

Emsworth Community Board

Minutes of Meeting held at Emsworth Community Centre on 12 July 2007 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Community Board Members

Stephen Pearce (Chair) (SP)
Tim Brooks (TB)
Mike Iddon (MI)
Maurice Clarke (MC)
Brian Edwards-Picknett (BEP)
Donald Wells (DW)
Helen Barnard (HB)
Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith (VWS)

Helen Wood (HW) Community Boards' Support Officer

**Residents/Members of Public/Police
etc.**

Harold Groom
A Murrell
M Murrell
PC Lisa Jones
Debra Sawyer (ACSO)
Richard Galloway
Greg Miles (Chichester Observer)
B Clarke
Margaret Alexander
Nick Horten (HBC)
Sandy Hopkins (HBC)
David Bridges (HBC)
Janice Newman (HBC)
Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray

Item

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from: Rosemary Osborne, Frances Jannaway
Jayne Emery, Malcolm Emery and Liz Walker.

2. (a) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following
amendment:

Page 3 Delete second sentence of paragraph 2 commencing 'A first draft....'
which was incorrect.

(b) Matters Arising

Poor workmanship at the brick crossing outside The Ship had not been rectified
but work would be undertaken when the ordered bricks were available.

A fire had occurred in the underpass and would be cleaned by Hampshire County
Council.

The MTI would form 'Emsworth Town Partnership'. There had been one applicant
for the post of Secretary. There would be a Town Partnership Meeting in the
Crown Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on 17 July 2007.

3. Summary of Reports/Documents Circulated

The Minutes of the last meeting, Agenda for current meeting, Customer Access
Strategy, Note regarding Drinking in Public Places Order and an email regarding
a request from the Scouts had been circulated by the Community Boards' Support
Officer.

4. Police Report/Environmental Ranger

PC Lisa Jones reported that there had been a number of thefts from the Sailing

Club in Bath Road. Regular meetings would be held with West Sussex to review crimes along the coast. There had been no reported thefts from Slipper Sailing Club.

Youth crime had been non-existent with no further incidents at the Community Centre or in the toilets.

Exercises had been undertaken to tackle speeding motorists using CCTV and ANPR system which would highlight any vehicle related to a crime, not having tax or insurance etc. Police presence in speeding hotspots and the issue of Fixed Penalty Tickets were proving effective. The Community Reassurance Team at Cosham had been contacted and mobile cameras had been used. Discussions had been taking place with the Council regarding the reduction of speed limits from 40 mph to 30 mph. Any information regarding driving in an anti social manner (which should include registration number, date and time of incident) should be reported to Lisa Jones who could visit the registered owner and provide advice.

PCSOs had undertaken leaflet drops to highlight issues of theft from garages and sheds. It was intended that such leaflet drops would be undertaken regularly.

It was confirmed that there would be continual Police/PCSO/ACSO presence in the area during the school holidays.

Nick Horten, Environmental Ranger informed those present that weekend working and liaison with PCSOs was being considered.

A discussion regarding the erection of signs on the highway and their removal was held. It was felt that all 'illegal' signs should be removed to ensure that no precedent was set.

A very bad smell had been reported at Washington Road underpass and was found to be a dead roe deer. The Highways Agency had been informed and would remove the dead deer.

A resident expressed his thanks to Nick Horten as there had been a great improvement in the area since he commenced. Community Board members agreed with this.

5. Election of New ECB Member

One space remained on the Community Board following the AGM and election of members in April. An application had been received from Richard Galloway and circulated to Community Board members. Richard Galloway provided a short presentation on his personal history and his reasons for wishing to join the Community Board and a vote was taken. Seven members voted in favour of Richard Galloway joining the Community Board and he was duly welcomed on to the Community Board.

6. HBC Customer Access Strategy

David Bridges, Head of Customer and Support Services and Janice Newman, Customer Services Manager from Havant Borough Council attended the meeting to obtain the views of the Community Board on the various access channels to the Council for information and services, any improvements which could be made and how access could be made available to those who were hard to reach. (A document had previously been circulated to Community Board members).

There was a general discussion involving the use and opening times of libraries which it was agreed would be considered at a future meeting. David Bridges suggested that concerns be forwarded to the Director of Recreation and Heritage

at Hampshire County Council.

Customer satisfaction surveys and concern that access was available for those without electronic access was also raised.

There were comments praising the courteous service provided by the Council but it was felt that there were issues where names and addresses were requested, although this was often required for evidence purposes.

It was agreed that a statement of views would be forwarded to Helen Wood by 6 August 2007. Thanks were passed to David Bridges and Janice Newman.

