



**Heysham
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Council**

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Executive Meeting
Monday 23rd February 2009
Heysham Youth & Community Centre

Start :19.00

In The Chair: Mr Peter Whaley (Chairman)

Clerk: Mrs Janice Whaley

Members Present :

David Wilcock, Sheila Hindson, Paul Mallett

Other Persons: County Councillor Jean Yates

1. Apologies :

Graeme Austin, Brian Reeve

2. Minutes held 21st January 2009

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes 21st January 2009

a) None

4. Planning:

a) Old Police Station development by Daffodil Homes. The proposed plans were discussed, no action to be taken at this time.

5. Correspondence:

a) A copy of a letter sent to Geraldine Smith MP from Jean Dunn of Hillsea Avenue Heysham questioning the policy by the council to not grit side roads during the winter months,

b) Mayoral Reception Invitation. Wednesday 25th March 2009 3pm-6pm. Unfortunately none of the Committee present can attend due to work, and other commitments.

6. Finance:

The treasurers report was discussed. There are still a few cheques to go out of the account, and HNC is still waiting for the remainder of the gateway grant to cover the cost of new IT equipment. The HNC assets are to be changed slightly, as there was a new set of lights purchased for the Christmas Tree, that were not used. It was decided to keep them instead of getting a refund, as they will be used at Xmas 2009.

7. Events:

The first Carboot is on the 5th April. There are more lists/ posters to go out to local businesses and notice boards over the next couple of weeks.

There are already bookings being taken for The Classic Car & Bike Show 2nd August. This year due to the higher running costs, there is now a charge for all exhibitors. £3 per car, £2 per static engine and £1 per motorcycle. This should help towards the advertising costs of the event. Cllr Yates is going to contact business people on behalf of HNC for sponsorship of the medals/ cups.

8. Toilets:

The toilets in Heysham village are proposed to be mothballed by Lancaster City Council along with another 12 public conveniences in the area. If there are no toilets in Heysham, the carboots/ carshow and any other events would be struggling to keep going. A long discussion took place on how the toilets could be kept operational. HNC to ask cafes/pub if they are interested in running the Richmond scheme (community toilets) for £750 per annum for the use of their premises by the public.

9. Mossgate:

Cllr Yates explained about the Mossgate facilities situation, with Lancaster City Council pulling out of being the accountable body, which is needed for applying for Lottery funding. Letters to and from the council were available for the committee to read.

The new medical buildings are possibly going to be placed at the front of HYCC and the sports areas to be built at the back of HYCC. New bowling greens and Pavilion will be built.

Coastal medical group will be running the new Facilities. Heysham Health Centre may be kept as specialised clinic areas ie; Well woman clinics etc.

With this development being government funded, the work has to commence by June 2009, and be completed by September 2010.

10. A.O.B

- a) HNC to check on the status of Heysham Heritage Centre. Is it still open, and have HHC lost the Grant from Lancaster City council due to misinformation about the cottage next door to the Heritage Centre.
- b) Mrs Sheila Hindson is now the new Chairperson of The Village Institute. T. Hindson as Secretary and P. Aspinall as Treasurer. The Institute is to be 'signed over' on the 6th of March.
- c) HNCs' new IT equipment has been purchased and the new and improved Heysham online website is up and running. Cllr Yates suggested a 'Re-Launch' in the local press, along with photo's of the new information board. Certificates from Lancashire County Council are now available for grant

projects. Lancs County Council could organise a press call for all the local papers.

- d)** Cllr Jean Yates to enquire about grit bins to be placed on Longmeadow, following queries from a Mossgate resident at the public meeting last month.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.35

Signed _____ Date: _____