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**Quarterly Public Meeting
Wednesday 21st January 2009
Heysham Youth & Community Centre**

Start 19.30

In The Chair: Mr David Wilcock (Vice-Chairman)
Clerk: Mrs Allison Thomas

Members Present:
Janice Whaley, Graeme Austin, Sheila Hindson,

Members of the Public: 10
Others: Councillor Keran Farrow

1. Apologies

Mr Peter Whaley, Mr Paul Mallett, Councillor Susan Bray, Councillor Sarah Fisher, PC Neil Tomlinson

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2008

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes 29th October 2008

Item 9. The Vice Chairman reported that the Xmas Lights event was again a success but accounts showed a £27.00 deficit for the event. It was stressed that it is very important for the whole community of Heysham to get involved with supporting the event – any financial help would be appreciated.

Thanks went to members of the public who had helped marshal and work at the event alongside organisers this year – it was a great help.

4. Policing

Mr Graeme Austin advised that there had been a successful ‘drugs bust’ on Trumacar Lane recently which had been reported in the local press.

The months of December and January have been quiet in the local area with minor incidents involving stone throwing being dealt with.

A local case of racial abuse had been dealt with effectively with a fixed penalty issued and the offender agreed to apologise.

The monthly PACT meeting will now be held on a Monday night from March 2nd instead of a Wednesday night – in Heysham Youth & Community Centre.

Speed checks have been taking place – it was reported to Mr Austin that there are regular cars speeding on Barrows Lane approx 4.30pm each day.

5. Planning

The following planning applications were reviewed and discussed:

- (a) Tree Preservation Order – Woodland of Middleton Road, Heysham
Confirmed by Lancaster City Council as an unopposed Order without modification.
- (b) Application No: 08/01373/CU
Change of use of part of adjoining dwelling to form extension to existing Visitor Centre
For: Heritage Trust for the North West
24/26 Main Street, Heysham LA3 2RW
- © Application No: 09/00002/FUL
Redevelopment of Bay View Cars site for 9 flats
Grosvenor Road Garage, Heysham Road, Heysham
- (d) Application 08/00160/FUL Re-location of the Heysham Village Toilet Block
As the plans do not feature the recycling unit, contact has been made with the Planning Department to gain more information with regard to this facility.
- (e) Arboriculture Statements
The Old Police Station, Heysham
For: Daffodil Homes

6. Mossgate Development

Unfortunately the plans for this development were not available to view during the meeting but can be accessed on Lancaster City Councils Planning Department site www.lancaster.gov.uk.

The Mossgate Board have still not met and therefore the Chairman had no feedback for the meeting – the committee had previously raised concern about the lack of information available for the residents, and this situation has not improved since.

It was decided that the best course of action would be for the Chairman to request a meeting with the Mossgate Board – ideally as an ‘Open Forum’ with the residents.

7. Correspondence

- (a) Correspondence from Environmental Health Services ‘Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005’ – Introduction of Dog Control Orders questionnaire. The Chairman to complete noting Heysham Towers Bus Terminal (Crow Park).
- (b) Letter from British Energy advising that they have become part of the EDF group – more information on british.energy.com. The next open meeting in May at The Strathmore Hotel.

8. Finance

The Treasurer sent his apologies for the meeting, and the latest financial report was distributed...

Due to good weather the majority of car boot events were successful and provided a significant part of the income shown in the account. The Treasurer has been successful in securing funding through a Gateway Grant of £1,000 for updating the council’s computer and software.

9. Events

The next events to be held are the Car Boots and the Car and Bike Show, dates and details on www.heyshamonline.co.uk finalised.

A.O.B

- (a) It was reported that a member of the public had recently fallen on the entrance to Heysham Village football field. The entrance to the field by Berwick Way is always muddy and especially at this time of year.

Clerk to check with the Council if any hard-standing surface could be laid to help with the problem.

- (b) A report of young teenagers asking customers going into the Co-op on Heysham Road to buy them alcohol. Mr Graeme Austin advised that the Police are aware of the situation which is being monitored
- © Councillor Farrow advised that the Wesley Church on Middleton Road is looking for ideas for use of the building after its refurbish. There is a meeting on 13th February 2009 for interest.
- (d) Councillor Farrow reported that she has been approached by an independent Chemist who is planning to open a business in Heysham who wanted to assess

interest in setting up a new Chemist business. The meeting felt that this would be a good idea as there is no choice of Chemist in the local area.

- (e) Information on the policy of 'Grit bins' was requested – clerk to action

- (f) HATS (Heysham Against Turbines)

Kath Bell from HATS advised that the minutes from the recent meeting was Now available on www.heyshamonline.co.uk for everyone to look at.

A letter from Geraldine Smith MP had been sent to British Telecom expressing concern for the plans. Kath Bell read out the reply which advised that additional sound checks had taken place to assess noise and gave detailed energy facts and figures regarding the project.

Kath Bell advised that a HATS meeting would be organised shortly so that the group can meet and decide what to do next and how to proactively react to the planning application when it is published. The date will be put on the web-site as soon as confirmed www.heyshamonline.co.uk and the general public and residents were urged to attend.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.30

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____