



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7pm
The Community Centre**

Present: Keith Smith Sandra Rendall Ian Webb Alison Durrant
Ken Saunders Matt Goddard Sarah Olnier Paul Newton Smith
Adrian Hares

Apologies: Mark Pritchard Phil Baker Shirley Colbeck-Smith

2. Minutes of January Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

6. Library – KS wrote to SCS saying that wifi was desperately needed for both customers and Job Club, hopefully this will help push forward
Healthwatch – survey, top 3 topics so far 1) Access to Preliminary Care 2) Quality of care homes/residential care 3) Dementia
7. Fox Roundabout – confirmed that SBC have handed over to HTC to take charge
Credit Union – if there is one already set up close by may be worth asking them to expand into Highworth. There needs to be sufficient demand, a criteria for who is eligible to join. KS will go to Clivey to ask if they would take on Highworth.

4. Locality Team Input: none

5. Correspondence:

- WFCAP consultation with Wiltshire Council regarding funding for Community Are Partnerships. IW willing to go to meetings

6. Report from HTC Representative: AD

- Fox Roundabout – AD confirmed it is minuted that HTC in charge. Delays because of 106 monies
- Food bank – AD will write to Justin Tomlinson again for clearer answers. What practical ways can HCPG make sure what they need? Through Universal Credits and pointing them in the right directions. Raise awareness. AD happy to pursue.
- Reg Skulls up for sale, possible housing
- Grass cutting and street cleaning – HTC in negotiations with SBC to takeover. If successful start in June time, also could hire out service to other parishes in the future to bring in capital.
- MUGA – trustees of centre do not want it. HTC still holding skate park money. Southfield and Westrop schools asked if they want on their sites, maybe a mini MUGA and skate park.

7. Connections Progress:

Updated Connections details sent out to all who attended. If anyone wants a copy email SR. KS and MP met with the Plunkett Foundation (support for rural communities) a listening exercise to investigate where we were. They can give us 5 days of support. One area that came out is that HCPG are underselling themselves with what they have achieved. We need to write an impact statement. MP presently doing one for the Localities, he has a template also Plunkett will send their template for us to use. The outcome could be more likely for us to receive funding from other organisations. We need to decide in which one direction to move forward.

Initial thought elderly but Social Care hard to organize because of legalities. Look at what already exists – Ladybird Centre exists, due to close, take this forward. A structured meeting of 6-10 people to thrash this out, what will benefit the community? What do they want? What might be achievable?

AD – Sustainability? Would be a business, income, what ways to raise money? We have SEQOI prepared to assist us, we could be attached to/under them. We need to provide value. One thing that has come up – there are elderly who have sufficient funds and don't hit SBC radar but need help? Would they contribute a little?

MG – Intergenerational – Think about 'cradle to grave' which end to start?

8. **The Vision:** 1) check statistics to stay in and change those with SBC statistician 2) IW, KS, KenS, MG, SR to meet Wednesday 11th at 12.30 in the Community Centre. SR to bring laptop
Neighbourhood Plan – all information has been collected. Phil Smith SBC Planning Officer said get in touch with Planning Aid who has someone who will put Plan into right order. Council will pay for a non-local Town Planner to write Plan hopefully by end of March. HTC have put aside £7k for the cost. KS was pressured into seeking funding 2 days before deadline because HTC left to late, applied for £6k received £500. This covers the cost of initial consultant. If it goes beyond March, new round of grants starting in April. AD – positive that moving forward and independent person doing, important useful document.

9. **Totally Locally:** MG has agreed to take on and give it some structure. There will be a calendar of campaigns, will raise profile, also encouraging businesses that we are always adding value to what we do. Website up and running correctly, maybe stronger links needed (check Simon aps)

AH – still about enthusing retailers to get involved. 'Fiver Fest' 23-30th March, retailers offer something of a higher price for £5, 10 businesses signed up, and article in March link. Tim has been in touch with Justin Tomlinson who will support and Phil from Swindon Web.

Student Café – SR with MP have had discussions with John from Puddleducks Café, he is in support of and wants to get involved. He has loaned us the cellar bar which is vacant at present for 2 nights a week, 4-6 for Warneford pupils, and possibility of evening entertainment in the future. Meeting with student council on 6/2 to find out what they want from it.

PB –

- Food bank – need to up the information on causes of why being used
- CAP – one person now debt free since started, with a new flow of people seeking help
- NHS Dentist – do we need to do a survey to see if there is a need for Highworth?

AD – HAFFT open day Saturday 28/2 free refreshments

REC open day Saturday 28/2

SR to contact Highworth News and More about Dentist and HAFFT fortnight

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March 2015