



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2015, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Present: Keith Smith Mark Pritchard Ian Webb Sandra Rendall
 Ken Saunders Matt Goddard Phil Baker Alison Durrant

Apologies: Adrian Hares Sarah Olnier Shirley Colbeck-Smith Paul Newton Smith

Visitors: Steven Bailey

2. Minutes of April Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

- 8. Connections** – KS to email Lally report out
- 5. Library** – Highworth is to be used as a pilot scheme, not sure what at present
- 10. May Day** – Thanks to Sandra and team for successful day
- Historical and Western Front** – Thanks to Paul for his hard work with the plane

4. Locality Team Input:

Localities are under restructure.
Circles has matched another person, Highworth now has 3 in total
Impact Report still ongoing, KS will email round 2nd draft

5. Correspondence:

Highworth Community Clean-up – Steven has set up a volunteer group. A group of 17 first met in March collecting rubbish around the town. The next meet is on 7/6 with the help of 2 PCSO's, Co-op is offering their services along with teas and coffees. Fluorescent jackets can be borrowed from Pentylands, gloves are needed. It is thought that full black sacks can be dropped at Home Farm depot, just let Dave the road sweeper know so he can contact SBC for collection. As of 1st June, HTC are taking over groundworks. Insurance cover was discussed, MP will arrange for SBC cover for the next clean up, he will also liaise with Steven to help him with risk assessment and legalities.

AD mentioned a Junk Swap with excess being picked up by SBC.

Steven has been in talks with TSTech to hold a car boot sale on their premises to raise funds.

Aiming for a green flag award.

WFCAP – Laura Pictor is stepping down to save funds in order for it to continue as funding has been cut by Wiltshire County Council. New funding streams have to be found. IW will stay as a volunteer. KS has written to Laura to thank her for her work. They could be moving to Bradford on Avon, IW will offer community Centre as an alternative. Next meeting 21/5. In principal we could offer travel expenses proposed **KS** seconded **PB**

6. Connections Progress:

- Power to Change, initial grants announced but you have to meet certain criteria. By the end of 2015 £9m would have been granted to help new and existing. We will automatically be put in, as we have already filled in checker.
- Need to set up a meeting to go and see Heather and Debra at SEQOL
- MP – Chris Collins SBC, will use Highworth as a pilot by doing a mosaic research piece, he has found a gap in existing data. Blue collar workers could prove to be high users of our future health service.

7. The Vision and Neighbourhood Plan:

We will meet with Chris Collins for up to date statistics for Vision and Maps. **KS, MP and SR**
Liz Beth, town planner – HTC need to find £8k in order for her to continue writing and producing plan. KS has been asked to apply for funding as HTC not capable
We need to keep up to date and identify industry and recreational sites in town
Neighbourhood Plan were to have a table at May Day, no one available which was a shame

8. Credit Union:

KS has spoken with Patricia McDonnell at Clivey to ask if we can piggyback or set up on our own with their help. They are not keen for us to piggyback as they have had several bad situations with other towns. Bill Hudson from Ace Credit Union Cardiff has set out in an email all points bad that we would need to be aware of, but in a good way. This will not deter us. Clivey could train and support and may reconsider following this email. CAP has a committee which PB is on, he will raise to see if there is any interest in them taking it on.

9. Members Business:

Apologies for not having HTC on Agenda

AD – If Labour, HTC would begin with a strategic plan. IW will write to new HTC councillors again urging them to have a strategic plan

IW – SBC have a £4m fund (£2m social fund and £2m Big Lottery) this whole amount will be given to 1 lead partner. Criteria are that it must be used for difficult groups, ie: long term unemployed

MG – Totally Locally - Focused minute taking. May Day a success with 170 surveys being completed. Every quarter a campaign will be held. Magic Tenner and Retailers Meeting next. Facebook ready to be launched. PB on a negative note has noticed some shops putting up prices. We would like to present TL to HTC at some point.

KenS – nine years on and Pentylands are changing the way they work with other agencies.

AD – Fairtrade has been renewed until 2017. Mayor is honorary president

PB – CAP is making progress and has employed a second debt counselor

Surgery has a new Practice Manager and Dr Khalid is leaving

HCPG deal with real issues, rather than HTC but HTC are hampered by SBC

SR – We need HCPG to be on Facebook. On next Agenda

Skate park – Several people have asked where money is? And what's happening? AD ongoing, Southfields were approached but they don't want it

Totally Locally – Can we use HCPG status as we need to be in a contract to sign up to TL kit? On next Agenda for proposal

Saturday Market – would like signs put out on major roads in to advertise same. Check with HTC, Market Managers job description states about signs

Youth Café – moving along, business plan under construction

KS – SOLAR – Drug and Alcohol Services. KS will talk to them as HCPG maybe they could offer their services via the Library

Pigeons – 103 down. Neil and his Hawk will be in the High Street Thursday 5pm. HTC will continue this service on a quarterly basis

KenS – Since Westrop Nursery had a fire, 70 children have been able to continue nursery from the Centre. Trustees have juggled other Centre users to cater for this to happen. They are to be congratulated as they have enabled parents and childminders to keep jobs and children safe in nursery.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd June 2015