

Seaford Regeneration Partnership

Minutes of Community Centre/One-Stop Shop Group held at St James' Clubhouse March 7th 2001

Present:

Cllr David Schueler Cllr Jon Freeman Margaret Calvert
Maggie Simmons Louise Pilkington Chris Smith Mary Crutch

Apologies: Ted Cowdrey, Chris Hart has resigned owing to
pressure of work

1 Minutes of February 6th meeting read and agreed

2 Railway Site :
Jon gave up-date
Neil Finch (LDC)) and Ray Finch, Architect) had not yet approached Connex.

Sue Moffat took a long term view on full development, 5 years likely.
David thought that something should be promoted soon, by way of pump
priming.

Margaret thought that Connex could be approached to see if any interest at all
would be displayed. Then followed a general view that alerting Connex to the
desirability of development might be hazardous.

If there should be interest aroused then a massive planning programme would
ensue.

Funding:

Maggie gave total of £350,000, the Health Centre contribution to the
transfer of Mental Health Services from the Day Hospital.

Jon reported the news from Colin Brown(CVS) that the application
for funding for a Healthy Living Centre had passed stage 1.

This could mean funding for the community cafe element in one-stop shop.
An E Mail from Colin is expected.

3 Interim "First-Stop" Shop(s)

Jon gave the view of Tracy Willis, Cradle Hill Residents Association,
that a satellite should be promoted, replacing the Portacabin facility.
Mention was made of the possibility of development at the two churches, St
Luke's and the Methodist Church, both having been built with extension in
mind.

Town Centre Site

Jon expressed doubt that all the Regeneration start-up money had been
exhausted but that some would be needed to proceed.

He then outlined an action plan.

- 4 Facilities and Services to be offered were re-stated:
- a. Information on statutory and voluntary services to be made available to residents of all ages, using IT and E-mail accompanied by personal advice.
 - b. Careers
Job Training
Employment Office/Surgery Newhaven Job Centre to be approached for out-reach service.
 - c. CAB type advice on benefits, debt counselling. CAB present offices on 5 year lease.
 - d. Community Cafe should have an informal atmosphere and open into the evenings, which would attract youths 14 plus. Jane Spencer thought an integrated facility would be more desirable and productive than a separate youth centre; that some responsibility and voluntary service should be encouraged. This would support her pioneering work in which older youths would train and involve younger ones.
 - e. Outreach Health Promotion including advice on smoking, sex, drugs.

5 Budgeting for Start-up Shop

Maggie suggested that a visit to Info-Point Hailsham would be informative on: Income, grant sources & expenditure.
Mary to organise visit.

- 6 Approach to Colin Brown, Southdown CVS on advice about funding sources for both capital and running costs.
David suggested that we join CVS and use their facilities for identifying up-to-date funding sources.

7 Stephen Newbury had agreed to notify vacant likely start-up premises.

- 8 Plans of extended library were presented
Plan and estimated costs of Peacehaven Centre presented

Meeting closed at 6.30

Next meeting April 4.30 at St James'