



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at 7pm
The Centre

Present:

Keith Smith	Sandra Rendall	Phil Baker	Helen Harris
Ken Saunders	Paul Newton Smith	Alison Durrant	

1. Apologies:
Sarah Olnier Shirley Colbeck Smith Andrea Barrett
2. Minutes of March Meeting:
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS seconded by KenS
3. Matters Arising:
6. – Arranging Training Course on Community Consultation
4. Correspondence:
 - Andrea, locality lead has talked about setting up a Tranquility Zone
 - Localities Department – Changes have been made to community grants. Grassroots Grants of £50k available, any group/society can apply up to £1k, £25k to town wide events and £25 to localities for council to decide on how spent. Our Locality seems to be Highworth & Blunsdon, Penhill & Gorsehill. Questions raised are: How can funds be divided up? Why put forward two deprived areas with 2 rural? A rural strategy is definitely needed.
 - Admin Grants – Total of £10k, £5k to be spent central (Swindon) and £5k to localities. Up to £500 for printing costs etc can be claimed for
 - Neighbourhood Grants – (dealt with by Alison Chamberlain). Total of £100k for 7 locality areas. Elected borough council members to decide in cooperation with communities on how to be spent. Subject to matched funding. KS received a letter explaining that there were drop in meetings on 4/5 (x2), 8/5 and 9/5 during the daytime to discuss these grants, letter was received late therefore not enough time to send someone, also no evening meetings arranged. KS would strongly respond.
 - MP had received a letter from Action for Market Towns. Highworth Community Centre (HCC) had not won an award but had been commended. MP and KS would attend Meeting on Marketing Your Community which would be how to market a destination and receive a certificate Share Best Practice and 3 months free membership.
5. Chairman's Report:
Sporting Hub Meeting – Many sports in Highworth would work together as a Hub and a committee set up to help individual groups. How to make best use of the Rec for sport. HTC have asked them to do a feasibility study, looking at pitches and outside spaces.
6. Report from HTC representative: AD
 - Pentylands Development – some affordable housing, 106 monies (£589K) have been promised to Highworth from this development. HTC, HCPG, SBC Councilors have to ensure this happens.
 - Neighbourhood Plan – HCPG working in cooperation with HTC, a public meeting will be held in May

- Tranquility Zone was it asked for? – HTC had received a written report from Locality Lead on what they had been doing. HCPG will pass on information about the Prayer Room although Christian based it is open to all and may serve the purpose of a Tranquility Zone.
7. Review of the Vision: report by KS
- No meeting had been held since January.
 - KS seconded to HTC Planning Committee regarding writing Neighbourhood Plan.
 - It is about proposals for future housing developments, plus economic and social development.
 - It also about areas of Highworth that should be safeguarded such as Pentylands Park. Ask KenS to provide the written evidence that it is protected.
 - The Neighbourhood Plan is not there to produce negative plans, but to provide good arguments for and against development areas. Aim to get groups involved to look at historical, environmental aspects of considered areas.
 - HTC sub contract to HCPG the Consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan. HTC will provide resources, possible grant from SBC.
 - There would be Information giving evenings on the 22/5 at the Rec, and 24/5 at the Community Centre on the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Plan for the community
 - Next Vision Meeting 31/5, 10am at The Centre to include a HTC member, Maureen Penny being the ideal candidate Nominated PNS Seconded PB. KS would ask HTC.
 - Vision - aspirational 20 year document this will be revised alongside the Neighbourhood Plan
 - Still awaiting 2011 Census information which would be used in both documents
8. Members business:
- KenS – Pentylands Wetland, kids had demolished the dam
 - SBC had handed over management of the Parks to Pentylands. Some monies available, but can't access
 - PB – Debt Counselling run by the Church is in high usage

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th June 2012, 7pm at the Centre