



Emsworth Community Board

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 8 January 2009 at 7.30pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre

Present: Community Board Members

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| Steve Pearce | Chairman/Resident |
| Tim Brooks | Emsworth Business Association |
| Brian Edwards-Picknett | Resident |
| Richard Galloway | Resident |
| Hilary Millen | Resident |
| Jackie Muller | Resident |
| Rosemary Osborne | Resident |
| Jean Tier | Resident |
| Peter Tier | Resident |
| Donald Wells | Resident |

Present: Others

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| Helen Wood | Community Board Support Officer |
| Sgt Ian Grey | Police |
| Sam Charlton | Havant Borough Council |
| Tim Pointer | Havant Borough Council |
| 4 members of the public | |

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

Steve Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Richard Taylor, Cllr Virginia Wilson-Smith and Nick Horten.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Item 2. Speeding. It had been agreed that a presentation would be requested regarding speeding issues. Ian Grey to contact Sgt Andy Lynch at the Road Policing Unit and forward information to Helen Wood for onward transmission to Richard Galloway.

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HW**

Item 3 Washington Road Underpass and fencing. Sgt Ian Grey confirmed that he had spoken to PC Lisa Jones, the funding for the fencing was available and the matter was being pursued.

Item 8. Sign at Brook Meadow. Steve Pearce to pursue.

SP

3. Police Report

Sgt Ian Grey provided an update on community safety matters.

There had been a rise in burglaries, particularly in shopping areas (especially charity shops) since New Years Eve. Police were visiting businesses, raising awareness, and were relying on CCTV to pick up suspicious movements.

Vehicle break-ins had increased, especially off Havant Road and some vehicles stolen. PCSOs and Neighbourhood Watch were raising awareness in the area and a system was in place for long term loan of Krook locks from the Police for older vehicles. Newer vehicles were less likely to be stolen although car key burglaries were taking place in other areas of the Home Counties.

A drink/driving campaign in Horndean Road over Christmas had resulted in mostly negative breath tests.

Sgt Grey confirmed that the DPPO was not used a great deal in Emsworth but was proving beneficial in other areas, particularly Havant. Alcohol was rarely seen at the skate park. Headcams had proved very effective and Dispersal Orders had proved useful as individuals could be banned from an area for a specific amount of time.

Rosemary Osborne, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for north Emsworth had received telephone calls reporting break-ins in the Greville Green/ Spencer Road area. Ina Grey confirmed that there had been spasmodic burglaries in Emsworth with more vehicle break-ins in the north of Emsworth. Cars were often left unlocked and, over a period of 200 days, 4 cars had been taken (two of which were high value vehicles with keys left in the ignition).

A resident reported that his boat, situated under a CCTV camera, had been vandalised in Dolphin Quay. This had been reported to the Police and the resident had been informed that there had been no film in the camera and therefore no evidence to apprehend those responsible. The policy for using film in CCTV cameras was questioned. Sgt Grey confirmed that CCTV was continually recording although this might not catch specific incidents. This would be further discussed at Item 5.

Thanks were passed to Sgt Ian Grey for attending the meeting.

4. Environmental Ranger

Apologies had been forwarded by Nick Horten who had confirmed that he had nothing specific to report.

5. CCTV in Havant

Tim Pointer, Community Safety Team Leader and Sam Charlton, Community Safety Co-ordinator attended the meeting.

A Value for Money study was being undertaken in relation to CCTV and the following points were raised:

- CCTV originated in Havant and had spread to other areas of the Borough
- 72 cameras across the Borough were monitored 24 hours per day and the 'Romance' cameras could also be viewed. There were 11 cameras in Emsworth
- Running costs were approximately £260,000 per annum which

- included maintenance of cameras, staffing costs (£150,000 approximately) and BT line rental (£75,000 approximately)
- Incidents and crime figures were considered monthly and cameras could be focussed appropriately e.g. at the toilets in Emsworth
 - Operators could focus cameras on incidents prior to arrival of police (30/40 people arrested each month through use of CCTV)
 - The system was very old and necessary maintenance required would cost £140,000. It was therefore necessary to consider efficiency savings
 - The views of residents were sought for possible options. Questions had been asked of the Community Panel and the views of Community Boards would be taken into account
 - The effectiveness of every camera was being considered
 - Wireless (cameras could be linked and a survey was being undertaken) and digital technology (less staff time required but poorer quality images) were being considered for the future
 - The importance of people feeling safe although it was recognised that the majority of residents were probably unaware of the cameras
 - A report would be taken to Council's Executive by the end of March with formal costings and recommendations. Members would make the final decision
 - The number, efficiency and location of cameras needed to be considered
 - Possible options included large investment for replacement of equipment, not having CCTV at all, considering where cameras should be situated for maximum efficiency, mobile CCTV or relying on Police Officers
 - Insurance companies could be approached for possible contribution towards costs
 - The Business Association should be involved in consultation

It was agreed that Community Board members would discuss this further and forward any views to Tim Pointer via Helen Wood. **All**

Thanks were passed to Tim Pointer and Sam Charlton for attending the meeting.

