



**Heysham  
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**Quarterly Public Meeting  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Heysham Youth & Community Centre**

**Start 19.35**

**In the Chair:** Mr Peter Whaley (chair)

**Secretary:** Mrs Janice Whaley

**Members Present:** Sheila Hindson, David Wilcock, Sue Illingworth, Graeme Austin, Paul Mallett.

**Number of Public Present : 18**

**Others: Councillor Ken Brown – Lancashire County Council  
Councillor Keran Farrow – Lancaster City Council  
Harry Ashworth – Rushcliffe Development Architect (Mossgate)  
Linda Healy - Lancashire LINK**

**1. Apologies:**

Kath McVernon, Brian Reeve, Neil Tomlinson, Geraldine Smith MP (represented by Richard Martin)

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

At Heysham Youth & Community Centre were accepted as a true record, and were proposed by Sheila Hindson, and seconded by Cllr Ken Brown.

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

None – take under items on the agenda

**4. Community Policing**

Apologies given from Neil Tomlinson by Graeme Austin who reported that some mini motos have been confiscated. Heysham's crime figures and antisocial behaviour has decreased over the last few months. The next PACT meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

**4A . Lancashire LINK (not on the agenda)**

Linda Healy Deputy Manager of Lancashire LINK – Local Involvement Network gave a talk about LL. LINK's has been set up around the country and are intended to give people a say in local health and social care services. It also helps specialist groups such as the Parkinsons Society. In total there are 3 people cover the Lancashire PCT area. Linda Healy, Angela Norris and Tasmin Patel who works out of the Age Concern office at Lancaster.

Linda Healy left some booklets to be distributed at the meeting.

## 5. Mossgate Development

Harry Ashworth displayed an upto date set of plans for the Mossgate development. The application has been submitted at the planning department, which is awaiting consultation. The land ownership which was questioned before is now resolved. Land swaps are ongoing with legal departments..

The football pitch is now placed at the furthest point possible from the rear of the houses on Douglas Drive, approximately 100ft from the rear fences.

The floodlights will be capped and are 'Pollution Controlled'. Incorporated into the scheme there are four badminton courts, changing facilities / showers, and all the facilities that the Bowling teams have requested. All the facilities have now been accomplished. The Medical Centre will be at the bottom of the development where the bowling greens are now.

Concerns were raised over the Heysham Medical Centre on Middleton Way, whether it would be left to go derelict. HNC have been informed that it will be used in addition to the new centre as clinic room ie: Well Woman Clinics etc.

Mr Greenham, the secretary for the Bowling Club asked what facilities they have been given within the new development. Mr Ashworth showed the plans and clarified that aswell as having two new irrigated bowling greens, the bowling club will also have toilet facilities, an office area, outside shelter with benches, water and electric and seating areas 4 ½ metres away from the bowling green. Mr Greenham then asked whether it would be possible to have floodlights then the club could join another league. Unfortunately the budget at the moment will not allow for anything else, however the utilities can be put in for floodlights to be erected at a later date.

Once again it was disputed whether the greens would be ready for the next season. Mr Braddock, a green keeper from Derbyshire does not believe that it can be done.

Mr Ashworth has been assured by the specialist company that is building the greens, that it can be done and the greens ready for use in 6 months, as was in St Annes. But time scale is important and they will have to be on site for September to achieve this. The Bowling Greens are the first stage of the development.

Emmaus Road will always be kept open, the developers will try to keep disruption to a minimum, so there will always be access to the Methodist Church and Heysham Youth & Community Centre. It was stated that the parking facilities are sometimes insufficient at the church, and Emmaus Road is used as additional parking. The ground directly behind the church belongs to Mac Construction, Peter Whaley advised Mr Metcalfe to talk to Mac Construction about acquiring some extra land for parking as Mac construction are keen for the development to go ahead.

The residents of Douglas Drive again raised their queries and concerns about buying land to extend their back gardens and asked about the height of the buildings / distance / landscaping.

Peter Whaley to ask again on behalf of the residents at the Mossgate Board AGM which is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Peter Whaley stated that that Heysham does need these facilities, (Doctors/ dentists / sports ) especially with the growing number of Residents and there are no facilities available within a reasonable walking

distance. Some people disagreed and said that it wouldn't be used. Graeme Austin said that the development would supply Heysham with an excellent facility that will help keep youth disruption down and help them use their time constructively.

The submitted plans are on Lancaster city council planning website and are available to view.

## **6. Planning**

None. Except Mossgate Development.

## **7. HATs**

Mrs Kath Bell advised that the planning application has been removed at the moment due to M.O.D Enquiries.

Peter Whaley read out a letter received from Andy Riley ( Liddell Thompson Consultants ) stating that they have withdrawn the application for the time being due to an outstanding aviation issue, which will hopefully be resolved in the near future.

Peter Whaley also advised that colony of bats with young have been discovered and are being monitored at Downeyfield farm in Middleton.

Richard Martin advised that a meeting between Ms Smith MP and the M.O.D Estates Dept is waiting to be confirmed.

Cllr Ken Brown advised that the application will now have to be re-submitted.

## **8. Correspondence.**

None.

## **9. Treasurers Report.**

Mr Paul Mallet gave a brief outline of HNC's finances. A full report can be found on [www.heyshamonline.co.uk](http://www.heyshamonline.co.uk)

As at the 29/6/09 - Current account balance £1522.63, Reserve account balance £1061.24  
HNC's money is mainly raised by carboot sales.

## **10. Events**

The Classic Car & Bike show is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Upto now there are 138 Exhibits booked in and a total of 52 stalls, ( Charity / carboot / trade/ kids games / refreshments )

Peter Whaley asked the committee to stay behind after the meeting to confirm details about Sunday.

Festive lighting is needed at the new Library and area. The Co-op has been approached for a community grant. A meeting with Ged McCallister is required.

David Wilcock suggested that when the new Library is open, mini information surgeries by HNC would be a good idea.

Heysham Youth & Community Centre is to have a Fun Day 15<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 3pm, everything free except refreshments. The Eric Briggs Plaque to unveiled approx 1pm.

**11. A.O.B**

None.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

After the meeting had closed, Mrs Cheryl Pattinson pointed out that her address was incorrect in the April Minutes. She lives at No. 33 not 38 as stated. (item 6)

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