

Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, 6.30pm, 28th June 2012

Haslingden High School Main Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome & introductions

In attendance:-

Cllr Kenyon (Chair), Cllr Cheetham, Cllr Morris, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Sandiford, Cllr Smith

Catherine Price, Locality Manager RBC

Nick Reddrop, Locality Officer, RBC

Bill Mercer, Regeneration Officer, RBC

James Dalglish, Forward Planning Officer, RBC

Insp. Judith Finney, Police

Jaki Howorth, Greenvale Homes

Colette Butler, Community Champion for Tesco Haslingden

Kathleen Pawluk, Community Member

Stephen Brown, St Peter's Community Church & Centre

Gwyneth Cameron, St Peter's Community Church & Centre

Vikki Livesey, Health Improvement Specialist

Liz Sandiford, Head of People & Policy, RBC

Rob Moss, Friends of Victoria Park

Caroline Collins, REAL

14 Members of the public were also present at the meeting

2. Apologies

Cllr Essex, Cllr Evans, Cllr Shipley, Cllr Milling, Cllr Proctor,

Ann Wilson, Rising Bridge & Hud Hey Residents Association

Barry Payton, Haslingden Community Link

3. Notes and actions from last meeting

Minutes agreed. Most of the actions were to be covered in the newsletter. Collette agreed to get in touch with Tesco head office regarding sponsorship of the roundabout closest to the store.

4. a) Representative unable to attend from Civic Trust.

b) Representative unable to attend from the Somewhere to project. CC gave a brief update on the project instead, it focuses on utilising empty spaces and

making them available for 16-25 year olds. More information can be found at <http://somerhereto.com/home> where you can also search for available spaces. There was a discussion about displaying art in empty shops, there are some problems with insurance. CC requested that any empty spaces are registered on the website. ACTION: CC to give an update on displaying art in empty shops project in Waterfoot.

ACTION: RW requested that the Civic Trust and Somerhereto_Project are invited to the next meeting.

5. Progress on implementing the Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield Neighbourhood Action Plan

Bill Mercer gave an update on the project to improve signage throughout the Borough. There was a discussion about the sign off the by-pass near to Tesco, which directs travellers to Todmorden.

ACTION: Todmorden is classified as a destination town – what is the definition of a destination town, and how do you become one? – BM to update for next meeting.

ACTION: Chair's letter to both the Highways Agency and both MP's to put pressure on the Highway's Agency to change the sign.

ACTION: BM to look into adding 'Welcome to Helmshore' sign and possibilities of a 'Thank you for visiting us' sign on exit routes in and out of the main towns.

ACTION: BM to look into adding signs for area such as Acre.

ACTION: BM to add signs for local parks.

There was a discussion about Rising Bridge Roundabout and the plan to get architects to re-design the roundabout. KP suggested asking architect students from local colleges if they would like to submit plans for the roundabout.

There was a discussion around community safety and crime figures within Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield. JF said that the police are using unmarked vehicles based at Waterfoot Police Station during evenings and weekends in addition to the marked vehicles they already have at their disposal.

ACTION: JF to bring an update to the meeting of the success of the new '101' phone number scheme.

6. Determining of grant and project funding applications

Project funding:

St. Peter's Church applied for funding to help towards renovations for their church hall. The whole project is due to cost £98 000, they've already raised £55,000 and are requesting £10 000 for the next two years – mainly to spend on

materials for the roof. All commented on how well the Church had done to raise so much already and it was agreed that the project should go through to the next stage for submission of a full business case.

Grant funding:

£100 – 10 street party grants awarded

£250 – Grane Residents Association – Jubilee Planting

£500 – awarded to Headstart for a 2-week pilot programme of youth activities

£155 – Rossendale District School Football Association to re-establish football team (£500 split across 4 forums)

£450 – For a sound system at St Philips Church, Stubbins

£225 – Rossendale Community Choir to take part in National Street Choir Festival

£500 – Edenfield Methodist Church for new flooring

Project Funding:

£7886.50 – Holistic Help programme @ Haslingden Community Link

£2394 – Edenfield Village Residents Association to restore their sunken garden.

Not granted

Rossendale Radio requested grant funding towards promotional materials, consultation and website (also went to other forums)

Valley at Work – grant funding for sponsorship of an award

Bee Active Project Funding – still under consideration

7. Any Other Business

CC – REAL applied for funding in Rossendale for Community Organisers, they were awarded a total of £100,000 meaning there will be 5 Community Organisers working across Rossendale, including two in Haslingden. The project will begin in October and REAL hope that people from within the community will apply. The plan is to introduce the new Community Organisers at the next forum.

GS – welcomed representatives from the Youth Council to the forum.

A member of the public questioned the viability of Haslingden Market and why the Council are continuing with it.

8. Date of Next Meeting 27th September at Haslingden High School, 6.30pm