



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7pm
The Library, Highworth

1. Present:

Keith Smith	Peter Hinton	Sandra Rendall	Ken Saunders	Sarah Olnier
Jane Hunt	Maureen Penny	Shirley Colbeck Smith		

Apologies:

Jo Clark	Rob Gillespie	Anthony Peak	Joanne Cook	Paul Newton Smith
Claire Smith	Alison Durrant			

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by Ken S Seconded by MP

3. Matters Arising:

5. Minor changes to Terms of Reference have been made and will be emailed to committee

4. Chairman's Report on progress:

- KS had been in regular correspondence with Michael Wills MP. KS wrote regarding meeting with SBC officers and not being able to get any further with SWRDA. Michael had written to Gavin Jones, Chief executive SBC following SWRDA correspondence and is awaiting reply.
- KS wrote to SBC regarding Connecting People Connecting Places – HCPG are far ahead of other groups and were invited to a meeting on 6/1/09 together with PH and MP alongside our 3 borough councilors (none of whom could attend). KS also disappointed that they did not attend the Rural Strategies Meeting when other borough areas attended, important for community groups.
- KS met Anthony Peake – 9 points covered. Also wrote to Colin Lovell (new lead member for rural affairs), Brian Mattock (Connect, Connect) will meet with Colin Lovell (good community person) in the next month
- We could arrange the trip to Pershore to see how the organization works.
- Andrew Bennett, Wroughton Councillor on rural committee, Anthony Peake apparently a member. KS has asked AP to find out more about it. 7 New posts have been formed to cover the SBC clusters.
- AP agreed to talk to Brian Mattock regarding being kept as a rural cluster and not connected to North Swindon. Each cluster will have an officer; need to know who ours will be. KS to offer his services for the interview panel (KS to contact Bernie Brannen).
- We should apply to HTC for an admin grant. AP would propose this. KS to speak to David Lane, HTC have adopted the plan therefore help us with our admin costs. KS to write proposal for AP to put to council for £500 grant Colin Seal or Steve Weisinger to second proposal. Copy in David Lane.
- Report back to Steve Weisinger on 6/1/09 meeting
- Plan has been accepted but KS not invited to council meeting to report back, will speak to David Lane
- AP Would like to be involved with Simon Lym from SBC Transport meeting
- Also 106 monies meeting
- We also had a piece in the Adver regarding SWRDA
- KS will do a piece for the Link on a positive note: HBG has started, Highworth becomes a Fair Trade Town in February also thanks to Michael Wills for his support.
- KS wrote to R Hunt, Chair of Swindon Strategic Economic Partnership asking for funds

5. Meeting with Officers from SBC 10/12:

MP and PH – The meeting was attended by 6 directorates from different areas, no money available. Simon Lym (Transport Policy) no funding but some capital available – ideas to put forward traffic planning survey and roundabout, will meet with him soon.

Possibilities of a green grant towards skate park, Youth needed to get more involved. HTC have put in leisure money to get it started. There is a Youth meeting on 12/1 about MUGA and skatepark.

SCS, should we not be more involved with North Swindon as they are affluent with new building and 106 monies available, maybe we should tap into the North as well as working with Wroughton. Meeting with Holly Huber to be arranged.

6. Members Business:

MP – Regarding Youth and skateboard – Do we need a children’s policy? Anna Pope and Naomi Ray-Murder are our Youth workers and will be at the meeting. HCPG will not want to lead but will support and seek funding.

There is an opening for a new councilor. It is suggested that MP apply with Anthony Peake to support and propose and Charles Horton to second. MP would then be a link between HTC and HCPG. HCPG and HBG would support MP. If a forced election (by 25/1) then election after 4 weeks we would assist with leaflets etc.

Fundraising – HCPG to be seen each month as doing something. JH suggested that the right marketing aspect needed. Next meeting (Agenda 30 mins). JH to chair and do guidelines for structure of fundraising.

JH – Honda laying off at the moment, is it worth us doing a transport survey now and then again when they go back. Ask Simon Lym

Ken S – How many people visit the website? PNS absent will clarify at next meeting

KS – Wroughton Vision Environment Group, a separate group – is it something to bear in mind for the future

Action for Market Towns (www.towns.org.uk) we will renew our membership in April as good information and help comes from this.

English Historic Towns Forum – should we join. KS to ask Jo if the Historical Society would pay the reduced joining fee

WFCAP – meeting next week, keep attending as funds may be available.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th February 09 in the upstairs council room.