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**Quarterly Public Meeting  
Wednesday 28th October 2009  
Heysham Youth & Community Centre**

**Start 19.30**

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

**Members Present:**

**David Wilcock, Graeme Austin, Paul Mallett, Janice Whaley, Sue Illingworth,  
Brian Reeves**

**Number of Public Present : 5**

**Others: Councillor Ken Brown – Lancaster City Council**

**Harry Ashworth – Rushcliffe Development Architect (Mossgate)**

**Dr A Gaw – Heysham Health Centre**

**PCSO Chris Dyson**

**PC Neil Tomlinson**

**1. Apologies**  
Sheila Hindson, Kath McVernon, Mr Coffey

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

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

**3. Matters arising from the minutes 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Amendment: Jean Yates had sent her apologies for the July meeting..**

**4. Planning**

**Mossgate Development**

The Chairman gave an update confirming that planning application for the two bowling greens has been approved.

The application for the PCT development and the sports facilities will go to Planning Committee on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - the Chairman will be at this meeting speaking in support of the application.

The Chairman read out his letter of response to a letter from a Mr Harrison that had been featured in The Visitor regarding the development.

*'I just need to clarify a couple of points from the letter in The Visitor this week from Mr Harrison.*

*Mr Harrison seems to think that this development is HNC's project totally wrong, HNC are supporting this application after requests from Mossgate residents as to where the roof tax money is going to be spent and when, also the committee feel that Heysham needs this facility to improve health care and sporting facilities.*

*16 years ago in the Arndale Centre there was a 3 day presentation on the Mossgate Development and since then this project has always continued to move forward, at times significantly backwards, but this land has since planning consent was given always going to be developed. If you bought your house within that time scale your solicitor should have picked this up on a search.*

*Unfortunately HNC have no control over information given to them, we only try to keep residents aware and can only relay this information as received and try to clarify any points raised as we did when consulting with the bowlers.*

*HNC got an answer for the residents of Douglas Drive who wanted to but land not the answer they would have liked that is possibly why we have this discontent'*

Mr Harry Ashworth from Rushcliffe Development advised that the fencing has been extended to border the whole of the sports field. He gave assurance that the floodlights would have the same lighting effect as street lighting.

Speaking at the meeting, Dr Alex Gaw who along with a group of practitioners have helped put the bid together for the medical centre. advised that he is keen to engage with local residents and have their ideas incorporated into the scheme.

Dr Gaw informed the meeting that the main purpose of the new medical centre is to improve doctor to patient ratio, therefore resulting in a better, more efficient service. The new centre will be fitted with 'state of art equipment' and be able to cope with the expanding population of Heysham.

The medical centre plans to be open 6 days a week 8am-8pm, will not be a 'walk-in' centre initially but will have a register for patients.

Dr Gaw was unsure how the Primary Care Trust (PCT) will manage Heysham Health Centre alongside the new centre but as far as he understood there are no plans to close the existing centre.

Other services eg. Mobile Breast Screening Unit will also be available on the new site and it is hoped that by offering more convenient services will provide an alternative to visiting the hospital.

Mr Paul Mallett who is employed by the local Hospital trust as a Dental Care Professional suggested that a representative could be invited to speak at the next public meeting to give information on the plans at the new centre regarding dental services.

Mr Dickson from Heysham Cricket Club advised the meeting that there is a great shortage of indoor sports facilities locally, especially for cricket. The new sports facility could be a venue to base an indoor cricket winter league, along with a variety of other sports.

## **5. Community Policing**

PC Neil Tomlinson and PCSO Chris Dyson advised that it was generally quiet in the Heysham area at the moment.

‘Boy racers’ in the village car park has been warned and the situation has improved.

At the present time there is no police base in Heysham, with all operations being based from Morecambe Police Station, it is hoped that an agreement can be met so that the Police would be able to have use of a room in the new Mossgate Development.

## **5. Correspondence**

- (a) E-mail from Mr Coffey thanking the committee for co-ordinating with Lancaster City Council who have ‘laid a hard-standing- surface’ at the entrance from Berwick Way onto the Heysham Village football field.
- (b) E-mail from John White, The Parking Office, Lancaster City Council advising that the trees at the side of the cricket club have been inspected and work will be carried out shortly.

## **6. Finance**

The treasurer gave a report on the finances – which due to successful car boot events are looking positive.

Unfortunately the CO-OP rejected the recently submitted grant form advising that they (the CO-OP) cannot be involved with financing projects that should be covered by the local authority.

## **7. Events**

- (a) Car Show – positive feedback still being received about the event with plans for 2010 discussed confirming that the nominal charges for cars and bikes will be retained.

(b) Christmas Lights 4<sup>th</sup> December – This year there will be no procession to try and simplify the event, road closures will be in place.

**8. H.A.T.S**

Nothing new to report – David Wilcock advised that he will be taking the dedicated H.A.T.S page off the web-site [www.heyshamonline.co.uk](http://www.heyshamonline.co.uk) and replacing with current local issues.

**10. AOB**

None

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_