7. Progress Reports from Sub-Groups

Transport Group

The Group had been reviewing the works carried out by HCC under the Emsworth Town Accessibility Project including shared use of pavements, toucan crossing etc. A survey had been undertaken by Steve Pearce, Brendan Gibb-Gray and Richard Jannaway and a formal report sent to Hampshire County Council. Anyone wishing to see the report should leave their email address with Helen Wood.

Cycleways Group

This project has been widened into a Community Street Audit including pedestrian routes and accessibility for those in wheelchairs etc into and through the town. A meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 25 July at The Crown for anyone wishing to be involved. Eventually, a comprehensive statement would be forwarded to Hampshire County Council to incorporate into the Town Access Plan.

Environmental Group

Maurice Clarke reported that action was being taken by Havant Borough Council and an update on previous items raised had been received from Peter Vince.

- ❖ The barrier at Hollybank Recreation Ground car park would be adjusted by 31 July 2007.
- ❖ 'Serving You' had included information on the use of bins for dog waste (normal bins could be used).
- ❖ Attempts were being made to contact landowners at Washington Road underpass to resolve the issue of debris. There had also been a recent fire in the underpass.
- ❖ Graffiti had been reported at Seagull Lane underpass. However, this had been checked and was not offensive. (The underpass was in West Sussex)
- ❖ The Mill Pond promenade had much improved. Environmental Quality Rangers were patrolling and reminding people about dog fouling. A waste bin had been replaced as previously requested.
- ❖ It had been confirmed that work due to be undertaken in April at North Street Railway Bridge to prevent pigeons would be undertaken on 17 July 2007. Virginia Wilson Smith also confirmed that 'Flock Off' would be used to prevent pigeons roosting and jet cleaning would be undertaken
- ❖ There had been an article in the News regarding reducing the use of plastic bags in Emsworth

Planning Group

Two letters of objection had been written:

- ❖ 26 New Brighton Road
- ❖ A27 westbound service station

Havant Borough Council and Chichester Council websites were being monitored for any issues affecting Emsworth.

Proposed development at Jingles Hotel was being considered. Comments were required by 18 July 2007.

There was a discussion regarding the provision of a path to link the existing path to the service station (cost of £16,000). Brendan Gibb-Gray and Lisa Jones were involved in negotiations with land owners to purchase the land to proceed.

It was confirmed that development at OakTree Drive had been rejected on the grounds previously raised.

A meeting would be held on 16 August to discuss tree preservation orders at 50 Bath Road and it was understood that developers were planning to re-submit an application for 6 flats (previously 8).

8. Havant Community Partnership – Community Strategy Update

Steve Pearce provided information on the Community Strategy and the need to review the current strategy and produce an updated, sustainable strategy. A questionnaire was circulated to Community Board members for completion. Individual responses would be collated into a single Community Board response.

9. Emsworth Design Statement

Brian Edwards-Picknett reported on the work undertaken (including exhibition, feedback etc) which needed to dovetail into council strategies. This was a statement by the people of Emsworth on how they would like the area to look in the future. This would become an advisory planning document which will be used as a material consideration when planning applications are assessed.

The statement was the result of 4/5 years work mostly by Emsworth Residents Association and thanks were passed to those involved.

The document was out for consultation with copies in the library and Pastoral Centre and forms were available for comments including a tick box for individual ratification.

Responses were required by 1 August 2007.

10. Public Forum

It was confirmed that although the Memorial Gardens were not a Community Board project, the sculpture had been. Display cases, seats and some repair work remained outstanding and small descriptive panels were to be placed on waymarkers. Although the Friends of the Memorial Gardens were not part of the Community Board any key events relating to the gardens would be reported back to Community Board meetings.

Two grant applications had been made and publicity and fundraising events were planned for the Emsworth Show and the Food Festival and planning for 11 November had commenced. It was suggested that the garrison at Thorney Island be contacted as they may wish to be involved with the memorial gardens project.

Brendan Gibb-Gray reported that the first AGM of Community Responders would be held at 7.45 in the Community Centre on 28 July 2007.

11. Any Other Business (Community Board Members)

A request had been received from the scouts who were celebrating their centenary on 1 August 2007 and were looking for a community project to

undertake on that day. There was a discussion about possible projects such as litter picking, seaweed removal etc. Community Board members to consider this further. Helen Wood had contact number.

A note had been circulated relating to Drinking in Public Places. Steve Pearce would speak to Claire Hughes to clarify. SP

12. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Friday 14 September 2007 at Syrch Hall, Spencer's Field, Emsworth
(7pm for Board members & 7.30pm for members of public)