

PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE TOWNS REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2002 at 6.30pm
In the Charles Neville Room, Meridian Centre

Present:

John Livings, County Councillor, in the Chair
Pete Billin, Local Resident
Donald Shier, House Project - minutes
Sheila Chalmers, Local Resident
Wendy Bannatyne, Voluntary Sector
Roy Goodall, Telscombe Town Council
Sue Griffiths, Lewes District Council
Mary Dunmore, Voluntary Sector
David Neighbour, East Sussex County Council
Paul Cotton, Southern Housing Group
Sam Rowe, Voluntary Sector
Steve Keogh, Peacehaven Town Council Leisure and
Amenities Manager
Liz Lee, Lewes District Council

- 1. APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence were received from: Joanne Kidd, Meridian Leisure Centre, John Carden, Local Business, and Daphne Carver, Peacehaven Town Council.

Regarding apologies from Daphne Carver: she has resigned from the partnership. John Livings will ask the leader of Peacehaven Town Council to nominate a replacement representative since this is specified in the partnership's terms of reference. Cllr Carver had advised Mary Dunmore at the House Project that she felt that she could no longer support the partnership. There was some discussion regarding this.

The discussion ranged over such issues as how far members of the partnership should be bound, by their membership, to support projects adopted by the partnership, or whether they should at least declare conflicts of interest or opinion where their loyalties might be divided. It was agreed that members would study the constitution agreed by the partnership and discuss this further when the process whereby the partnership is constituted as a charity and company limited by guarantee becomes legally binding.

- 2. MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd of December were agreed as accurate.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING** – Interreg funding: John Livings will contact Colin Brown for relevant papers covering applications to this fund. It could be possible for the partnership to apply to this European funding in May/October this year.

Peacehaven Council are considering making an application to the national lottery for equipment to upgrade the cinema facilities in the Meridian Centre.

Community Facilities Working Group Report. It was noted that the minutes of this group's last meeting noted that members believe that Youth Groups are not permitted to hire the Telscombe Civic Centre. This was recorded as information given to the group's meeting by a member of the group. Liz Lee informed the meeting that she did not believe that there was any policy agreed by Telscombe Town Council that prohibited the civic centre being used by young people and that all requests for hire of the premises are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Members of the partnership expressed different opinions

about the situation and no action was agreed on except to look forward to hearing about young people using the centre in future.

- 4. Feedback from the Open Meeting.** The meeting noted that Peacehaven Town Council had made a financial contribution to the evening's refreshments: providing the red wine and beer, while the white wine and nibbles had been provided by the Telscombe Town Council's Mayor's fund. John Livings has thanked Peacehaven Town Council for their support. The meeting thanked Telscombe Town Mayor, Roy Goodall, who was present, in person.

It was generally felt by the meeting that the event had been a success. Upwards of 75 people had attended, which was felt to be quite a good turnout for a cold and dark January evening. John Livings subsequently received four phone calls paying tribute to this event. Some people have expressed misgivings about the lack of a presentational approach but others have said how much better it was to have stalls rather than speakers.

Five new people have put their names forward as wishing to join the various working groups. Donald will ensure that they are invited to the next working group meetings.

- 5. Partnership Constitution.** Mary Dunmore advised the meeting that the process of the partnership becoming a company limited by guarantee and charity was progressing. Some further forms need to be signed and witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. She will endeavour to find one. Sheila Chalmers will act as agent for the partnership to sign the necessary forms. This procedure involves a cost of £20.00. Wendy will give Mary a cheque for this amount from the partnership funds that she is banking in the VB's account. It was agreed by the meeting that David Neighbour would be the company secretary.

There was some discussion of the need for a bank account for the partnership. It was agreed to look more closely at this when the incorporation process has become more nearly completed.

- 6. Farmers' Market.** There was some discussion about the possibilities of setting up a farmers' market for Peacehaven and Telscombe. There is a very successful one in Lewes. Paul Rideout, SDCVS's community network outreach worker is assisting the Seaford area partnership in moves to start a farmers' market there. Many opinions were expressed about the value of and chances of success of such a venture for our towns. Roy Goodall will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

7. Reports from the Working Groups

- a. Community Facilities working group** - minutes circulated at the meeting.

Regarding the planned new scout hut, members of the working group had expressed concern about the ease of access for other community groups, if the building goes ahead. The partnership should prioritise support for projects that can benefit the whole community and not just one organisation or group of people. The Scouts do very valuable work with young people and should be encouraged. It is believed that they are quite strict about how other users of their premises must have police checks. This is to guard against infiltration by child abusers.

The partnership agreed that Sam Rowe would write to the lead councillor on the County Council's Social Services Committee. They are responsible for funding social services community development workers. He should know that we are

concerned about the cuts in this service. We would like to be sure that they will send a replacement for Robin Olivier who used to attend the working group.

Next meeting: Wednesday 27th Feb, 4pm at the Joff Youth Centre

- b. Transport working group – minutes of the last meeting circulated at the meeting.** It was noted that the County Council would undertake a six-month evaluation of the Peacehaven traffic calming measures. There will then be a public meeting. Members reported considerable public opposition to the traffic calming measures. Do we know if the traffic calming has reduced the numbers of children being run over? ESCC highways manager for this area will attend the next working group meeting. Sheila Chalmers will also attend. There was also some discussion of traffic wardens. This is to be referred to the working group.

Next meeting: Monday 4th March, 4pm at the Peacehaven House Project.

- c. Sports & leisure facilities working group - minutes circulated at the meeting.** It was noted that since the last meeting, problems have arisen with the Football Ground Improvements bid. However, the Football Foundation bid will be submitted. Wendy and Steve Keogh are dealing with this. Next Meeting, Friday 8th March, 9am at the Meridian Centre Community House.

- d. Commercial & retail working group -did not meet.**

Meeting to be arranged. The contact person for our nearest branch of the national federation of small businesses is in Eastbourne. The representative is Audrey Whitney. Her contact details will be passed to Wendy.

- e. Education and Training working group – minutes circulated at the meeting.** John Livings reported that there was a danger that a local educational facility might be lost to the community. He will do what he can and report back to next meeting. In addition, 6 more children are still sought to take up the remaining free afternoon places at the Peacehaven Infants School. Please try and find parents to enrol their pre-school children. The places are free and not means tested. Next meeting: Friday 1st March, 11am at the House Project.

8. Correspondence In and Out. None

- 9. Date, Time & Place of next meeting.** The next meeting will be on the 25th of March, 6.30pm at the Meridian Centre. This is two weeks later than the usual date of the second Monday of the month. This is because of conflicting engagements for members of the partnership.

- 10 AOB.** Mary Dunmore suggested that the partnership set up a fundraising working-group.