shirley before next months meeting and attend in April. Possibilities:

- Use volunteers to run the Library outside normal hours
- Ricki Hunt, WiFi is looking to rent premises in Highworth for 1 year, needs volunteers to run who can have a space to do their own thing. HCPG could do, possible admin grant available. On a community aspect Ricki would give revamped computers to those who haven't got one. Rafu's and Mortgages Mainly also considered as possible venues. Need to take into consideration set up problems with WiFi and the good association we now have with HTC. Before we decide on premises we need to decide what we actually want to provide, who would run it etc. Committee of KenS, PNS, SCS, PA, HH and KS to meet and bring back to next meeting.

## 5. Chairman's Report:

- Council updating on Youth Issues , £40,000 has been contributed, towards a MUGA.
- Windrush Community Greens Ist village green status in Wiltshire. The area behind the fencing has not yet been given village green status, a new application is to be put in (remember that an appeal by the residents of the fenced area was turned down) but once completed should hopefully go in favour of village green. Has to be dealt with within 2 years. It is however a legal requirement that the fencing has to come down.
- Dave Evans Economic Development Officer SBC has asked if we would be interested in having unemployed 18-25 year olds work as volunteers for 6 months in Highworth. Possibilities:
- Survey of rentable halls, amenities, Surveys etc.

#### 6. Vice Chairman's Report:

**Council update** – With regards to the Playbuilder grant MP had got, HTC had received a letter from Rod Bluh asking where the money had come from? This is in fact a SBC initiative.

- Allotments SBC dragging heels
- Golf Course On the way to Lechlade, HTC is blocking everything

- The Fishes Have asked for different usage of premises, all have been denied.
- Old Simpsons Garage This has been bought, housing has been turned down at present.
- **CPCP** AB asked did CPCP have a remit. SBC have no reference point, just seem to be filling government boxes. WFCAP have own structure of strategic outcomes, budgets etc.
- Other Matters Fox Roundabout. MP has sent all paperwork to Sara Tough, hopefully they can take it forward.
- **7. WiFi in Highworth and Social Inclusion:** Advertising of WiFi Signal to help pay and advertise Year of Culture.
- 8. Job Club update: Many had started temporary jobs. Thanks to the Library.
- 9. The role and responsibility of HTC; Giving and getting the message PA: What is the responsibilities of our council HTC and SBC? KS HTC is a Parish Council and has limited roles and responsibilities. We need to encourage more people to stand for council. JC Clarification of period of office?

MP will ask all the relevant questions at next Council meeting.

#### 10. Members Business:

- Pentylands Has received a Planting Places Award (part of HCPG Plan ) Links with SBC Property Services and Great Western Forestry have made this possible. Patrick Norris of GWF has circulated copies of the award around SBC. MP to mention at Council.
- Battle of the Bands £3,000 grant. Rod Davis of Lions may be able to give a further grant. Now want Groups, Clubs and Societies also trade stands. Volunteers needed
- Step Up (lottery funded) will meet with groups to let them know what they provide
- HAFFT We are now a Fairtrade Town. Launch date to be arranged. AD did present to HTC. Congratulations to the team (part of HCPG Plan)
- Year of Arts and Culture Black and white newsletter every three months detailing what's going on. Town Criers outfit hired until end of October at £6 per week. Exhibition of Clubs and Societies in the Community Rooms on 17 <sup>th</sup> April.

## **11. AOB**:

AB – Toilets and Bottle Bank – SBC promised 4 years ago to redo toilets but have gone back on their word. Bottle banks are to be replaced. Any letters written to SBC should be copied into HTC. MP will bring to next HTC meeting. MP still progressing for car park as a Community Centre.

MP – JC needs support with Festival set up. Next Festival meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.45 in Community room.

KS – McColls have said their front window could be used for displays, this could be on a rota with the community groups etc.

Library can be used to hire out costumes for May Day

KS – Community Radio 105.5 have slots

## Next meeting Wednesday April 7th in the Library