



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

Present:

Keith Smith Maureen Penny Sandra Rendall Ken Saunders
Alison Durrant Claire Smith Paul Newton Smith Helen Harris
Anthea Beaumont

1. Apologies:
Shirley Colbeck Smith Sarah Olnier Jo Cook Peter Arnel Jo Clark
2. Minutes of the previous meeting:
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by MP Seconded by PNS
3. Matters Arising: none
4. Correspondence:
 - Reply from David Lane regarding accusations made by Angela Livall. KS had also received a letter from Norman Edwards which had also been sent to HTC in the same vain. KS would reply to Mr Edwards thanking him for his letter and that HCPG had noted his comments. (We will in future advertise that we meet on the first Wednesday of the Month in the link. Anyone wishing to attend must telephone first)
5. Chairman's Report:
 - WFCAP Conference. SWRDA funding which should have ceased in March was actually stopped in December. Our insurance (Wroughton also affected) through WFCAP ceases on 31st March, can SBC assist with this funding? HCPG would like to stay with WFCAP as they offer an invaluable service of free conferences and information, over 20 other groups use them.
 - Swindon Strategic meeting – Looking at Parishing the whole of Swindon, therefore towns would have their own precept and how to spend. Only 5% vote of the town population needed for this to be accepted
 - Town and Country Planning – David Lane has said that HTC would NOT be involved with this
 - HCPG still on top of Localisation Bill
 - CPCP – no news on new Cluster Administrators. Because of One Swindon this post could be filled by a nurse, policeman or fireman. Our nearest Community Organiser is in Cornwall.
 - Mayoral Ball, Friday 15th April – SR to email details out
 - The Advertiser Magazine produced in Faringdon by the business group is a fine example. The link is our main document, use noticeboards for weekly What's On.
6. Vice-Chair Person's report:
7. Highworth Community Centre – update:
 - Hall is being used by paid taster sessions, SBC invoicing and holding for us until trading starts on 1.4.11
 - Disabled toilets, showers, ramps and doors are being done, SBC paying

- Probation Service have agreed that offenders can do community payback, groundwork, painting and keeping boarders tidy on a regular basis
- Ruth Parsons and KenS meeting on 15/3 to discuss woodland and restarting conservation group. She will find funding herself with the help of HCPG
- St Michaels Hall and The Rec showing concern of losing business to the Centre. Clubs that have approached us want bigger space and more rooms and want to be secure for the future. The Centre has these advantages
- Provisional diary date of June 11th for opening of Centre with Fete. Subgroup to organize AD and AB. SR to email for help, need a response for mid march.
- Highworth loyalty card cost £10-15 for 5% discount to those living in Highworth or parish
- CS expressed high praise at those involved in getting the Centre up and running

8. Census:

KS met with Katherine who is running the Census in Highworth. She will be using a room at the HTC Community room on 27/3 for drop in. Volunteer needed – AB offered. Katherine will also hire a room and meet with her team of 15 at The Centre the week prior to the Census, contacting KenS

9. Members Business:

Pentylands – Hole has been dug for tank by Thames

Village Green – email from Joe regarding parking on green, same person involved as before he will investigate further. We should now push residents to form and run a committee and HCPG to step away. HCPG will contact Joe to say we are holding a meeting for residents to do this and we would assist them in electing a strong committee.

HAFFT – February 26th on the Podium, successful morning with Samba band and singer, £89 raised.

KS to attend Westrop school to give Assembly talk on Fairtrade

Town Crier Costume will be stored in council offices, Richard will have a key

CS - Anna Pope has retained a Youth job but not sure where she will be placed

HH – Closing date for Link correspondence is now the 1st of the month

Next meeting Wednesday 6th April 2011 at Highworth Library