

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Sports and Leisure Working Group meeting Minutes

Friday 8th March 2002, 10am at the Meridian Centre Community House, Peacehaven

Present: Pete Billin- Resident, Victoria Field – Resident, Wendy Bannatyne – Voluntary Sector, Stephen Keogh –Peacehaven Town Council Leisure and Amenities Officer and Donald Shier – minutes (House Project Partnership Support Worker).

Agenda:

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** were read and agreed as accurate.
- 3. Matters Arising from the Last Minutes: Jubilee Celebrations:** Steve has written a letter to local football clubs to ask them to get involved with a planned 5 a side football tournament. Donald has yet to e-mail Steve his contact details of sports clubs. The grounds-man at the football ground tells him that the pitches have to be re-seeded in late spring. This means that the competition, or football festival, could not be held until July at the earliest. The main Jubilee celebrations are to happen in June. The competition will have to be held later in the year than this.

The Lottery grants that are available for Jubilee projects can be used for events at any time this year. Just after the World Cup final, was suggested as a good time. Steve is looking at the application details and will proceed with his plans.

Charity match plan: Steve has written to Martin Chivers and is planning for August for this.

- 4. New Members of the Group:** The meeting welcomed Victoria Field to the group. She is involved with the Peacehaven Football Club. She is not a club committee member but has been invited to join. She would like to help the club and the town council improve their relationship.
- 5. Football ground improvements:** Steve Keogh has met with the consultant who drew up the feasibility study. He is going to meet Steve Williams from the Football Foundation, soon. Mr Williams will give Steve some guidance on what to include in the bid. From his initial advice, Steve believes that our funding bid should be primarily for measures to develop football in the Town generally, before looking to do up the ground and clubhouse facilities. He feels there are three priorities, ahead of the renovations. These are: 1. Astro-Turf over the current tennis courts. These are not much used at present. This would provide an all weather playing

area. 2. Employ a football development officer at the Town Council, and, 3. A programme to develop football at a grass roots level, by helping youth teams and small clubs to build themselves up. Steve will put in bids for these things and for the renovation of the ground and facilities. He will keep the partnership informed of his progress.

6. **Swimming Pool:** Steve, Pete, Wendy and John made a fact-finding trip to Ringmer two weeks ago. They visited the community college swimming pool there. They were given a great deal of useful information on how it runs and how it was set up. The pool is run entirely by volunteers. 95% of the capital cost of building the pool was raised by residents, and from donations. The pool is 25 meters long by 6 lanes wide. Parents act as lifeguards. The association provides them with training in exchange for their time. The group will make a further visit to Crowborough to see a similar sort of community run swimming pool there. This will be on Monday 18th March. Leave from the Volunteer Bureau at 11am.

There is no further news on the possibility of the County Council putting in a Private Finance Initiative bid to expand the new school. John Livings is trying to get them to include a swimming pool in a PFI bid.

- 7 **Other possible projects. Cairo Avenue Playground plan:** The town council's plan for an integrated playground that could be used by children with disabilities has become more complicated than they first thought. They have discovered that integrated playgrounds have to be staffed full time by suitably qualified attendants. This would involve much higher costs. Someone would have to be employed on a permanent basis. Integrated play areas in other towns are usually sited next to centres where appropriate staff are already employed, such as special-needs care workers/teachers.
8. **AOB** None
9. **Date of Next Meeting: Friday 12th April 2002: 10am at the Volunteer Bureau, Meridian Centre.**