

HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 12th May 2009 at 6.00p.m. at The King's Church.

<u>Present:</u>	Teresa Blaxland-	Chairman and Trustee
	Colin Williams	- Trustee/Farmers' Market (D/Chairman)
	Cllr. Rupert Simmons	- Trustee
	Doug Brunger	- Churches Together
	Ruth Waller	- Street Pastors
	Sue Roach	- IT/Website
	Joanne Aldous	- Town Coordinator
	Sheran Thorpe	- Clerk

<u>Guests:</u>	Barbara Beaton -	Action in Rural Sussex
	Scott Lipa	- Action in Rural Sussex
	Louise Baxter	- Trading Standards

Teresa B extended a warm welcome to the guests. Louise Baxter gave a brief talk about Scams in and around Heathfield and made the following points:-

- The main types of Scams were - fake foreign lottery, deceptive prize draw or sweepstake, get-rich-quick schemes, investment or clairvoyant scams and miracle cures.
- UK consumers lose an estimated 3.6 billion to scams every year - average per victim is £850.
- The highest percentage of victims is aged between 35 - 44, with almost half of the UK adult population having been targeted.
- Long term effects include lose of life savings, falling prey to another scam within 12 months, suffering stress, health and relationship problems and victims' details being sold to other fraudsters.
- A National Scam month was held in February 2009 and called 'Scamnesty' to raise awareness by issuing press releases and placing posters in libraries asking people to hand in suspicious mailings. As a result of this and other educational projects Trading Standards have recently undertaken a number of direct interventions by making contact with victims or concerned relatives to try and persuade them of the criminality behind the Scams.
- What next? - Trading Standards will continue to raise awareness by trying to get the Post Office on board, conducting Consumer Advice and Fair Trading projects, engaging with Police, meals on wheels, CABx, having an input in Bank training, teaching school children so they can pass the message to parents/carers and utilising Social Services and Adult Protection Agencies.
- Finally, in the credit crunch, people will be more desperate and therefore more vulnerable to Scams.

Teresa B thanked Louise Baxter and confirmed that Leaflets will be passed onto Age Concern for their buses and informative DVD's were passed to Joanne A.

1. Apologies:

1. Were received from Cllr. Niki Oakes, Cllr. Peter Newnham, John Tolley Rosemary Mays-Smith and Cllr. Angie Muddle.

2. Minutes of the last meeting dated 10th March 2009:

1. Once the omission of apologies from Sue Roach was rectified, the minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising: *(to save duplication, please consult the previous minutes if clarification is needed)*

1. 6.3. This has been sorted..
2. **6.7. A competition was run for Sports Person of the year and from Heathfield, Emily Llewellyn won best newcomer in Riding, a swimmer from St. Bedes won and a Rugby player from Heathfield Hurricanes. It was felt that highlights of these achievements could be placed on the website. Joanne A will deal with this...ACTION**
3. 8.1. A meeting is to be held on 2nd April and either Joanne A or Rupert S will report.
4. **9.3. As yet Rosemary has not discussed the contract with John Tolley but as the project will not start until after Christmas, there is still time. Teresa mentioned that she had received many complaints about the slow traffic lights at the St Barts junction project. Rupert will discuss the problem with Highways.....ACTION**
5. 10.2. Joanne A did attend the Conference and found it very helpful. A consultation document will be out soon.
6. 11.9. Four Street Pastors are out every Friday from 7.30p.m. to 11.00p.m. Also two are out the first Friday afternoon of each month from 3 to 5p.m. PC Cathy Codling is send a monthly report.
7. 13.1. There is no more news, but there is still huge pressure on both local newspapers with one having made many redundancies.

4. Sport & Leisure:

Swimming Pool - Rosemary's report was read out as follows:-

The next meeting will take place on the 19th May, Rosemary M-S attended the AGM of HAPI who are doing a marvellous job not only by endless funding but also putting together a draft copy of a document which will be invaluable when approaching possible funders. A member of the committee has provided details of a number of funding opportunities and other sources of help. The aim now is to get the money together for the Full Planning Application together with the necessary design work. £25 to 30000 will be needed of which £8000 has so far been pledged. There is still the major problem of who is going to run the Pool, but Ron Cussons, Niki Oakes and Anne Newton are on the case. David Hague has left the committee for work and family reasons and Beata will not be able to attend meetings owing to a different job specification but both are available if help is needed.

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There was not report, **but it is hoped at the next meeting Rosemary M-S will be able to report on whether she had a reply to her letter to Boris Johnson.....ACTION.**

5. Financial Report:

1. The balance as at 10th May 2009 stands at £53,013.73.
2. Following an IT meeting, a recommendation was made to set up a Pay Pal account system for business website. Business get a free listing but if upgraded, they make a small contribution to programming costs. Joanne will deal with the Pay Pal account system.
3. Eventually Transport will have its own separate bank account.

