



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7pm
The Centre

Present:

Keith Smith	Sandra Rendall	Sarah Olnier	Ken Saunders
Phil Baker	Paul Newton Smith	Alison Durrant	Anthea Beaumont

1. Apologies:

Nick Johnson	Shirley Colbeck Smith	Helen Harris	Maureen Penny
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2. Welcome new members/Observers:

Phil Baker, representative

3. Election of Officers:

Chairperson	Keith Smith	Proposed	SO	Seconded	KenS
Vice Chair	Alison Durrant	Proposed	PNS	Seconded	KS
Secretary	Sandra Rendall	Proposed	SO	Seconded	KS
Treasurer	Ken Saunders	Proposed	KS	Seconded	SR

4. Minutes of September meeting:

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

5. Matters Arising: none

6. Report from HTC representative: AD

- HTC agreed to support HCPG at redoing the Vision. HTC said that HCPG should declare if they have spoken with any external bodies whilst doing the plan. HCPG welcomed the endorsement from HTC.
- HCPG to write a letter of thanks to Maureen Penny for all that she has done following her step down from HCPG whilst Mayor.

7. Report from AMT Convention:

- This was paid for by an AMT bursary and held in Ludlow.
- Community Led Planning which was run by officers from Shropshire and North Dorset Authority, How to get the best out of your Community, strengths and weaknesses by visual means
- Community winners of 2011 were Mold. They managed to get together 1500 people and clean up their town
- Allotments – another group interested in setting up for their community, because HCPG instigated the set up of new allotments in Highworth, we are able to assist them
- In talking to other groups, we are ahead on some projects
- KS will send around user name and password for AMT website
- KS to ask David Lane, HTC to become a member of AMT

8. Proposed Projects for 2012:

Fox Roundabout

- AD Reported back to us that following HTC last meeting it was mentioned in AOB that Richard Scotchmer said following MP resignation from HCPG, HTC should adopt the Fox Roundabout as its initiative and make it a part of Highworth in Bloom. HCPG happy for HTC to take over. SBC have decided that full planning is needed, feasibility has now been passed. KS to talk to MP regarding updates on Fox Roundabout, and not forgetting that HCPG started the project.

Possible Projects for 2012 -

- Revise and update the Plan, statistics need to be updated (employment, economic changes)
- Analyse the five main parts of the plan
- Tourist Information – possibility of setting up in the Library. A paid person and volunteers to run. Awaiting meeting. It is mentioned in SBC Core Strategy for Tourist Information, also in our Plan, this would encourage promoting Highworth positively. We would also work with other towns and their Tourist Information to promote each other
Proposed KS Seconded PNS
- Other possibilities discussed – Saturday Markets

9. Members Business:

KS – Preliminary consultation meeting 7/11 at 7.30 regarding St Michaels Church and its proposed changes for groups who use the church. AD will attend

KS - Urban Forum, for rural towns, look at website

KS – Doomsday Reloaded (BBC) AB and PNS will look at

SO and KenS – a tentative offer of 150 fruit trees won and donated to Pentylands.

Community Payback Team to continue working at Park, if wet they will be used at Community Centre

PB – Simon Stacey from Westrop Surgery encouraging people to check out Patients Forum, surgery meeting the needs of the community

KenS – Proposed stables at Pentylands, need access road, planning application needed

AD – HTC has agreed money towards Fair Trade bags

AB – Swindon Strategic Partnership Meeting 21st Nov

Festival 2012 – invite twinning towns across. Twinning Association should do but we would support

PNS – Another Big Picture has been completed, this may have to come to the Centre

KS – Job Club – Unite Union and Wessex Training would like to run classes at the Centre. Preliminary employability, ICT, CV, Literacy and Numeracy courses. These would be free with tutors. From HCA point of view we would gain 6 refurbished computers for the Centre.

Talk Talk to sponsor Centre with £800, we just need to display posters to this effect

Next Meeting Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 7pm at the Centre

Short meeting then retire to Brooks for a drink and a platter. Please let Sandra know if you can attend