



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7pm
The Centre

Present:

Keith Smith Sandra Rendall Sarah Olnier Ken Saunders
Maureen Penny

1. Apologies:

Alison Durrant Paul Newton Smith Anthea Beaumont
Shirley Colbeck Smith Helen Harris Jo Cook

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by KS Seconded by MP

3. Matters Arising:

4. Blog AMT – no-one doing anything similar in relation to Community Centres, so no point in pursuing

6 & 7. Planning for one bed building in Gilberts Alley has been refused, not in keeping with the area

9. Road Closure – limited amount of events are free. Approved traffic Management Company needed for Health and Safety, 6 weeks notice. KS will write to approved companies for cost of service and what they include.

Gilberts Alley Bench – blocks have been replaced with the wrong ones

Blackworth Roundabout – meeting with SBC and David Lane. SBC want to clear roundabout and take rent, HTC not happy, HTC want to adopt and fund roundabout, signs to be smaller

4. Correspondence:

- Email from Beautifully Organic who wish to hire the Centre for holistic therapies also interested in joining HCPG
- AMT awards, we should apply for next year
- Highworth Running Club have made a £100 donation
- SBC Planning Service are writing to local farmers to identify housing sites for development
- Swindon Civic Voice – Research on developing High Street, Swindon Street through CABE Council for Architecture and the Build Environment, their response to funding, no. Not proceeding with us but assisting Swindon Town Centre instead.
- WFCAP – Community Arts Training – Send details to Ian Miller, Jane Hunt and Helen Holly

5. Chairman's Report:

- Swindon Strategic Overview Group Meeting – KS attended, nothing happening
- Visible unemployment in age 18-24 claimants Highworth in June 34%, Swindon 24% we are 10% higher than Swindon, in August this figure rose to 31%. HCPG concerned about significant numbers of young unemployed, KS will write to our MP.
- Apprenticeships through Job Centre are available for a 12 week period in a Company with Jobseekers and bus fares available. MP to ask for further details

6. Vice-Chair Person's report:
 - Pentylands – Proposed stables are going ahead. HTC did all they could but had to go committee
 - Blunsdon gateways were funded by their parish council, MP will bring up at HTC as a proposal for Highworth
 - KS will ask Festival Committee to release some funds (for Fox roundabout) which has been promised
7. HTC Representatives Report: None
8. 2011 Projects:
 - Highworth Community Centre
 - Fox Roundabout
 - SBC Muga and Skatepark at Community Centre will be on tarmac area only. It will be totally separate from The Centre and fencing surrounding this area will not include the railings at the top of the grass slope, a residents survey to be done
 - Fox Roundabout – has stalled again because different SBC departments involved cannot agree. Full planning permission is needed which is going to cost. Proper plans to be drawn up, access to some 106 monies (£11k from Arts). Possibility of funds for plans through Architects, awaiting meetings. MP suggested to Peter Robinson CPCP, that they are not doing their job properly.
9. Programme for AGM:

AGM on 12 October at the Centre. Posters to go up here and around town. Send details to email list, councilors etc. HAFFT to be asked to do teas and coffees.
10. Members Business:

Pentylands – Community Payback team down at park
KS – Nat West Community Force – put in for a £6k grant ideally to run courses. Need backing of at least 6,000 people, email HCPG lists to get people to vote (photos from website) Application has been accepted just need voters now.
11. Next Meetings:

Next meeting - AGM 12th October 2011 at Community Centre