



**Heysham
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Council**

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**Quarterly Public Meeting
Wednesday 29th April 2009
Heysham Youth & Community Centre**

Start 19.40

In The Chair: Mr Peter Whaley
Clerk: Mrs Allison Thomas

Members Present:
David Wilcock, Paul Mallett, Janice Whaley, Sheila Hindson

Members of the public present: 21

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

1. Apologies

Mr Graeme Austin, Mr Brian Reeve, Cllr K Farrow, Geraldine Smith MP (represented by Richard Martin)

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2009

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes 28th January 2009

Items taken in Any Other Business

4. Community Policing

No representative available

5. Planning

The following planning applications were reviewed and discussed:

- (a) Applic No: 09/00329/FUL
 Redevelopment of Bay View Cars site for 9 flats
 Grosvenor Road Garage, Heysham Rd, Heysham, Lancashire
 The first application was turned down due to 'over-intensive' building work and has now been amended and re-submitted.

- (b) Applic No: 08/00327/FUL
 Police Station, Heysham Road
 Erection of new building consisting of one small retail unit and 14 flats

6. Mossgate Development

Mr Harry Ashworth from the project developers Rushcliffe (if approved) gave a presentation on the first draft plan for the Mossgate development.

Items discussed included:

- Plans now include a new Medical Centre, sports facilities including 3 badminton courts, two new bowling greens, a full size all weather football pitch, a fitness and gym area with changing facilities
- Plans to ask Stagecoach to organise a service to drop into the site with a link bus – County Cllr Jean Yates has written to Stagecoach and is waiting for a reply.
- Plans for the Strawberry and Coastal Medical Group practices to be based in the centre
- Initial plans show the two bowling greens to be relocated to the back of the centre raised concerns from representatives from the Douglas Park Bowling Group who doubted that the new greens would be playable by the proposed date of March 2010.

There are plans for the bowling green to have equipment facilities but that will be later on in the project.

Mr Ashworth assured the group that he had been involved with a similar project in Lytham St Annes which took less than five months to complete, and was happy to meet with them to further discuss their concerns.

- Residents from Douglas Drive raised concerns regarding the location of the proposed new all weather football pitch which is 30metres from their property and 6metres high with floodlights.

Mr Ashworth advised that the floodlights are 'hooded floodlights' with down lighting and Cllr Jean Yates advised that there will be restricted use on the pitch in the evening.

Mr Chris Smith Chairman of Heysham Blue Star YFC advised that the number of children involved in the football club is now over 150 children with 9 teams, who are in great need of a facility that provides a safe resource for the children.

The plans show a screening of trees in front of the proposed site of the football pitch which may help to 'dull' the sound.

Douglas Drive residents asked whether there would be a possibility to purchase land at the end of their gardens - Cllr Jean Yates advised them to put this in writing to her and she would discuss at the next Mossgate Board meeting.

- The parking for the new Medical Centre was discussed as to whether enough parking has been proposed – Mr Ashworth advised that the developers were governed by Lancashire County Council regulations with a view to 'green' travel plans (encouraging more people to walk or use public transport).
- The Manager of the Heysham Youth and Community Centre Sue Illingworth advised that she has concerns with the proposed parking in front of the centre, as she does not want the front of the building to be 'blocked in.'

County Cllr Jean Yates (Chair of the Heysham Mossgate Board) and Mr Peter Whaley representing Heysham Neighbourhood Council on the Board thanked the meeting for their views, and assured all present that they will work together with the residents to ensure a positive outcome.

Contact for Douglas Park Bowling Club – Mr C Greenham, Secretary, West End Rd, Morecambe

Contacts for Douglas Drive residents – Mr/s Pattinson, 38 Douglas Drive, Heysham and Roger Harrison, 39 Douglas Drive Heysham

Representatives from the Bowling Club thanked the Chairman for keeping them informed of developments.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Finance

The Treasurer distributed the latest report 2008-9 based on the final bank statement dated 27th March 2009 showing a current account balance of £552.36 and a reserve account balance of £903.92 totalling a cash value of £1456.28.

The report shows the main expenditure being the events insurance which is required for all the car boots, Classic Car and Bike Show and Xmas lights and the clerk's honorarium.

The asset list takes into account a 20% depreciation on the assets over the last financial year.

The Treasurer was pleased to report that the first car boot of the year was very successful with takings of £609.09.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work during the last year, particularly securing funding..

9. Events

The next events to be held are the Car Boot Show on Sunday 31st May and the Classic Car and Bike Show on the 2nd August.

This year a small charge has been introduced for the Classic Car and Bike Show to help with advertising and insurance costs.

The Chairman is planning to approach Lancashire County Council to enquire whether funding can be secured to purchase festive lights for the Strawberry Gardens businesses.

10. H.A.T.S (Heysham Against Turbines)

Cllr Ken Brown had to leave the meeting as he is a member on the Planning Committee.

The Chairman advised that the application has been postponed pending a new application showing a reduction on the height of the turbines from 141 metres to 65metres.

Cllr Jean Yates advised that because of the close proximity to Heysham Moss, Lancashire County Council had issued strong objections.

Kath Bell from H.A.T.S encouraged residents to come to the Planning Meeting (date to be advised, possible May 11th or June 8th but please check web-site www.heyshamonline.co.uk) to show their support.

There will be three speakers at the meeting including Mr Peter Whaley and it is hoped that photographs showing the implications of the wind turbines will be on show.

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(a) Heysham Nuclear Power Station

The Chairman advised the Power Stations now owned by E.D.F have been included on a list for 'Site Nomination' for a new station as outlined in the local press recently.

The article reported that Heysham Golf Club and the Ocean Edge Caravan Park would fall within the land required and might be assigned for compulsory purchase.

If a new power station was identified for Heysham a plan to convert the golf club into a 9 hole course had been mentioned.

According to Richard Martin Secretary to Geraldine Smith MP – contact has been made with EDF regarding this subject but there was no further information.

Mrs Sheila Hindson advised that the site nomination listings were only preliminary findings and that sites in the south of the country were probably more in demand due to high demand for power.

(b) New roundabout on Heysham by-pass

Mrs Sheila Hindson reported that she had received complaints from bikers regarding the approach and lack of space when driving round the new roundabout – in addition the area is very slippery

The Chairman advised that he understood that new crash barriers were to be introduced and Lancashire County Council were planning to put chevrons around it.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.10

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____