



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, 7pm  
At the Community Centre**

**Present:** Keith Smith      Alison Durrant      Nick Gardiner      Paul Newton Smith  
Ian Webb      Sandra Rendall      Phil Baker      Ken Saunders

**1. Apologies** Steve Martin      Alice Douglass      Sarah Olnier  
Ian James      Gary Llewellyn      Adrian Hares

**Visitor:**  
**Welcome**

**2. Minutes of April Meeting:**  
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **IW** seconded by **KenS**

**3. Matters Arising:**  
**From July:**

**4. Post Box – KS** still to do

**March:**

**5. Town Meeting** – A notice is in HTC window to say when and how the meeting is to be held. Protocol is 2 councillors or 6 electors to ask for an annual town meeting. The meeting is to be held in the Chamber on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm and there are opportunities to ask any questions which will be minuted but Councillors do not have to be in attendance. Two police have been invited in relation to recent burglaries. **PNS** will put information on face book pages.

**6. Town Council Reserves** – There is a policy which states reserves are to be no less than 20% and no more than 50%, HTC are at 40% which is acceptable with the auditors.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** – hard copies are available from HTC and library. Information available on SBC and HTC websites. Leaflets are being delivered to households next week.

**9. Ladybird Pre-school** – this is now staying.

**4. Correspondence - none**

**5. Report from HTC representative: NG**

Swindon Town Football Club's proposals for development at Twelve Oaks were heard at a recent planning meeting.

**6. HCPG Public Liability Insurance**

Cost £223.47. All sub groups will be asked to contribute. Propose that HCPG pay £78.97, May Day £78.50, HAFFT £33 and Highworth in Bloom £33. **Proposed IW and Seconded PNS.** Write to groups with this proposal, if they don't want to contribute they will have to get their own Public Liability Insurance.

**7. May Day Market – report**

Congratulations from HCPG to the team on another successful event. Thanks have been received from Smarts Chippy and emails received from others.

**8. Programme for 2017:**

**Town Centre Update – GL** still working with Rod

**Tourism** – Puddleducks closure. Could it be a community asset? £52k for the lease. **KS and PNS** will go and speak with John for information. Following closure Nexus have suspended café side for a while but continuing with mentoring. Trustees will be meeting to discuss possibilities. Halo is in

support of Nexus and have been looking at designs to alter desired space. They have decided they will use their own builders if renovations go ahead. Hopefully a secure home will be found for September.

Also **KS** sent a letter to Chief Executive and other managers about the state of McColls building, maintenance team were there within 24 hours as he also said he would write to shareholders and business papers if something not done. Apparently beyond their pay grade as major refurbishment needed.

Cashpoints – awaiting a response from McColls. **NG** looking at free standing machine. Meeting on Friday 5/5. Nationwide pilot in Glastonbury after losing 4 banks in 2 years, maybe they would consider us.

Lloyds Bank mobile – long queues and waiting times, 2 cashiers only 1 serving.  
Credit Union or community bank?

### **Care in the Community**

Loneliness and Isolation in Communities workshop being held on 13/5, **SAR** attending

### **The Vision**

Impact statement pending

### **9. Members Business:**

**KS** – Congratulations to Sarah Church, she has received a nomination to stand as MP for Swindon South

**KenS** – Camping, left litter and damaged trees at Pentylands. Pipeline may not go through land. New bridge on 6/5 at the back of Skye Close

**NG** – 14/5 is next litter pick

**PB** – Foodbank heavily used. Universal Credit is a disaster, people having to complete 48 page application and waiting 3-4 weeks for money. CAP – are employing an additional debt coach

**IW** – Has been updated by Police and Crime Commissioner following burglaries. Safe Places – Although fragmented, groups acting independently and continuing. Swindon will set up a website including Highworth.

**SR** – Thanks to all those other than May Day committee who helped, Ian, Ken, Keith

**Next meeting Wednesday 7th June 2017**