

South Pontefract Community Partnership
Wednesday 21st March 2007 Sports & Social Club, Chequerfield

Present:

Louise Robson	Trevor Izon
Julie Carritt	Angela Vause
Elaine Marsh	Lucy Lee
Reg Greenhough	Alan Gooding
Bill O'Brien	Rita Gooding
Kebir Berry	Graham Hancox
Julian Glover	
Ken McRitchie	

Apologies:

Emma O'Reilly	Kerry Murphy
Geoff Walsh	Colin Willock
Philip Booth	Pete Tough
Phyllis Frankland	Jane Travis
Rebecca Lane	
Andrea Thackray	
Joan Ward	

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 21st March 2007 were read and signed as a true record. Proposed by Kebir Berry and seconded by Trevor Izon

Correspondence

- A letter was sent out to Elaine Mc Hale and the Chair of Governors requesting the Partnership in association with the Football Club, have use of the old dining hall at Willow Park Junior School as a community Youth Facility, at no cost to the school. It stipulated that an investment would be made to improve the facility and the students at the school would have unlimited access to the facility during term time.
There has been no response and a petition has been set up to address the situation.

Matters Arising

The concept of a 'Town Council' raised in Februarys minutes was discussed and resolved that invitations to the meeting on **23rd May 2007**, (at Sports & Social Club), it has been arranged for Sheena Spence, Deputy Director of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, to deliver a presentation of the facts both for and against the proposals, This will enable members of the partnership to make an informed and educated decision to whether it supports the proposal or not. The motion was proposed by Kebir Berry and seconded by Cllr Geoff Walsh

Treasurers Report

Bills totalling £111.43 have been paid, the accounts have been updated accordingly leaving a balance of £1882.82

WDH

Jo Lewis, Energy efficiency officer, brought along promotional materials and discussed energy saving support through their team at WDH. Jo requested that she be entered for a regular agenda placing.

Vox

- All vox members will have to re-register as a result of a new organisational structure within the group and may be subject to a nominal fee of £1.

St Mary's

- Options @ St Marys programme have, from their first quarter results, reported that the project has exceeded expectations and is benefiting from a new round of marketing.
- The new academic timetable has been provisionally rolled out for the next academic year, and is under negotiation to support the needs of the centre students.

Pomfret Children's Centre

(at Chequerfield Infant School)

No report

Shaw Trust

No report

Sports & Social Club

- An open day is planned for 27th August 2007 (Bank Holiday Monday)
- The legal wrangle regarding the football club lease continues.
- Youths are required to produce and star in a production at the Sports & Social Club
- A theatre company are to engage youths in a production tackling issues of social upbringing

Adult Education

No Report

Carleton Park Estate Residents & Tenants Ass

No report

Cobblers Lane Residents & Tenants Ass

No report

Carleton Grange

No report

Pease Park Project

The wmdc estates officer was contacted regarding seeking formal permission for the Pease Project. No response had been forthcoming. Cllr Izon agreed to investigate further.

Churchbalk Neighbourhood Watch

- Reg reported on the recent public consultation meeting with the NPT's. it had been not controlled sufficiently and the public were very emotive.

Willow Park Neighbourhood Watch

No report

Carleton Glen & St Giles Res & Tenn Ass

- No report

Public Health

- A “Festival of Age” is to be held at St Marys centre on Friday 25th May 2007. promotional materials were distributed.
- Hopefully Patricia Muramatsu will be back on board by July

Health Trainers

Congratulations to Alan & Rita on the completion of their training and subsequent career launch.

- They are now delivering to a good base of clients that they have worked very hard to establish and are seeking ways to promote the Health Training concept.

Healthy Transport

- The WMDC Healthy Transport network was disbanded.
- The St Marys group have in the last month, with support from community members, formed their own constituted group and committee, and have sought out prospective a funder and submitted a funding bid. The new name of the group is “St Marys Walking Club” and will be operating under the St Marys umbrella, in conjunction with the Partnership.

Councillors

- Wind farm issues have not been resolved and Cllr Izon is very concerned that the residents of Chequerfield have not been consulted in the matter despite the fact that they fall into the zone of consultation.
- Cllr Izon welcomed questions from delegates and updated them accordingly
- Councillors are in support of the proposals to improve access to youth facilities in our community.

AOB

- A ‘free’ (as in no charge to use the service) cash machine was installed in the supermarket on Chequerfield circle. The proprietor, Keith Smith, campaigned hard to bring back essential services to the estate. The machine is multi functional and further information can be obtained from Keith.
- Proposal of constitution changes to open up the Partnership to all Pontefract at AGM
- Proposal of constitution changes to create two new executive places at AGM
- Nominations for the election of a new Treasurer at AGM

Date of Next Meeting

7 pm - Wednesday **23rd May** 2007- 7pm at Sports & Social Club, Chequerfield
