

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Community Facilities Working Group Minutes

Thursday 5th April 2002 - 7pm at the North Peacehaven Community Project,
4 Howard House, Collingwood Close, Peacehaven

Agenda:

- 1. Present:** Sam Rowe: group leader – North Peacehaven Community Project, Sue Pluck – Resident, Doug Lawrence – Resident, and Donald Shier: minutes - House Project Partnership Support Worker.
- 2. Apologies:** Robin Olivier – Social Services, Reigna Mitchell – Peacehaven Town Council, Sheila Chalmers – Age Concern, Gill and Ronald Fry – Access Group.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting:** These were read and agreed as correct
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting: The Scouts:** Donald has not heard from the Scouts so this will go forward to the next meeting. **Evangelical Free Church:** Sheila Chalmers was absent so we will wait until next meeting to hear from her more about their proposed new hall.

Social Services representation on the partnership and this group by a community development worker. At the last meeting of the main partnership group it was agreed that Donald should forward the minutes of this group's last meeting and the partnership's also to Cllr Glazier at East Sussex County Council. He is the lead councillor for Social Services. These minutes made clear how we are keen to have a replacement representative from Social Services on our community facilities working group. The partnership decided that we should wait to hear Cllr Glazier's response before Sam and Doug write to him. Donald has received a note back to the effect that he has received our letter and is looking into the matter.

What Community Facilities Do We Already Have in Peacehaven And

Telscombe? Sam asked Peacehaven Town Council for a list of community facilities in the town. They did not have one. It was agreed that the group should have a list of all existing community facilities. It is difficult to say we need more facilities when we don't know what there is available now. No one knows of any other list we could use. Donald believes there is a booklet at the House Project which lists all the activities for under 5's in this area. Both Sam and Donald have been instructed not to take on any extra work for the partnership. It was agreed that we should make a list of things the group need to be done. This will be put at the end of the minutes each month. If anyone wants to help they can see what needs to be done.

The group had a discussion about what child care facilities and playgroups there are locally. Sam told us about the Collingwood and Trafalgar Close School Club (CATS). This is base in Meridian School. It is an out of school hours childcare facility. There are two sessions: From 7.30am there are quiet activities and milkshakes. Then the children are taken to school. This costs £1.50. In the afternoons the children are brought back after school. The pm session lasts until 6pm and costs £5.00. CATS is run by a local community steering group. There are four part time staff. Funding comes from a £13,000 grant from the New Opportunities Fund from the National Lottery. There are 24 places for children aged for 4 to 11 years. Tuesdays are full but there is room for more children on other days. Parents contact the club directly, through the school or Sam.

There is another similar thing at the Leisure Centre called Wizzies. There are also crèches there staffed by centre employees for parents to use the facilities, so long as they don't leave the building.

Doug's church runs a playgroup in East Saltdean but not on Thursdays. There is a mothers and toddlers group at the Saltdean Tavern. This costs £1.50 for an hour but it is possible to stay longer if it is not busy.

Sue will ask Telscombe Town Council if it might be possible to set up a crèche facility/ playgroup/childcare service in a room at their civic centre. She knows of an organisation which runs a franchise operation for these sorts of services. This is called Tumble Tots. They have them in Brighton. She will investigate and tell us more next month.

Youth activities in the Telscombe Town Council Civic Centre. Reigna Mitchell will write to Alan Byng and Paul Cosham. They are Telscombe Town Councillors. She will ask if there is any policy to ban young people from using the civic centre, and if not, can they confirm that young people and children are welcome to use the centre.

4. New members of this group: Donald will phone up all the people on our mailing list who do not attend meetings to see if there are any problems we can do anything about. Sam will contact Jo Kidd to invite her to the next meeting. **Sheila will think of what groups she knows of who could send a representative. Sam will contact the Brickly and Cinque Foil Residents' Association.** Donald will invite Steve Keogh to join the working group. Doug recommended inviting our MP, Des Turner. Donald will send him the minutes.

5. More youth facilities/develop Joff Youth Centre. The young people's disco happened at the Joff Centre. About 80 youngsters attended. More were hanging about outside. There was some supervision outside but this was difficult since this was public space. It seems that many of the young people preferred to hang about outside the disco, smoking and drinking, rather than going inside where they could not do so. There were some complaints from residents living nearby. We do not know what these were about. We have not had any feedback from the Haven Youth Service. There are no plans to hold any further discos.

Summer Activities for Young People. Sam has met twice with Michael Lamb to think about providing youth activities in this area this summer. They have drawn up a plan. Sam is looking for funds but does not believe it will be easy to find any in time for this summer.

6. Any other business: It was agreed that we will look at the action plan on community facilities each month but with a theme. This will be different each month. For example, facilities for older people, facilities for under 5s, facilities for young people. Next month we will decide on what the themes will be and make a timetable for the next six meetings.

7. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be in the evening. Wednesday 8th May. 7pm at either Telscombe Civic Centre or the House Project, 168 South Coast Road. Lifts will be arranged for anyone who has difficulty getting there.