

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Community Facilities Working Group

Wednesday 21 November 2001 - 4.00pm at the North Peacehaven
Community Project

Agenda:

1. Present: Sam Rowe – North Peacehaven Community Project, Jill and Ronald Fry – Access Group, Doug Lawrence – Resident, Sheila Chalmers – Age Concern and Donald Shier, House Project.

2. Apologies: Robin Olivier, Sue Pluck, and Wendy Tester.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: These were read and agreed as correct with one correction. On the proposed play area for Collingwood Close, it is not known who has bought the land but the neighbours are suspected.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting:

New Play Area for North Peacehaven: Since the last meeting the proposal has been altered. The plan is now to have 2 separate areas in new sites. The problem of complaints or obstruction by people living beside the sites was noted. And that in East Saltdean, a play area for under 12's does not offend nearby residents.

5. New members of this group: Everyone who wanted to join the group has been invited more than once. There is a problem finding a day and time that suits everyone. It was agreed that new members are needed, to represent each neighbourhood and age group and other minorities. If we are going to achieve any of the goals of the partnership we will need people who can do things as well as give their views. No one else is offering to provide what the action plan proposes so local people will have to do something about it. Sheila will think of what groups she knows of who could send a representative, Sam will contact the Bricky and Cinque Foil Residents' Association and Jill will contact the Women's Institute.

6. What are we trying to achieve? The regeneration partnership was set up from meetings with residents to decide what Peacehaven and Telscombe need. A list was made of problems to solve and things we need. This group is part of the Partnership and is supposed to help to make the things on the list happen and to check that they are the right things and that everyone wants them really. The group looked at the list of community facilities things on the list.

Cinema: We have now got a cinema at the Meridian Centre. It is showing the same sorts of films as in Brighton. The meeting agreed that John Shepherd should be thanked for helping to arrange this. Sam will try to find time to write our thanks to him.

Meridian Centre: Who can make the owners do up the inside? The partnership has asked. It would need lots of persuasion or some grants. The owners have done some improvements lately. The group think that a double story car park is a low priority.

Community House Café: This will start if the Healthy Living Centre bid is successful.

Joff Centre: Sam tried to persuade the group that we should tell East Sussex County Council to hire more staff for the Joff Centre but no one seemed very sure about this.

We agreed to look at the rest of our list at the next meeting.

7. Any other business:

The Scouts have got planning permission to build a new centre at Telscombe Way. They need money for this. We will look at this again at the next meeting. Their buildings are not open to other groups and this could be a problem for including this in our action plan.

The Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church are also seeking help with funding for a new building. We will discuss this at the next meeting also as there are questions over whether some members of the community would be excluded from using the building.

8. Date of next meeting: There will be no meeting in December. Sam and Donald will set dates for the next 3 meetings, starting in January, after looking at what times people have said they could attend. The next one will be at the North Peacehaven Community Project, 4 Howard House, Collingwood Close, Peacehaven.