6. IT Report/Website:

1. A very successful meeting took place on the 24th April at Wessons' Café where one of the new Pips installed had a new backplate. The WiFi is not working properly and Joanne A has emailed Stefan regarding the problem.
2. Wessons is happy to for other groups to hold meetings at their premises.
3. Joanne confirmed that all Pips have been upgraded although it was recognised that it was difficult to get onto WiFi at the Coop and Wessons - this problem is being addressed and the publicity launch cannot take place until everything is running smoothly.
4. The new Pip Kiosk profile is up and running, with new buttons. The contents of the website is almost complete with a very good history and business section. However the tourist section needs a little more work. Thanks were given to Nick Potter who has work tirelessly and free of charge on the project.
5. Unfortunately two bids submitted by Rupert S and Joanne A to Awards for All for marketing and publicity were unsuccessful. There is now a need to approach other grant bodies.

7 Farmers' Market:

1. There were 24 stalls at the April market and 27 are booked for May including a Police Security stall. The June market could be difficult as Colin W, due to medical reasons, will not be able to attend. However Joanne will be able to help.

8. Inward Investment:

1. John Tolley who is overseas, will report on his progress at the next Board Meeting.

9. High Street:

1. Rosemary's report was read out as follows:-

No more committee meetings are scheduled at the moment. We really have come to the end of the line with the High Street and the only reason that we are not finishing stages, 7, 8 and 8a is because of the major work at Cross-in-Hand. This is scheduled to go on for 9 weeks and for this to be followed by a major upset in the High Street would be too much and then there is Christmas. Therefore it has been decided that the work should be carried out in January 2010. The two final hanging baskets are going to be purchased for the area near the Pet Shop and then that will be completed.

10. Transport:

1. The Youth Express is proceeding extremely well and it is hoped to open up the buses to groups in the community.
2. At this point Barbara Scott from AIRS was asked to contribute to the meeting.
3. There is a new project funded regionally which brings together statutory and voluntary organisations interested in rural issues. The project is going to look at and develop ideas for improving access to services by people who live, work or visit rural parts of East Sussex. It is a three year programme to 2011 with Heathfield, being a Market Town and fitting the criteria, being invited to participate.
4. The following points were made:-
 - The first stage of the programme will involve carrying out a local assessment of what services are needed locally and produce an action plan aimed at making improvements. This phase would involve AIRS working with the community over the next few months and talking to service providers.
 - Services could be delivered by public or voluntary organisations. Alternatively they might be community initiatives, such as lunch clubs, community transport or car sharing ideas.
 - There is a small amount of money available, approximately £5000, which can be applied for.
2. A general discussion followed:-
 - To build on projects already running.
 - Look at developing village information points.
 - To look into issues surrounding areas where people are quite isolated.
 - To discuss where best efforts should be directed.
 - Geoff Smith of Age Concern should take part in the consultation process.
 - Questions raised will be where are the 'gaps' and priorities.
 - Barbara Scott will continue to work with the Transport committee.
 - Decide how to use the programme and make sure to have evidence to back up the decisions.
 - **It was formally agreed at the meeting that Heathfield will participate in the project.**

11. LAT:

1. Nine officers now constitute the Police team in Heathfield.
2. **Street Pastors** - Also now patrol on the first Friday in every month during the afternoon from 3 to 5p.m. There are now nineteen volunteers.

12. Seminars

1. There was no report on Seminars

13. Public Relations & Marketing

1. It is hoped to launch publicity events next year to promote the success of various enterprises.

14. Any other business

1. Teresa, and all the committee members, wished Joanne A good luck on her sponsored Moon Walk.
2. On 31st May at HCC at 11a.m. a united service will be held with all Churches. Four Street

Pastors will be commissioned. Joanne A asked if details could be emailed to her.

15. Dates of the next meeting

1. The dates of the next meetings will take place at The King's Church at 6.00p.m. and are all on Tuesdays:-

21st July 2009

22nd September 2009

24th November 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Sport & Leisure**
 1. Swimming Pool
 2. NCR21 North route
- 5. Financial Report**
- 6. IT Report/Website**
 1. Website
 2. PiPs
- 7. Farmers' Market**
- 8. Inward Investment**
- 9. High Street**
 1. Final Phases
- 10. Transport**
- 11. LAT (Police Local Area Committee)**
 1. Street Pastors
- 12. Seminars**
- 13. Public Relations & Marketing**
 1. Le Marche Stand
- 14. Any other business**
- 15. Date/time of the next meeting**