



**Heysham
Neighbourhood
Council**

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Executive Meeting
Wednesday 20th January 2010
Heysham Youth & Community Centre

Start 19.30

In The Chair: Mr Peter Whaley - Chairman
Secretary: Mrs Allison Thomas

Members Present:

**David Wilcock, Graeme Austin, Sue Illingworth, Janice Whaley, Sheila Hindson,
Brian Reeves, Kath Mc Vernon**

Also present: Mr Richard Martin – Secretary to Geraldine Smith

1. Apologies

Paul Mallett

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2009

At Heysham Youth & Community Centre were accepted as a true record, and were proposed by Mrs Sheila Hindson and seconded by Mrs Janice Whaley.

Amendment: To minute that Heysham Neighbourhood Council (HNC) gifted money to the local Police Community Support Officer (P.C.S.O) to fund cycling equipment

3. Matters arising from the minutes 25th November 2010

None

4. Planning

Application No: 10/00007/VCN

Proposal: Variation of condition no. 39 on application 09/00668/FUL to allow the use of bowling greens from April 2010

For: Rushcliffe (Heysham) Ltd

**Site Address: Land at Mossgate Park, Mossgate Park, Heysham,
Lancashire**

5. Correspondence

- (a) Letter from Rev David Tickner, Rector, St Peter's Church, Heysham outlining his concerns regarding the proposed closure by Lancaster City Council of the Heysham Village toilets.
- (b) Letter from Geraldine Smith MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale giving her objections to the proposed closure of the Heysham Village toilets and advising that she has been in contact with the relevant council officers and members.

5(a) Heysham Village Toilets

Note: This is an additional agenda item added in at the Chairman's request.

The Chairman read out a letter that had been sent by Mr Mark Davies Lancaster City Council to Geraldine Smith MP detailing the reasoning behind the proposed closure of the toilets – due to lack of budget and the present 'run-down' state of the toilet building.

The Chairman asked if the Executive Committee would be willing to take the toilets on and operate them – which was agreed in principle.

A reduction of a minimum 80% on the rates of the toilet building would be available as advised by the Revenues Department Lancaster City Council.

If this proposal was to be taken forward Lancaster City Council would 'sign over' the toilets to Heysham Neighbourhood Council (HNC) for as long as they were willing to run them, but HNC would be able at anytime to 'give them back' to Lancaster City Council.

It was discussed that the security issues with regard to vandalism damage was one of the main issues, and close co-operation between local residents and the Police would be needed to ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to deal with any problems.

The funding required for the refurbishment and upkeep of the toilets was discussed - Mr Richard Martin advised that letters of support from Geraldine Smith MP to accompany any funding applications would be available.

The Chairman requested a funding letter request to be sent to National Trust – Secretary to action.

The proposed closure of Heysham Village toilets will be discussed at the next Quarterly Public Meeting on Wednesday 27th January 2009.

6. Finance

The Treasurer sent his apologies.

7. Events

(a) Christmas Lights – the event took place on Friday 5th December with a good amount of people attending in spite of the poor weather. The Chairman distributed a spreadsheet showing the costs involved to HNC as there was no support from sponsorship this year.

The future of this event will be discussed at a later meeting.

(b) Plans for this years Car Show on the 1st August are progressing well.

8. Mossgate

The Chairman is due to attend the next meeting of the Mossgate Board shortly.

9. AOB

(a) HNC Constitution – to be available online – Secretary to organise with Mr David Wilcock.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00

Signed: _____ Date: _____