6. Havant Community Partnership Update

Richard Galloway reported that a presentation had been provided on the Skills and Employability Partnership's Action Plan. There were 7,440 benefit claimants in Havant and a low skills base.

Full minutes of the Havant Community Partnership Board meetings could be seen at www.hcp-partnership.org.uk

7. Report from Havant HAT Meeting

Steve Pearce reported that the main issue had been the request that HCC consult with Emsworth Community Board when considering removal of footway signs. The response had been that this would not be possible. Steve Pearce to pursue this matter. Gating Orders had also been discussed but such action had never been taken in Emsworth. **SP**

8. News Round-up

Updates from ECB Sub-Groups.

South Street. It was reported that the Project had 3 /4 months to report back to Havant Borough Council with a Business Plan. The first part of the Project had involved information gathering – costings, sizing, ascertaining residents wishes etc. A further meeting would be held on 14 January 2009 to discuss proposals for the new Centre – frontage with retail, car park to the side of the building, café and meeting rooms on the second storey. The existing building would be demolished and rebuilt and would include a lift. The project was still at the ‘discussion’ stage but there was a very active project team. Peter Tier confirmed that the aim was to make this a self sustaining asset of benefit to the community. Development was likely to proceed in 2010/2011. The outline budget of £2 million included the whole redevelopment of the car park.

Recreation and Community Sub-Group

Jean Tier provided information on the work undertaken by the Sub-Group which had started to consider youth provision in Emsworth in September 2008 i.e. considering existing facilities in Emsworth and where there were unmet needs.

Visits had been made to facilities such as SYRCH Youth Group (attracts young people solely from Spencers Field), Bourne Community College (90% were students at the College) and Emsworth Primary School (where two classrooms would be available for community use from September 2009 and £100,000 had been allocated to convert them for community use). An open day would be held at the School on 15 January 2009 for local residents to visit and suggest ways in which the classrooms could be used.

Two leaflets listing community activities had recently been produced by Emsworth Baptist Church and Extended Services at Emsworth Primary School and distributed to households. However, these were not comprehensive and the sub-group would continue to map the facilities available for young people, aged 13 – 19 years. The possibility of providing a youth facility in Emsworth would be pursued.

The general feeling when speaking to young people was that Emsworth was run by old people for old people with one stating that it was full of museums and churches and nothing to attract young people. It was generally felt that Emsworth was not a youth-friendly place to live and travelling out of Emsworth to various facilities was expensive. The next stage of the project was to assess ways in which this could be addressed.

All agreed that the project should continue and expand, possibly to include the Residents Association and Emsworth Town Partnership. It was also proposed that two events be held to publicise the project and seek the views of Emsworth residents

- A ‘Focus on Youth’ at the Community Board Open Day on 21 February at International Hall
- An Open Forum on youth at an evening meeting in the Spring with an emphasis on facilities available and needs that were unmet. There was no detailed plan but it was expected that young people and leaders of local youth activities would be invited to speak and discuss

their ideas.

All agreed that this was an excellent project and that it was important that young people were involved and that facilities were available for them.

9. Public Forum

It was reported that the final definitive list of names for the memorial was almost complete. There had been liaison with the War Graves Commission and the Churches were looking at the list. Funding was being sought. Mr Harold Groom provided a photograph showing the sculpture whilst draped, prior to the unveiling by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, to be passed to the Friends of the Memorial Garden.

There was a short discussion regarding funding available to Parish Councils (£30,000 p.a.) and the discretionary funds available to County Councillors. There was concern that it was not known where the discretionary funds were spent.

10. Any Other Business (for Community Board Members)

It was proposed that the AGM would be held on 30 April 2009 subject to room availability. Helen Wood to check.

HW

A week of celebrations would be held in recognition of St Georges Day with bunting in the town and involvement by Thorney Island Garrison etc.

Tim Brooks spoke of concern raised at the Business Association meeting regarding the filthy state of the Mill Pond. Local people would like to be involved in maintaining the Pond and it was felt that the Business Association and Community Board should be involved.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 February 2009 at 7.30 pm at Emsworth Community Association Centre.