



Emsworth Community Board



Minutes of Community Board Meeting held at Emsworth Community Association Centre on Thursday 11 February 2010

Present: Community Board Members:

Rosemary Osborne	Resident and Chairman
Tim BrooksEmsworth	Business Association
Keith Gittins	Resident
Hilary Millen	Resident
Jackie Muller	Resident
Jean Tier	Emsworth Community Association
Peter Tier	Friends of Emsworth Hospital
Chris Walker	Resident
Donald Wells	Resident
Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith	HBC

Others:

Helen Wood	Community Boards' Support Officer
Cllr Ray Bolton	HCC
Gideon Fitch	Havant Youth Team
Nick Horten	HBC
PCSO Diane Robbins	Police
Sgt Darren Osgood	Police
PC Clare Proudfoot	Police

5 members of the public

1. Welcome/Apologies

Rosemary Osborne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from:

Brian Edwards-Picknett	Resident
Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray	HBC

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

It was confirmed that there had been no further information regarding proposed development at Hampshire Farm and Oak Tree Drive.

3. Environmental Ranger

Nick Horten reported that the numbers of abandoned vehicles, fly tipping and dog fouling were currently relatively low. Removal of graffiti had not been undertaken due to the adverse weather conditions (this could be only undertaken in dry weather and would resume when the weather improved).

A resident reported that an advertising sign had been chained to the boat feature at the West Sussex entrance to Emsworth. It was ascertained that this location was situated in West



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Sussex, not HBC . Nick Horten to action.

Action: NH



An abandoned sign had been seen at the bottom of The Fishermans. Nick Horten to action.

Action: NH

Nick Horten was thanked for attending the meeting.

4. Police Report

Sgt Darren Osgood introduced Clare Proudfoot, the new PC for Emsworth Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). Information was circulated providing a comparison of crime in Emsworth. There had been an increase of two incidents of violent crime from the same period in 2009. The number of dwelling burglaries remained the same and incidents in all other categories had decreased.

Rosemary Osborne questioned a message circulated by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) regarding people knocking doors, offering to sharpen tools and then charging exorbitant prices. Police should be contacted if this occurs. Darren Osgood to look into this. He also confirmed that there had been some issues with people posing as double glazing salesmen.

Action: DO

Cllr Bolton questioned whether there were any trends in crime in Emsworth. Darren Osgood to investigate.

Action: DO

PC Clare Proudfoot provided information on her background and circulated information on the work of the Emsworth SNT and contact details. She confirmed that she and PCSO Diane Robbins could be contacted on any issue. If they were unable to deal with any matter themselves they would pass it to the correct people. The SNT were involved with:

- Juvenile nuisance e.g. at Tesco Express
- Vehicle nuisance
- Vehicle operations such as that at ASDA where vehicles had been seized for various reasons (including lack of driving licence)
- Working with other agencies and authorities e.g. West Sussex, Southbourne College etc.

Beat surgeries had been set up in the Pastoral Centre and at the SYRCH Centre. Despite extensive advertising beat surgeries were not well attended which made it difficult for Police to ascertain the priorities of the community which were likely to be different from the Police view of priorities. It was explained that cycling on pavements had been a priority for Bedhampton residents and this matter had been targeted. However, this had not been raised as an issue in Emsworth. Those present at the meeting expressed concern regarding the parking of delivery vehicles at Tesco Express. Police to investigate.

Action: Police

It was also hoped to use the SYRCH Centre for youth in the area including Street Sport which provided a range of free sport and activities for young people during school holidays.



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PCSO Diane Robbins provided an update on the Junior PCSO scheme (9 – 11 year olds) which was proving very successful. Funding had been provided by the Co-op and work undertaken at the memorial Gardens. Any suggestions or ideas for projects for the Junior PCSO s would be welcomed.

There was a short discussion regarding areas where youth nuisance was experienced. Although it was currently fairly quiet these were confirmed as:

- Nore Barn Woods
- Hollybank Woods and recreation ground
- North Street Tesco.

Sgt Darren Osgood, PC Clare Proudfoot and PCSO Diane Robbins were thanked for attending the meeting.

5. Public Forum

A resident reported that verges had been damaged by developers in New Brighton Road. Cllr Ray Bolton confirmed that this should be reported to Hampshire Highways who were responsible for highways and footways. However, if no action was taken Cllr Bolton was willing to pursue the matter. He did confirm that Hampshire Highways were very busy rectifying the damage caused by the recent bad weather.

6. News Round-Up

Youth Project. Jean Tier provided an update on the youth project which had started in September 2008 by looking at existing facilities for young people. Focus groups and a youth conference (with 60 young people) had been held to ascertain the type of facility and activities young people wanted. The major requirement was a meeting place particularly as there was no Secondary School in Emsworth and young people therefore tended to lose contact with each other. It was also recognized that there were insufficient activities for young people in Emsworth. Gideon Fitch, Havant Youth Team confirmed that young people wanted a games room, TV , lounge, cookery lessons, tuck shop etc. all of which were possible to provide.

Emsworth Community Centre had agreed to provide space for a youth club on Friday and Saturday evenings. Guinness Hermitage was providing £2,000 and sustainability funding from Emsworth Food Festival would also be provided. A table tennis table and pool table had been requested. It was anticipated that the youth club would commence in April and it was hoped that an 'Emsworth has Talent' contest would be held. Gideon Fitch spoke of the need for a coordinated approach to ensure that those processes put in place were sustainable. The youth club at the Baptist Church should also be included. He confirmed that the approach by the young people consulted had been very 'level-headed' as everything requested had been within reason. There had been an excellent steering group and he congratulated everyone involved in the project. Although it would not be possible for the Youth Team to permanently provide staff for the youth club it was very keen to support a young person's steering group and offer training etc. where required.

There was a short discussion regarding engaging of young people who would not wish to be involved in a youth club especially those outside the age range covered by the Havant Youth Team (13 – 19 years old). It was confirmed that the SNT would wish to be involved and



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would approach parents where necessary (Parents were not always aware of where their children were or what they were doing). The SNT would be meeting with the Havant Youth Team to provide a multi-agency approach.

Everyone was thanked for their input on the youth project.

7. Havant Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Update

Keith Gittins provided an update on the quarterly Havant LSP meeting held on 21 January, and raised concern at the delay in receiving the agenda. The main topics of the meeting were:

- An update on Oak Park Hospital
- Progress on Key Priority 5 of the Sustainable Community Strategy – Housing and Infrastructure. It was proposed that a workshop be held between the LSP and public transport providers to discuss local transport priorities. It was suggested that Community Boards should attend to provide local knowledge
- Public Service Village (PSV) Update. It was confirmed that this was progressing and would involve the building of a new atrium and refurbishment of the offices. A meeting had been held at the Civic Offices on 9 February to consider customer flow at the new PSV and Waterlooville Community Board members had commented that services should be considered within the community e.g. libraries rather than situated in the centre of Havant
- An update from Hampshire Senate
- The review of Leigh Park Task Force. The LSP and Community Boards would be fully involved in the work of the Task Force.

8. Any Other Business (for Community Board Members)

Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith reported that the AGM of the Friends of the Memorial Gardens would take place on 10 March 2010 at 7 p.m.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 March 2010 at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Centre.