

Haslemere Vision – Culture, Leisure and Education.

Minutes of First Meeting held in Haslemere Hall on Tuesday Aug. 27th at 7.30p.m.

Present: Ken Griffiths, James Mackie, Richard Oldham, Jon Taylor, Phillipa Guest, Robert Silk, Lesley Banfield, Simone Bryant, Pam Gimlett, Sharon Mitchell, Melanie Odell, Sue Stathers

Apologies: Hamish Donaldson.

1. Welcome: Ken Griffiths said that the first meeting would be to consider where we are now and next moves and to introduce ourselves, indicating interest in this particular group.

2. a) Introductions:

Ken Griffiths: Lived in Has. 33yrs; retired 10 yrs. ago, Chair of Fringe Festival, on committee of Has. Festival. Volunteer at West Dean – organiser of Wey Hill in Bloom (planters Wey Hill/Junction Place). Has an allotment. Sport: organiser of Little Lumpy – annual cycle Sportive

James Mackie: Lived in Haslemere area since 1959. 20 yrs. on Town Council, 12 yrs. Waverley BC, Played hockey for Haslemere, Governor of Dolmetsch. Patron of Players.

Richard Oldham: Lived in Has. 25yrs. Manager Haslemere Hall. Director Has. Vision Ltd. (holds insurances etc.)

Jon Taylor: Lived in Has. since 1985. 2 children attended Woolmer Hill. Pt.-time youth worker. Involved in boys' football, cricket, young explorers, scouts. and Has. Natural History Soc.

Philippa Guest: Lived in Has. 18 yrs. Works full-time from home in sustainable agriculture. Hobbies – food, walking, dogs, Perf. Arts, music, cinema.

Sue Stathers: Lived in Haslemere/Hindhead since 1969, Chair of Governors Woolmer Hill School, Taught children with dyslexia and tutored trainee adult teachers for 30 yrs. in area. Organised teenage tennis in Summer in 1980s.

Robert Silk: Lived in Grayswood for 28yrs. Worked in Marketing management industry, lectured in Business Planning. Parent governor Grayswood school.

Lesley Banfield: Lived in Has. 12 yrs. Director of Has. Vision. Architect – promotes design. Understands gov. aspects of planning/used to liaising with government depts.. Keen to promote Arts. Arts Director of Fringe Festival.

Simone Bryant: Lived in Has. 23 yrs. Vol. at Olympics. Hobbies – martial arts, yoga.

Pam Gimlett: Lived in Grayswood 18yrs. 2 children – Grayswood/St. Barts/Bohunt. Runs local business 'Taste of Vine' with husband.

Sharon Mitchell: lived in Has. all her life, went to Woolmer Hill school. Taught Sp. Needs at Grayswood. Youth worker (A place to Be) Ran activities at Chestnut View. Haslewey Manager. Governor at Abbey School, Farnham.

Melanie Odell: Town Councillor, Chair of Has. Events, Chair of Has. Museum (etc. etc.)

b) Group asked to consider any immediate threats -

- i) threat to youth infrastructure if lease of buildings behind Tyre Centre not renewed by WBC?
- ii) with expansion of primary schools – Grayswood & St. Barts. - what about car parking?
- iii) No Arts Centre – (Police Station?)
- iv) Library – what happened to ring-fenced money – was it spent on re-furbishment?

3. Haslemere Vision Background

Ken talked through Stewart Brown's presentation of Aug. 2013. Localism Bill became law in April 2012. Localism – shift of power from central government to local level, provided new community rights i.e. right to build (e.g. could buy land and this would prevent local BC superimposing decisions), right to bid, right to challenge.

Legal limits: proposals could only have legal effect within boundary of Town Council but input from Camelsdale, Grayshott, Linchmere are welcome.

Sept. 2012 – Meeting held, 21 people needed to set up forum to form Has. Vision - this achieved.

Feb 2013 – WBC designate Town Council Boundary as Neighbourhood Area.

Oct.13-Jan14 – Working groups to develop proposals (identify key issues/analyse evidence/refine vision)

Autumn 14 - Referendum to be held. Plan has to be accepted in totality. Would have legal effect.

Robert Silk queried action after Autumn 14 – who will implement plan? From then proposed projects can/will be driven forward e.g. Lesley Banfield said Community Land Trust might be set up with a view to buying Police station

4. Election of Officers

Chairman: Ken Griffiths

Secretary : Sue Stathers (possibly rotating)

Representative to Steering Group : one of Ken/Lesley/Richard/Robert.

5. Way Forward

- a) Ken will circulate points raised from April Presentation in H Hall. **Action: Ken**
- b) Visioning workshop in Sept. – all need to respond re attendance **Action: All**
- c) Recreation Ground: James said this land had been given to people of Haslemere as a memorial , when HUDC disbanded taken over by WBC - **Action: re ownership/Ken**
- d) Re HV Evidence base circulated in advance: recognised as a very useful doc. Sue requested minor amendments to Education & Schools Section p4 'The state secondary

school, Woolmer Hill School, caters for 635 pupils from 11-16. For free post 16 & A Level studies Haslemere children travel to Godalming 6th Form College. And P5: para beg. 'Parents may of course..... line 6 'but after leaving Woolmer Hill School state pupils from a wide area travel to Godalming and Alton for advanced studies.' **Action: Ken/Stewart Brown**

6. Next steps

- a) Create Asset Register to include assets owned by SCC/WBC, sports clubs, other clubs and societies, buildings used for leisure. Ken would begin this process but all asked to consider additions to his lists etc. **Action: Ken -> ALL**
- b) Terms of Reference : (in Working Gp. Plan July 13 -) to consider group specific Terms of Reference for CL&E in Appendix p4/5 before next meeting. ToR should ideally be agreed at next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 25th at 7.30 in Haslemere Hall.