

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2018, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Present: Keith Smith Phil Baker Sandra Rendall Gary Llewellyn
Ken Saunders Ian Webb

Apologies Alison Durrant Adrian Young Ian James Ryan Acres
Martin Wellsted Nick Gardiner Sarah Olnier Pau Newton Smith
Steve Martin Alice Douglas

Welcome: We wish Paul all the best following his op, we won't let you get bored Paul!!

2. Minutes of June Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

McColls – Canopy and inside left. **PB** still waiting for a response to his letter

4. Report from HTC representative:

Every 4th will be a general meeting for visitors and public.

5. Credit Union:

- 1 or 2 clients being seen each week.
- The Bridge are happy to run a session from there on a Thursday (busy day with CAP and Foodbank) once renovations have been done.
- Need to work out how to inform public. September Link advertising saving for Christmas. Target areas with A5 flyers
- Do an A5 leaflet with what HCPG are all about for the public consultation on 21/7 and add on a bit about Credit Union.

6. Tourism - report and action

- Following a good meeting with Theresa Hopwood, Louisa and from Visit Wiltshire, she will attend our Retailers Meeting on 19/7 to give a talk and give information. Taking place at The Highworth at 5.45pm.
- Public Consultation on Saturday 21/7, 9-12. **KenS** will put out on Social Media.
- **GL** has done 11 A3 sheets with information and asking questions, HTC have read and given feedback, additions made. Thanks to **GL** for all his hard work.
- We have received an invite from Theresa Hopwood to attend the latest updates of the Great Western Way project on Wednesday 25/7. **PB** will see who can go.
- Karen Phimister, Strategic Planner, SBC says Heritage money that was investigated by **KS** is to go to Railway Village. We can't have any as we sit in middle of deprivation scale.
- Who in Economics department can we write to? We need an introduction to 'Switch on to Swindon' (finance group) who have lots of money. **KS** will write.
- Lloyds Bank as a possible museum venue. **KS** has spoken with owner, no plans yet other than flats upstairs with separate entrance. Cost would be £1k per month, owner will contact us when he is ready to rent.
- Funding: A) Power to Change a community driven organisation who have been given a Government grant of £150k. Start Up grants of £15k available, closing date 21/8. B) Plunkett Foundation, **KS** will call to arrange a meeting C) CPRE, advise for rural England D) Lloyds Bank and Biffa
- **SR** to send **KS** information on possible funding from wind farm
- Should we consider something like the Hare Trail, but Highworth appropriate?
- Tom doing video on High Street, local businesses and activities, also festivals

7. **Loneliness – update**
- KS received a telephone call from a Miss Evans, he is awaiting a response to an email
 - Invite to attend a Mental Awareness course, KS and SR to attend parts 1 & 2
 - **SR** to contact WI, SBC and Anne for updates etc
8. **Town Centre Rejuvenation** – on hold whilst working on Tourism as information can then be fed in also Aldi proposal which has now been accepted by SBC. **GL** will put meetings had into Report.
9. **Fox Roundabout:**
KS and **SR** visited the quarry to view rock with Sculptor Pete and Celia. Hoping to have delivered on Saturday 4/8 early in morning, 11/8 as a back-up. Following conversations with SBC to lower chevrons, this work would cost £5270, **KS** advised SBC work will be carried out as per original project brief, therefore no cost. At least SBC talking with us in a positive way.
10. **Members Business:**
KS – Mr Clegg of The Cullerns has asked can we help with faster fibre broadband? Will get this on to HTC Agenda to take on and ask relevant questions. What are Openreach doing about inconsistencies? **KS** will write back
Pharmacy to You – letter drops around Highworth, we feel that this is not a service that should be accepted as could affect future of our chemists, also not as straight forward. Prescriptions are processed from a warehouse in Ireland, mistakes made can only be rectified through them. **KS** will do an article for the Link and use pharmacy disclaimer with permission.
Spar – have heard from several ex-employees that staff are treated badly, high turnover, not as community minded as they say they are.
PB – MP Guy Opraman, Minister for Pensions visited CAP, he sat, listened and took an interest. There was a consistent message about Universal Credits and the debt that it causes.
IW - Visited Alfie at the Bridge as he needed more 'Safe Places' info. Would like to commend the Bridge on the variety of services that they provide, well done.

Next meeting tbc