

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Sports and Leisure Working Group

Friday 2nd November 2001 - 1.30 pm at the Peacehaven House Project

Present: Wendy Ballantine, John Livings, Donald Shier

Agenda:

Apologies: Pete Billin

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

Matters Arising from the Last Minutes:

Swimming Pool: John reported that East Sussex County Council are considering making a bid to the government's private finance initiative to extend the new Peacehaven School. They have agreed to make costings for a swimming pool, which might be included in this bid. They are currently canvassing the government as to whether or not the school can be enlarged to 900 places from 750. John will pursue his negotiations with the county.

The group agreed that it would be a good idea to circulate a petition on behalf of the partnership canvassing support for a swimming pool. Donald will draft a form for this. It was also agreed that a survey of residents should be made, to see if they use other swimming pools and if they would like to have one in Peacehaven. Donald will draft a survey form. JL and WB will look for volunteers who could take these forms to randomly selected addresses across the towns.

From last Partnership meeting: It was agreed that Donald should contact Ringmer Community College to ask if we could see the business plan for their swimming pool, and to ask if we could visit to find out how it works and how they got it in the first place.

Football Club Refurbishment: WB reported that the article on the front page of the Sussex Express suggesting that the football club improvements were sure to happen was nothing to do with her. She believes that the paper picked up the story from the Peacehaven Town Council minutes. There would have been an item there when they agreed to fund the feasibility study. The story mentioned the Regeneration Partnership as being involved.

This article has caused one problem so far. People have been complaining that the article states that the Town Council see the improved clubhouse as a money-spinner for them. This was not what had been agreed with the football club who think they will be running the clubhouse and getting any income this generates for the club and not the town council. John Shepherd has written to the club informing them that the newspaper had made a mistake on this point and that the council has no intention of getting involved in the running of the clubhouse. This will be discussed at the next partnership meeting.

The feasibility study has been completed and the results are eagerly awaited. WB has had contact with the Sussex FA. They have indicated that they will support our bid to the football foundation.

Other possible projects. It was agreed to ask Jo Kidd from the Joff centre if there were any other sports and leisure projects that the partnership could pursue. JL to ask.

Date of Next meeting: