



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 7pm
The Library, Highworth

1. Present:
Maureen Penny Sandra Rendall Ken Saunders Paul Newton Smith
Shirley Colbeck Smith Claire Smith Sarah Olnier Jo Clark Alison Durrant

Apologies:
Keith Smith Anthony Peake Peter Hinton Jo Cook Anthea Beaumont
2. Minutes of the previous meeting:
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS Seconded by Ken S
3. Matters Arising: none
4. Vice Chairs Report:
 - a) Council Update:
 - Melanie Duff new Mayor of HTC. She will be directing HTC and SBC to working with us.
 - MP will report updates on HCPG to HTC at council meetings
 - b) Conversations with Sara Tough:
 - Is the new Cluster Lead manager, she says there is no money available yet.
 - MP has asked for a field for 100 allotments
 - roadside signs – MP has spoken with different people, will try to find a way around it
 - Events being held in Swindon (ie: festivals) could be shown in Highworth
 - c) Other Matters:
 - Chris Sivers, Director of Community Working. No money available, however new money from Government called Real Help available for third sector organizations. We already have a plan which SBC could use so new money may be available to us. 3 sections: Info and Advice, possibility of shop and website. Job search and Employ – already running, Health and Mental.
5. Grant Applications:
Find a project not already looking into ie: Community Centre. Grants are available in 6 figures
Acre – will fund a building (The Fishes)
Tudor – will fit out
Esmee Fairbairn – will pay 3 years wages for an administrator
Next step make a concrete proposal and take it personally to investors. Possible name Community Information Hub, go ahead with looking into purchasing The Fishes
6. Fox Roundabout:
 - a) SBC Restrictions: We can go ahead in accordance with legal requirements.
 - b) Design: SBC landscaper Andrew Norris attended site said it was a bleak roundabout. He has drawn up some plans which we can put before SBC. He suggests no plants as they don't survive very well, use local stone with up lighting to enhance sculpture. Must keep arrow and chevron signs.
 - c) Additional Sponsorship: Hopefully start this summer. There are many places where small funding is available. Also local people to give time and we will fund materials.

7. Gilberts Alley: JC
Looked at 1910 land survey in Chippenham, information between 1910-1980 not found as land registration in Wiltshire came in 1980. Do we need to fill in this gap? Decided as soon as building work finished, post notices along alley, in Advertiser, Link and Swindon Web for landlords to come forward, if no response or objections after reasonable time we will gentrify anyway. SBC not bothered about planning permission as private land. Do proposal after this. Ken S and SR will write notice for next meeting.
8. Progress on support for the unemployed MP:
HBG have stepped back from job club and no longer want to be involved. HBG has been removed from posters. Hoping to get new faces which we can help.
9. Members Business:
PNS - Website nearly done
AD – Northview School, how can HCPG help. Can't be seen to be political but could assist if the school closes, we can make sure it doesn't get sold into the wrong hands. MP – green areas are not allowed to be sold. If it does close could be new Youth Centre
CS – MUGA. KS to pick up relevant forms. All weather football pitch to be put at Warneford School
Ken S – The Big Lunch Sunday 19th July. Being run by the Eden Project to get communities having an open air lunch using locally grown products and cooked by locals. MP to ask HTC
MP – Would like to get all clubs and associations together to join website and also what we can do for each other.

Next meeting Wednesday 3rd June 09 in the Library.