



**Heysham
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Council**

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**Quarterly Public Meeting
Wednesday 29th October 2008
Heysham Youth & Community Centre**

Start 19.30

In The Chair: Mr Peter Whaley (Chairman)

Clerk: Mrs Allison Thomas

Members Present:

Janice Whaley, Paul Mallett, Graeme Austin, Jan Lamb, Sheila Hindson, David Wilcock

Members of the Public: 9

Others: Lancaster City Councillors: Roger Dennison, Evelyn Archer, Keran Farrow, Ken Brown

1. Apologies

Mr Steve Timperley, Councillor Roger Mace

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2008

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes 30th July 2008

Item 10: The Chairman reported that the Car and Bike Show held in August had been a great success.

Mrs Sheila Hindson advised that at present there are no dates for the Power Station meetings

4. Planning

Application No: 08/01233/FUL Demolition of 2 to 22 Marlborough Road and the erection of 11 No 3 bed houses for Adactus Housing Association.
Site address: 2-22 Marlborough Road, Heysham, Lancashire

5. Mossgate Development

The Chairman advised that although he has been invited onto the Board there have not been any meetings to attend.

Queries regarding the location and security of the £1.7 million are causing great concern to the Mossgate residents.

The Chairman recently attended a forum held by MP Geraldine Smith and Mossgate Development was discussed. It was understood that the funding from the PCT (Primary Car Trust) was now back in place but no definite location had been confirmed, although Heysham is thought to be priority.

The decision regarding the location will be announced at the end of November. The outcome of this decision will be posted on the Heysham Neighbourhood Council web-site www.heyshamonline.co.uk

6. Residents Parking

Concerns from residents regarding the summer restrictions in place on Main St Heysham Village were discussed.

Mrs Sheila Hindson advised that she has been involved with the lifting of restrictions on Woborrow Road, she advised that the restrictions were lifted in two stages with the second stage taking up to 6 months.

Contact to be made on behalf of the residents to the Engineers Department at Lancashire County Council to ask for the restriction to be lifted as soon as possible.

Councillor Evelyn Archer advised the meeting that it would be beneficial to raise the subject of parking in Heysham at the next Lancashire Locals liaison group meeting and ensure that it was put on the agenda.

7. Correspondence

Leaflet from Welfare Rights Service, Lancashire County Council introducing a new leaflet regarding claiming monies for travelling to hospital appointments.

Email from Gillian Noall Democratic Services Lancaster City Council outlining new criteria for applying for Parish/Town Council Status.

Councillor Roger Dennison advised that it would be beneficial for the Heysham to go for Parish/Town Council Status as it would allow more control over local issues.

The subject of cost to the tax payer were discussed – using the proposed Morecambe Town Council as a guide, Councillors Archer advised that the

amount is pre-set and subject to what areas of responsibility the new Council would take on.

The new Parish/Town council would still be able to raise money through community events and apply for grants and funding.

The Chairman advised that the Heysham Neighbourhood Council constitution states that going for Parish/Town Council status is top priority but only if it is with the wishes of the residents.

Councillor Ken Brown stated that he hoped Heysham would go for the Parish/Town Council status as it would allow more localised democracy, and with the rapid expansion of Heysham would allow more control over local issues.

The Chairman advised that a separate Parish Council Status meeting would be arranged to further discussions.

8. Finance

The Treasurer Mr Paul Mallett distributed the financial report and went through the account details.

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 also been successful in securing funding through a LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) grant.

The Chairman thanked The Treasurer for the report and all his contributions.

9. Events

The next event is the Christmas Lights Switch on Friday 5th December - this year four local primary schools have been invited.

The road closure has been applied for and is in the process of being finalised.

Marshals are required for the evening – please contact The Chairman if you can help.

9a Policing

Mr Graeme Austin gave an update on police activity in the local area and advised that there are a couple of ‘scams’ to be aware of:

- Internet scam which asks the user to input their bank and personal details
- Rogue water board officials gaining entry into houses resulting in thefts

The next PACT meeting is to be on November 12th at 7pm at Heysham Youth and Community Centre which will set policing priorities for the month ahead

– currently anti-social behaviour on the Combermere Estate and vehicle speeding in and around Heysham Village are being monitored.

The Chairman asked Mr Austin to pass photos onto the relevant officer to investigate - showing a large vehicle illegally parked outside Peels Chemist which is a regular occurrence.

Problems with illegal parking outside the Chinese takeaway on Woborrow Road are still ongoing.

A.O.B

A report has been received from Enviros Consulting Limited detailing a proposal for the development of the wind turbines close to the Heysham By-Pass on behalf of BT Plc..

It is understood that a public exhibition will be held at the Heysham Youth and Community Centre on the 14th and 15th November but no formal press statement has been seen.

Please check on our web-site for further details www.heyshamonline.co.uk and to view the document in full.

Councillor Ken Brown advised that he had no update on the plans for the relocation of the Heysham Village toilets.

Councillor Archer and Farrow gave their support to any canvassing that might take place to ascertain whether Heysham should go ahead with plans for Parish Council status.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.15

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

