

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership Sports and Leisure Working Group meeting Minutes

Monday, 7 January 2002, 10am at the Peacehaven House Project

Present: Pete Billin, Wendy Ballantine, John Livings, and Donald Shier

Agenda:

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** were read and agreed with the following correction. Jo Kidd is from the Leisure Centre and not the Joff. Youth Centre.
3. **Matters Arising from the Last Minutes: None**
4. **New Members of the Group: Donald will this time definitely invite Jo Kidd to the next meeting.**
5. **Football Club Feasibility Study:** Wendy brought to the meeting a copy of the consultant's report from the feasibility study for putting together a bid for improvements to the football club. One requirement of the bid is to obtain support from local sports clubs, schools and sports development organisations. Wendy has drafted a letter for this. Donald will make copies of the report and the letter and pass on to Wendy. Bill Paris, the chair of the Peacehaven Football Club will circulate the letters to relevant people. These will include: Saturday and Sunday football clubs, the county club, Meridian Athletic, disability associations, women's football clubs and schools. This should include Newhaven and Saltdean. The letter will ask these organisations to give a named contact so that consultation meetings can be arranged to obtain detailed feedback on what these groups would want from an improved ground and how useful the improvements would be for them. A member of the Sussex Football Association will attend consultation meetings.

Also to be included in the bid are the following: A statement of intent, an Action Plan, details of lighting and pitch improvements, a letter from the suppliers of astro turf. Wendy will meet with the new Peacehaven Town Council leisure and amenities officer, Steven Keogh, on the 10th of January. Assisting with this bid is in his job description.

6. **Swimming Pool:** There has been no advance on this since the last meeting. It will remain on the agenda for the next meeting. Wendy will ask the officers at Peacehaven Town Council if they will draft survey and petition forms seeking support for a pool.

From last Partnership meeting: Donald has contacted **Ringmer Community College Swimming Pool** Association. He spoke to Mr Wiles who is a key member of the association who run the pool. He would be happy for members of the partnership to visit to look at how they obtained their pool and how they make it work. Members of the working group are asked to look at dates when they would like to do this. The Ringmer Community College Swimming Pool arose out of a tripartite agreement between East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and an independent Ringmer Swimming Pool Association. The association obtained 95% of the cost of building the pool through community fundraising (£1/3 million twenty years ago). The remaining 5% was provided by LDC and the Sports Council. East Sussex County Council provided the land free. They now own the building also and have agreed to maintain it and the pool for use by the community. To begin with, the association ran the pool with voluntary

labour; taking tickets, life guarding and such like. But now they are about to introduce paid jobs: administrator and life guarding for high-risk sessions.

- 7 **Other possible projects.** Jo Kidd has informed John Livings that the school now uses the leisure centre heavily for pupils' PE classes. On four days per week, from 8am to 6pm, the school uses the main hall exclusively.

The proposal for an integrated play area on the seaward side of the South Coast Road, next to Cairo Avenue is to be included in the partnership's action plan. Cllr. Reigna Mitchell will be included in the Community Facilities Working Group to progress partnership work on this project.

8. **Date of Next 3 Meetings: Friday 8th February 2002, Friday 8th March 2002, and Friday 12th April 2002, all: 10am at the House Project.**
9. **AOB**