



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 7pm

The Council Community Rooms, Highworth

Meeting chaired by Keith Smith

1. Present:

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| Keith Smith | Sandra Rendall | Peter Hinton | Paul Newton Smith |
| Joanne Cook | Ann Lewis | Alison Durrant | Jane Hunt |
| Tom Aherne | Claire Smith | Kati Wood | |

Visitors:

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| Rob Gillespie | Adrian Young |
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Apologies:

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| Ian Young | Jo Clark | Shirley Colbeck-Smith | Caroline Starling |
| Ken Saunders | Anthea Beaumont | | |

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **TA** seconded by **AD**.

3. Matters Arising:

4. Sustainable Transport - KS met with Simon Lymn, Planning Officer for Transport. He has Accessibility funding which could be used for Gilberts Alley. There was also £88,000 for resurfacing work in Highworth from the 07/08 budget (this may have gone). **KS to send a copy of the Plan to him when done.**

5. Stonehouse – KS had received a reply for a meeting.

7. Skate Park – CS. On the basis of information received so far from Hyper 10-19 Consultation, Skate Park, MUGA, Internet Café were high on the list for wants. Adam Hedges was picked as the winner of £50 vouchers for his entry. KS had received letters from parents of skaters supporting a skate park application. PH – Rotary Club would be more involved with and support the Youth Centre with Town Council. Possible refurbishment in the pipeline.

4. Update on MCTI - Charles Coffin had now finished and was moving to New Zealand to farm cows.

Sophie Cowdell is now back with us working as an external consultant until the Plan has been completed.

A letter from James Hassett, Chief Executive MCTI explaining that the Plan needs to get underway. MCTI would find a consultant to help us to implement the first year of the Plan.

Around £11,000 was left in the account for the Plan to be written and produced, this has to be used by the 30th June 08. It was felt that any monies not spent on the Plan could be used to enlist the help of Ben Hamilton-Baille on traffic issues, then on minor projects.

5. The Plan: JH and KS

So much information had been received that the cut off date had been extended by 10 days. Jane had sketched out a plan into chapters then information into projects. CC suggested making objectives more strategic (so as not to go out of date with trends). Jane also looked at national trends to see if ours fit in. She also looked for gaps that we may have missed, projects with no picture and objectives with no project. Meetings had been arranged with Gladys Barr (SBC), Police and other Government Agencies.

Agenda 21 has been renamed Sustainable Development (using words that reflect being up to date).

We still need to nurture SBC as much as possible.

Jane will email SR with first copy of Plan to send to everyone for proof reading.

Many thanks to Jane for doing the Plan, attending meetings, much appreciated.

RG – Liz Smith is the new Conservation Officer at SBC she will help us with our Plan. She will consider Highworth's needs in future SBC Plans. Highways Dept. also have plans for Highworth, RG will be able to find out so that HCPG can have prior knowledge and get involved from the start. KS will invite Liz to one of our meetings.

6. Members Business:

AL – Proposed plans for the Rec. We need to engage with other groups in Highworth to show a future interest in hiring Rec facilities which will help with funding. We could plug the Rec as being used as Highworth's Community Centre, HCPG could support funding.

AD – 26th April at the Rec, tickets £8 with a band in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

KS – 25th April at Warneford School, tickets £8 talk by Mark Lynas on Climate Change.

KS – Information on funding from Changing Spaces £10-50K (Green) – passed on to Pentylands for their £50K wetlands project

National Lottery Grant information about local Food projects has been passed on to the Gardening Club

KS also going on a 2 day course relating to Asset Management

**Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 7th May 2008 at 7pm in
The Council Community Rooms**