

Quarterly Public Meeting
Wednesday 24th January 2007
Heysham Youth & Community Centre

Start 19.30

In The Chair: Mr Peter Whaley (Chairman)

Clerk: Mrs Allison Thomas

Members Present:

Sara Parsons, David Wilcock, Graeme Austin, Sheila Hindson, Eric Briggs, Brian Reeves

Members of the public present: 14 persons

**Others present: Councillor Jean Yates – Lancashire County Council
Councillor Ken Brown – Lancaster City Council**

1. Apologies

Hazel Taylor, PC John Brayshaw, PC Neil Tomlinson

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2006

At Heysham Youth & Community Centre were accepted as a true record, and were proposed by Mr Graeme Austin and seconded by Mrs Sara Parsons.

3. Matters arising from the minutes 26th July 2006

Planning Application

Mrs S Fletcher

3 The Headlands

Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire

Mr Roy Wood from 4, The Headlands Heysham had attended a residents committee meeting held in The Royal Hotel, Heysham Village, where the above planning application was discussed. The above planning application does not adhere to the covenant and a letter from Wright and Lord Solicitors has been sent to Mrs Fletcher to this effect. Mr Roy Wood thanked Heysham Neighbourhood Council for their support with this matter.

4. Heysham Mossgate Development

Mr Eric Briggs who is on the board for the Heysham Mossgate Development outlined the background to this project and advised the scheme will not go ahead as originally planned.

Lancashire County Council still intend to go ahead with plans for a sports centre along with the Health Centre

The Youth and Community Centre will remain - Mr Eric Briggs is investigating grant schemes to support the 'Youth Shop' idea, and is working closely with Mr David Owen, Cultural Services Lancaster City Council on funding.

Councillor Jean Yates a board member said she was very disappointed that the scheme had been knocked back, but if the Children's Centre came back on site there maybe opportunities for a small library subject to budget. Councillor Yates explained that the money for the Children's Centre came from government funding led by a different team and it was difficult to get answers at the moment.

Councillor Yates explained that the problems with the three libraries that have been closed in the district was that none had IT resources and the lack of footfall through the doors meant that it was costing £1 per book to operate. . Mr Brian Reeves enquired about the facilities at Heysham library at present, Mr Eric Briggs advised that the library does not have suitable wheelchair access and no lift once inside – the library does not conform to DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) standards.

Councillor Yates advised that the Youth Group are based at Mossgate School at the present time but a more permanent solution is required

The new builder will pay all 397 roof taxes up front to the Mossgate Development Committee.

5. Community Policing

Mr Graeme Austin advised that the areas of Lea Lane, Combermere Road, and the Douglas Park area are being closely policed, although with the bad weather the areas are generally quieter.

Heysham Power Station has an established CNC (Civil Nuclear Constabulary) which was introduced in response to national terror

threats. This constabulary will cover the Power Station and a 5 km range working as support to the Lancashire Community Team.

6. Power Station

Mrs Sheila Hindson reported that the next Liaison meeting is scheduled for May 2007 and will be advertised in the local press. The meeting is open to the general public.

7. Events

Mr Peter Whaley reported that the Christmas Lights Switch- On 2006 was a success even with the lack of lights – the event was self- financing.

Having secured a £500 grant from Lancaster City Council for festive lights Mr Peter Whaley is planning to meet with Mr Ron Eckersley from the Engineers Department in March to start looking into ensuring that the situation will be improved for this year's event.

Councillor Yates advised that Lancashire County Council would commit £500 towards the lighting – and suggested that permanent lighting that could be used at other times might be worth investigating.

Mr Peter Whaley gave details of forthcoming 2007 car boot dates (25th March, 22nd April, 29th July and 9th September) and the Classic Car and Bike Show to be held on 5th August.

It was discussed that it might be worth looking at the Lancaster City Council Community Festival Grant funding to support the running of the Classic Car and Bike Show this year.

8. Planning Application

Planning approved

(a) Ref: 06/01365/PAM Grid ref: 340819/460513 Orange PCS Ltd
Land on grass verge, Penrod Way, Heysham, Lancashire
Erection of a 15m monopole with 3 no. antennae

9. Finance

The Treasurer Mr Paul Mallett was unable to attend the meeting as he is on holiday.

Work is underway to use a new system of presenting the accounts and an updated version of the accounts is planned to be featured on www.heyshamonline.co.uk

10. Any Other Business

(a) CATS

Mr Eric Briggs read out a press release regarding CATS (Clinical Assessment, Treat and Support Service) - a new service introduced by the PCT (Primary Care Trust). The service 'is designed to provide more community based assessment' and is planned to be based at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Morecambe.

The PCT is launching the consultation which runs from 15th January 2007 to 9th March 2007. There is one hour consultation meeting in our local area – taking place at Lancaster Town Hall on the 20th February 2007.

Mr Eric Briggs expressed that in his view there has not been enough information circulated about this service, and the one hour consultation meeting is unacceptable as the logistics of travelling to Lancaster Town Hall for many residents of Heysham and outlying areas would be difficult.

It was agreed unanimously by the public attending the meeting that a letter from Heysham Neighbourhood Council should be sent to CATS expressing the concerns discussed.

Mr Eric Briggs would circulate the leaflets giving information on CATS and would be happy to coordinate views on the proposed new service.

(b) Parish Council Status

Letter to be sent to the Chief Executive Mr Mark Cullinan to request that the City Council recognises Heysham Neighbourhood Councils intention to go to Parish Council status, as part of the Unitary Authority Bid to include all areas of Heysham (Heysham North, Heysham South and Heysham Central)

(c) Community Safety Partnership

Letter from Corporate Strategy, Lancaster City Council looking for nominations for areas that would benefit from street lighting. Amenity

lighting such as that used to illuminate parks, play areas, car parks, buildings and the like cannot be considered.

Deadline 9th February 2007 for applications, Crimewell Lane and Smith Lane to be put forward – clerk to action.

(d) European Neighbours Day 29th May 2007

Councillor Jean Yates gave details of this event which takes place once a year on the last Tuesday of May.

The objective of the event is to encourage people to get together, to meet each other and enjoy themselves and is taking place all over Europe. European Neighbour's Day is also a perfect means of strengthening existing links and building networks between twin towns, and providing good publicity for Heysham.

For more information : www.european-neighbours-day.com

Lancashire County Council will provide the membership fee required for Heysham.

(e) Toilets in Heysham Village

Mr Darren Clifford advised that there are talks taking place with Lancaster City Council regarding 'adoption' of the toilets.

Councillor Ian Barker (Leader of the Council) has spoken to Mr Clifford and will be looking into the logistics and whether it is a sustainable proposal.

(f) Traffic Calming

After a recent letter from Highways refusing the request for traffic calming on Barrows Lane the subject of speed checks was discussed. Mr Graeme Austin advised that speed checks took place on Knowlys Road recently and the Police have to be visible when they undertake the checks.

(g) AGM and Quarterly Public Meetings

The minutes from these meetings will be featured in the Visitor under the Heysham Local Information section to publicise the matters discussed and keep residents informed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.50

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