

HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 23rd May 2006 at 6 p.m. at The Union Church, Heathfield.

<u>Present:</u>	Colin Williams	-	Farmers' Market
	Rupert Simmons	-	ESCC
	Rosemary Mays-Smith	-	Trustee
	Trevor Goldsmith	-	Chamber of Commerce
	Margaret Adams	-	Youth Centre
	Sue Hanley	-	Old H/F & Cade Str: Amen: Soc:
	Liz Williams	-	Governor Heathfield C. College
	Doug Brunger	-	Churches Together/Ramblers
	Joanne Aldous	-	Town Coordinator
	John Tolley	-	Trustee
	Angie Muddle	-	Heathfield/Waldron P.C.
	Teresa Blaxland	-	Trustee

1 Apologies:

1. Were received from Sue Roach, Niki Oakes and Peter Newnham.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

1. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising: *(to save duplication, please consult the previous minutes if clarification is needed)*

1. 5.4. The funding was for the High Street and Tourist Information Boards.
2. 5.3 The meeting took place and Mr Grainger pointed out that there is overall drainage problems in the car park and this must take priority over the tree guards. However a review of the car park as a whole will be taken at the next major coop meeting,

4. Sport & Leisure

1. Money raised so far for the Feasibility Study for the swimming pool amounts to £11850; £12000 being the target.
2. The questionnaire has been despatched and 750 replies have been received form HCC. Primary schools will be targeted later.
3. The letter to the five Consultants will be despatched today concerning the three sites of The Tower Recreation Ground, Heathfield Community College and Sheepsetting Lane. They have two weeks to reply, the deadline for tenders being 19th June.
4. Representatives from Freedom Leisure and WDC will help choose the successful tender on 3rd July who will have until the 4th September to produce the Feasibility Study.
5. Nothing has been heard about the Feasibility Study for the NCR21 however Rupert will be attending major meetings.

5. Financial Report:

1. Joanne A circulated a copy of the accounts which as at the 22nd May 2006 stands at £57237.24.

6. IT/Website:

1. The **website** is receiving many hits and Sue Roach is regularly updating it.
2. It was hoped to add Neighbourhood Watch and links from Waldron to the Heathfield website.
3. It was also hoped to have links to the Youth Centre soon.
4. **PIPs** The latest launch in Horam (Wessons) was very successful and is well used by visitors from the Cuckoo Trail. As part of the event Sue R invited the first two students who had attended training and they were awarded certificates. Joanne A and Colin W were thanked for their help.
5. The WARR funding requirements are that 100 people are trained by the end of September. Teresa B is confident that the target will be met.
6. Training is undertaken at different locations and Joanne A was asked to investigate St. Georges at Broad Oak.....**ACTION**
7. At the moment demand is outstripping supply with regard to training.
8. Teresa was concerned that there will be no more funds from WDC after December. Funding from the WARR Partnership ends in 2008 unless there is a change in their policy.

7. Farmers' Market:

1. The Farmers' Market continues to prosper, the April and May Markets with 28 and 29 stalls respectively, being about 30% up on last year, and the Market continues to seek new exciting products, some succeed and others like Redlays Farm selling milk and yoghurts say that they can not sell enough.
2. In general, producers like the Heathfield Farmers' Market, admit to selling more than other Markets. They also like the friendly atmosphere and because they sell more goods than at the other markets.
3. 29 stalls are booked for the Heathfield Show and it should, weather willing, be one of the best.
4. Trevor G met with the Managing Director of the Courier Newspaper and had a positive meeting.
5. Liz W enquired whether the Farmers' Market could be run weekly. Colin confirmed that it would not be a viable proposition and would not be fair on the town traders.

8. Inward Investment:

1. The new signage will shortly be deployed across the Town.
2. In the long term John T had a positive meeting regarding possible sources for investment in the Town.

9. High Street:

1. Plans for the Library section should be available for the next High Street meeting and then will go to the Traders.
2. Two trees have been vandalised outside Tompsetts and will be replaced.
3. **The local action team** (Margaret Adams, Trevor Goldsmith, John Tolley and Rupert Simmons) will try and find solutions however it is felt much of the vandalism is alcohol related.
4. It was hoped to place a form (for complaints) on the website which could be easily filled in and emailed to Ben Blackman.
5. The Youth Centre were working on having a greater appeal to the youth of Heathfield.

10. Seminars:

1. None had been attended.

11. Public Relations & Marketing:

1. Joanne A presented various papers containing editorials on the Partnership and Farmers' Market.

12. Any other business:

1. The Transport sub-committee at their next meeting in June should know how to take their project forward. Their first point of discussion will be to conduct fact finding rather than try and put something together which will not be used. To this end the committee will discuss who and how to target with a questionnaire.
2. Jennie Woodhouse of Huffle Nursery would be keen to lend 3 minibuses for a pilot transport scheme in return for the committee's help in gaining a permit 19 permission. After a discussion it was agreed that Sue H would contact the Licensing Department at WDC to get more information about Permit 19, take this information to the next meeting in June for a discussion.....**ACTION**
3. Teresa B was disappointed at the poor press concerning the tunnel. The Parish Council are split as to how to go ahead. The Partnership felt strongly that the tunnel should be able to provide a right of way. Rupert S suggested that a working committee be convened to decide whether to make a counter press release.

13. Date of the next meeting:

1. Dates of the next meetings are as follows at 6p.m. and at the Union Church:-

18th July 2006 13th September 2006 7th November 2006

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15p.m.

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