

# Minutes of Meeting held at Emsworth Community Centre on 24 April 2007 following the Annual General Meeting

## Present: Community Board Members

Steve Pearce (Chair) (SP)  
Rosemary Osborne (Vice Chair) (RO)  
Frances Jannaway (FJ)  
Maurice Clarke (MC)  
Brian Edwards-Picknett (BEP)  
Ken Gilchrist (KG)  
Helen Barnard (HB)  
Virginia Wilson-Smith (VWS)  
Jayne Emery (JE)  
Malcolm Emery (ME)  
Donald Wells (DW)

Helen Wood (HW) Community Boards' Support Officer

## Present: Residents/Members of Public/Police etc.

Harold Groom  
Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray  
Margaret Gibb-Gray  
J Colbourne  
David Lee  
Cindy Morrison  
Howard Jacobs  
Richard Jannaway  
Richard Green  
Colin Hall  
Sue Dadswell

### 1. Welcome and Introduction by New Chairman

The Chairman welcomed new Community Board members and members of the public to the meeting and explained that meetings normally commenced at 7.30 p.m. and ended at 9 p.m. However, it had been decided to hold a short meeting after the Annual General Meeting. There would normally be a 15 minute public forum which provided members of the public with the opportunity to raise items of concern. Steve Pearce confirmed that he would be happy for any items to be raised with him between meetings on email at [steve.pearce@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.pearce@btinternet.com)

Attention was drawn to the draft diagram on the display boards (which were also circulated at the meeting) which showed the Community Board's aims. This had not been considered by the full Community Board and would be discussed further at the next meeting. Helen Wood to ensure Community Board members not present at the meeting received copies of the diagram.

Action: HW

New members were assured that not all issues could be tackled but small groups would be formed to work on specific items and Board members were asked to consider which areas interested them.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from: Lisa Jones, Mr & Mrs Murrell, Mike Iddon and Liz Walker.

## **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

## **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. Police Report**

There was no police report available

## **6. Planning Update**

Steve Pearce confirmed that a small group had met to consider planning applications and objections had been submitted for three schemes and another (Oak Tree Drive) was being considered.

An understanding and working relationship had been established with the Emsworth Residents Association. It was confirmed that the Community Board would work with the Residents Association but it was also seen important that independence was retained and there would not be joint support or objections to planning applications. A public meeting organised jointly by the two organisations was held on 18 April had been well attended (approximately 200 people). Brendan Gibb-Grey, Chris Curry and Steve Pearce has addressed the meeting and there had been significant input from the public. A further meeting was planned to consider the outcomes of the public meeting and it was felt that it was important to speak to the Council regarding resources in the Planning and Enforcement Department.

There was a need to understand the Appeals process and criteria followed by Appeals Inspectors for supporting or refusing planning applications. There was also a need to understand Appeals costs.

Harold Groom spoke of a pamphlet on the Appeals system produced by the Council and suggested inviting a guest to the Community Board to speak about the system.

It was confirmed that planning was an issue on which the Community Board would be spending time.

Jim Colbourne spoke of difficulties in accessing planning information on the Internet. Richard Jannaway to provide information after the meeting and Steve Pearce confirmed that the ERA website was a good source of information and provided links to the Havant Borough Council website.

## **7. Project Progress Reports**

Cycleways – This project had been in progress for some time and a meeting had been held with Havant Borough Council with cycleways and strategies being discussed. It was also suggested that footpaths generally be included within the project and that a Town Access Plan be produced. This would be considered further at the next meeting.

Hampshire County Council had commenced work on cycleways in January and although there were benefits there were also shortcomings. A site meeting had been held with traffic engineers who had noted the issues raised. An email had been sent to Hampshire Council requesting information but no reply had been received to date. There was specific concern about Havant Road with vehicles parking on the pavement and there was a general discussion concerning the cycle tracks and markings in the town.

Brendan Gibb-Grey spoke of a HAT 's meeting and confirmed that money was available for access to towns and that Emsworth was on the reserve list and funding may become available.

Litter – A report including a list of actions to be taken had been received from Peter Vince following a site meeting with Rosemary Osborne and Maurice Clarke. Most actions were scheduled to be undertaken during April/May.

There had been issues with the plastic bottle banks in Hollybank car park being overturned by vandals. Peter Vince has been requested to bring forward the date of replacement by metal bottle banks. Another walk around the town would be undertaken at the end of April to consider progress made.

It was recognised that there was a major health and safety issue with broken glass and the dangers to children and animals and PC Lisa Jones had been contacted.

## **8. Memorial Garden Update**

Virginia Wilson-Smith reported problems with flooding in one corner of the garden area during the heavy rain in March although this had drained quickly. A meeting had been held two weeks earlier and it was agreed that it was not feasible to install drainage but arrangements would be altered for the name plates which would now be placed along the path leading to the memorial.

Frances Jannaway confirmed that two major applications for £10,000 had been made for funding from Awards for All and Southern Co-operative Foundation. The ERA had been contacted and asked for a donation of £250 and the Business Association and the MTI had also been requested to consider donations towards the project. Hilliers, other garden centres, the British Legion and the War Memorial Trust were also to be contacted.

A cleaning rota had been set up and it was hoped to attract more members to the Friends of the Memorial Gardens.

Harold Groom handed a letter to the Community Board and spoke of the visit to the Cathedral Works Organisation and he provided a cheque for £50 as a contribution towards the Friends of the Memorial Garden.

## **9. Any Other Business**

Don Wells expressed concern about cycleways and it was agreed that he should join the group which would be discussing these as a valuable contribution could be made by him.

Frances Jannaway passed on thanks for Harold Groom's contribution to the Memorial Gardens fund. She confirmed that trees had been planted (the cherry trees were in flower) along the southern path of Emsworth Recreation Ground. A watering rota would be required and the available watering facilities were being considered.

It had been suggested that Community Board members should have a social gathering and it was suggested that this should be on 4 May at Jayne and Malcolm Emery's house. Members of the Community Board were asked to confirm their availability with Steve Pearce.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 10 May 2007 at Emsworth Community Centre