

## PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE TOWNS REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at  
6.30pm in the Fields Room, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven

**Present:** John Livings, East Sussex County Council, in the chair  
Roy Goodall, Telscombe Town Council  
John Carden, Business  
Wendy Bannatyne, Resident  
Steve Keogh, Peacehaven Town Council  
Sue Griffiths, Lewes District Council  
Audrey Whitney, Business  
Steph Wilson, House Project – minutes

(N.B. The partnership is made up of named representatives of Local Councils, Business, Residents and the Voluntary Sector. Other people taking part in meetings are observers).

1. **Apologies:** received from Andrew Wright – Peacehaven Community (Secondary) School, Sheila Chalmers – Resident, Jo Kidd – Observer, Mary Dunmore – Voluntary Sector, Pete Billin – Resident, Liz Lee – Lewes District Council.
2. **Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed as accurate.
3. **Matters arising:**  
*Sports and Leisure - "Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership Five-a-side" football competition:* Steve reported that this will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10am, Piddinghoe Avenue. As the county ground has been seeded late, there will be 4 pitches on the North fields. Letters have been sent out to 20 clubs in the local area. Entry will be by invitation and cost £18 per team. There will be changing facilities, catering and possibly an inflatable. At least six referees will be needed – if anyone knows any referees, please contact Steve. It was suggested that scout groups and local schools be targeted, and Southern Counties for promotion.
4. **Reports from the working groups:**
  - a. **Community Facilities Working Group**  
Did not meet due to low numbers able to attend meeting. Date for next meeting has not yet been set.
  - b. **Transport Working Group**  
John Carden reported that, having considered the options, the group feels it is best to work with East Sussex County Council, using their money as match funding, to try and get another Taxi Rider bus. This should be quite straightforward. The meeting agreed and John will pursue this proposal. Residents will need to be members of an association to use the bus and

therefore promotion of the service will be important. The service must operate at evenings and weekends, and in North and East Peacehaven. John is having another meeting with Brighton and Hove buses and is also trying to get the Co-op's South East Regional Directors involved.

**c. Sports and Leisure Working Group**

*Football:* The five-a-side arrangements are progressing (see above). The charity football match is pencilled in for a Friday night in September. Parker Pen is covering the cost of getting the team down and the event will be called the "Martin Chivers Spurs XI vs Parker Pen/Peacehaven Town Council". The club will provide refreshments for the players and the council or ticket sales will cover the team's transport costs. Steve will try and get the papers interested and auction some places on the team to play against the Spurs side.

*Cairo Avenue Integrated Playground Project:* Steve has started to get some quotes and plans back. The issue of the playground being integrated was discussed. There may have been some confusion in the initial discussions of a 'disabled' playground, being lockable and for accompanied groups only. The meeting agreed the integrated nature of the playground is vital. The planners have proposed standard playground equipment, which would not need to be locked up, along with individual items of equipment that can be secured. Steve is waiting for more quotes. Wendy suggested contacting the Disability Information Service of Sussex for help on legal requirements.

**d. Commercial & Retail Working Group**

Roy had over 40 replies expressing interest when he previously attempted to establish a small business network. Meetings were called but no-one got involved and Roy was unable to take it any further. Roy has met the chair of the Longridge Avenue Traders Association in Saltdean, (who meet monthly on an informal basis), and suggested they join the partnership but they have not made any steps to do so yet. There is also the issue that half of Longridge Avenue is in Brighton and Hove.

Audrey Whitney offered to join the group and try to get things going. She is Chairman of Lewes District Branch of the Federation of Small Businesses and will write to all her members in Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean. It was agreed that others are needed from the commercial and retail sectors.

**e. Education and Training Working Group**

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. No verbal report.

5. **Sure Start:** (not reported at the meeting)

Surestart is a government initiative aimed at targeting families with children age 0 – 4 who would benefit from different types of support. A mini Surestart bid was made in Newhaven and the department asked that the possibility of a full Surestart programme covering parts of Newhaven and Peacehaven should be submitted. There have been three meetings to look

at possible areas. Peacehaven East and West score in the top 20% of the indices of multiple deprivation and Peacehaven North in the top 35%. However, Peacehaven West has relatively few children in the 0-4 age range, and when other factors were taken into consideration it was clear that Peacehaven East and North were the most likely areas for Surestart. The draft area as it stands at the moment is Peacehaven East and the part of Peacehaven North that is bounded by Telscombe Road to the North and Phyllis Avenue to the East. The whole Surestart area is planned to take in two wards in Newhaven, then join to Peacehaven East and North. It is planned that the project will be called 'Havens Surestart'. Surestart is a well funded programme with around £1m for capital projects and £800,000 for revenue. There are two further meetings at this initial stage – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3.00 pm at the Meridian Centre and July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.00, Shakespeare Hall in Newhaven.

6. **Review of Working Groups:** John asked for any additional ideas to take forward to the Lewes Strategic Partnership meeting on Monday. At the meeting, groups will discuss what they are working on and will get advice from the officers there on what is achievable quickly – this is important to all groups in maintaining public interest in their work. John Carden has received a request for a bus shelter to be put back into Bannings Vale in East Saltdean. Roy hasn't received any requests and explained the difficulties and expense involved in putting shelters up.
7. **Correspondence In and Out:** following a letter from Peacehaven Town Council, the House Project has added Tony Howard to the partnership's membership.
8. **Any Other Business:**

*New Member:* the meeting agreed that John Carden should invite Helen Attree to the next partnership meeting. She has worked in regeneration in Brighton and Hove and has a great deal of valuable experience. She is now living in Peacehaven and has said she would be happy to work with the partnership.

*Partnership's Success:* Audrey expressed how impressed she was at all the work going on within the partnership. It was noted that it took a long time to get things going in Brighton and Hove. Also that 17 meetings have been held so far and everyone has done very well to ensure the partnership is still going strong. The achievements at Telscombe Civic Centre, including the computer suite, were commended.

*August:* there will be no Regeneration Partnership meeting in August.
9. **Date, Time and Place of next meeting:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm, in the Charles Neville Room, Community House, at the Meridian Centre.