

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Community Facilities Working Group Minutes

Wednesday 6th February 2002 - 4.00pm at the North Peacehaven Community Project

Agenda:

1. Present: Sam Rowe – North Peacehaven Community Project, Doug Lawrence – Resident, Sheila Chalmers – Age Concern, Michael Lamb – Peacehaven and Telscombe Youth Forum and Donald Shier, House Project Partnership Support Worker.

2. Apologies: Jill and Ronald Fry – Access Group, Robin Olivier – Social Services, Sue Pluck – resident.

Sue Pluck had previously indicated that she would not be able to attend these meetings on Wednesday afternoons because of problems with childcare. The group knew this but it was decided that regrettably the meetings would have to be at this time because this was the time that the maximum number of potential attendees could do. So, unfortunately Sue had to be left out. She has asked for details to be still sent to her. But the group recognises the valuable contribution she has been making and so Sam will see if his project can find a way to provide childcare for Sue at the time of these meetings so she can attend. Sam will contact her before the next meeting.

Robin Olivier informed Donald that he would be leaving his new part time post as Community Development Worker for Social Services in March this year. This is because of cutbacks in this department made by the County Council. There will now be fewer community development workers covering the county. Robin will see if there will be anyone new who is able to represent social services on this group. Doug Lawrence will write to the county council expressing our dismay that Robin will no longer be able to attend on behalf of Social Services and asking what steps will be taken to ensure that the vital partnership work between our two organisations will continue so that Peacehaven and Telscombe will not be ignored in future.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: These were read and agreed as correct

4. Matters arising from the last meeting: The Scouts' proposed new centre at Telscombe Way: We have no knowledge of this apart from that they want the partnership to help with funding. Sheila will contact them and report back to the next meeting.

5. New members of this group: 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 Fry will contact the Women's Institute.

Sam will contact Cllr Reigna Mitchell to invite her personally to the group's next meeting.

At the Your Town, Your Say open meeting some new people put their names down to join this group. Donald will invite them to the next meeting.

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 that the areas required to recreate a vibrant and thriving community and economy. 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 again at the list of community facilities things on the list.

More youth facilities/develop Joff Youth Centre: Michael Lamb who works for the youth service and organises a youth forum for Peacehaven and Telscombe attended the meeting to provide some information on youth work and facilities in this area and the Joff in particular. The County Council Youth Service owns the building. Jan Murphy is district youth worker for Newhaven and Peacehaven. She is on secondment to ESCC at present. Liz Holt was employed by the youth service for 6 hours per week to work from the Joff Youth Centre in Roderick Avenue. She will however soon be leaving this job. Sue Griffiths is caretaker and cleaner. The manager for all of them is Dave Weaver from the Youth Service. In general there has recently been a change in how the County Youth Service works with young people. It used to be that youth workers ran youth clubs where young people were invited to come to socialise and take part in activities if they wanted to. Now the emphasis is much more on specific types of education. This means that the Joff is not used as a youth club so much now in the traditional sense. The youth workers tend to see young people in smaller groups in other places. The Joff is now used only for a limited number of specific youth activities

Monday evenings: Starfish Youth Music Workshop. This is a project based in Lewes, set up especially to involve and encourage young people to make music in an informal setting. This is successful in Peacehaven with 20 or so young people attending each week.

Friday evenings: PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) club. This is an evening of fun and social activities for people with and without physical disabilities. PHAB is a national organisation sponsoring and supporting local branches.

The youth service outreach team will soon be moving some of its activities back to the Joff; running sessions on Fridays on educational activities such as cooking and sex education.

For a large part of the week, when not used by the youth service, the centre is rented out to other organisations: There are judo classes on Tuesday evenings and a playgroup hires the building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Harlequin Dance Studios uses it as a space for dance classes on every other available afternoon and evening. The money raised by hiring it out is used to pay for the educational youth work done in other places.

The group asked Michael to provide further information on a number of points: What plans do the youth service have for youth work in Peacehaven and Telscombe? What are the hourly rates for hiring the Joff? If a local organisation wanted to work in partnership with the Youth Service, are there any standards that would have to be met?

Regarding new activities, such as discos or other social, cultural or recreational things, being run at the Joff, Michael does not believe the youth service would do this unless some other organisation was able to provide funding for staff to run the activities, or volunteers who would be able to do so. Many people seem to believe that a café for young people would be a good idea. This also would need someone to raise money to pay for renting, staffing and equipping a café. A café would have to be very carefully planned and managed to ensure that it offered a positive environment for young people and not, for example, a centre for drug use, or other dangerous activities, to

which young people are often attracted. Sam and Michael will think about ways to take forward these ideas, in terms of looking for someone to manage any new projects, sources of funding, offers of voluntary involvement from local residents and support from the partnership and the youth service, and the youth council. There used to be a Peacehaven and Telscombe Skateboard Association in the late 1980s. This was well supported by young people and residents. They campaigned to have a skateboard park set up. This will also be looked at.

The group also briefly discussed what buildings might be available for young people's activities in **Telscombe Cliffs**. The civic centre is not available. They do not allow youth groups to hire it. Telscombe Hall in Tyedean Road, half a mile from the civic centre, is run by an independent local charity. It is available for hire by youth groups. It is currently used by the Brownies, dancing classes, the Women's Institute and a music society and also for private functions. It is well maintained with a big hall, a stage and a kitchen. Mrs Garwood is the booking secretary.

North Peacehaven. The group only knows of the North Peacehaven Community Project and the Community School Annexe, as far as community facilities are concerned.

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 is 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: The next meeting will be at 4pm on Wednesday **27th of February**

The next two after that will be on: Wednesday 27 March, 4pm at the
Wednesday 24 April, 4pm at the