

PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE TOWNS REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2001 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 (support worker and minutes)
John Carden, Local Business
Sheila Chalmers, Age Concern
Reigna Mitchell,

- 1. APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence were received from: Jo Kidd – Peacehaven Leisure Centre.
- 2. MINUTES** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November were approved, with the following corrections: The book, which John Livings has obtained, is to record attendance and not the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING -

Funding: John Livings informed the meeting that the Lewes District Local Strategic Partnership should have some funding to support this partnership. He attended a meeting on the 27th November. The membership of the LSP will be established on a trial basis to include representatives of the local area partnerships plus 2 from each of the following sectors: Statutory, Voluntary and Business. Other representatives will be drawn in when necessary.

- 4. Proposal for a New Play Park for Disabled Children:** Cllr Reigna Mitchell informed the meeting that Peacehaven Town Council has acquired a piece of land between Cairo Road and the Toby carvery on the South Coast Road. The Town Council would like to see the land used as an integrated play area for children with special needs and able bodied children. Rough costings are £125,000. The play area would include adapted swings and soft surfaces, a barbeque area and a kick about area. Access could be by Cairo Road or the adjacent un-adopted road. Car parking would be needed. Bass Charington could be asked to allow use of the carvery car park. This could be included as match funding in a funding bid by the partnership. Peacehaven Schools are currently a hub for special needs education with children coming from Newhaven and other areas. It was agreed that this will be added to the partnership action plan. Work on this project was referred to the community facilities working group. Cllr. Mitchell will join that group.
- 5. INTERREG and Funding for the Partnership and Projects:** This item was referred to the next partnership meeting. John Livings and Mary Dunmore will meet Veronique Poutrel, the County Council European Officer on 17th December with representatives of other partnerships to discuss the Interreg bid.
- 6. Partnership Constitution.** A proposed constitution for the partnership as a company limited by guarantee was drawn up at the second partnership workshop. South Downs Council for Voluntary Service are looking at this and should soon refer it back to the partnership for ratification.
- 7. Open Evening – January:** The Anzac Room at the Meridian Centre has been booked for the 21st of January for an open meeting. This is to provide an

opportunity for the public to comment on the progress made by the partnership so far and to suggest additional needs and projects for the towns. It was agreed that John Livings will chair the meeting. Each working group leader will be asked to report on their activities and progress made on the action plan. Representatives will be sought from the Lewes Strategic Partnership and South Downs CVS. **Donald** will look for information from the Your Town Your Say days to display at the meeting. The meeting will be the first Annual General Meeting of the legally constituted partnership. A treasurer and secretary will need to be elected at the open meeting. It was agreed to hold a partnership meeting on the 7th January to draw up an agenda for the open meeting.

Publicity for the open meeting: The House Project will deal with press releases for the meeting and will produce a poster. Mike McKenzie and Dorothy Sabourin are contacts at the Sussex Express. Pat Moorman at the Leader. Roy Goodall has the details for the Telscombe Town News.

8. Reports from the working groups

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

b. Transport working group – minutes of the meeting on the 5th of November circulated at the meeting.

The group met on the 3rd of December before the Partnership meeting. John Carden gave a verbal report. It now seems possible that the Countryside Agency can supply a consultant free of charge to assist with a bid for funding for additional transport services. Up to £120,000 over three years could be available. This is an initiative involving parish councils. John sees a bid being made in conjunction with Rottingdean, Falmer and Newhaven as a possibility. Roads pavements and taxis were discussed as a possible area for the group to consider. The Taxi Rider bus service was discussed again. This needs more publicity. Donald will send details to Sheila Chalmers for Age Concern.

c. Sports & leisure facilities working group – did not meet.

Wendy Bannatyne has received the football ground improvements feasibility study. Donald will convene a meeting of this group.

d. Commercial & Retail working group – minutes circulated at the meeting

e. Education and Training working group – minutes circulated at the meeting

9. Correspondence In and Out. None

10. Date, Time & Place of next meeting. The next meeting will be on the 7th of January 2002.

11 AOB. Swimming Pool PFI bid. There has been no further news on this from ESCC. John Livings informed the meeting that they were still considering it. The county council is expecting a 5% cut in their Standard Spending Assessment (funding from central government) next year so the chances of our PFI bid being sent forward are now less good.