

**PAULTON COMMUNITY PLAN STEERING GROUP**  
**Minutes for**  
**Committee Meeting 12.10.2007 7.30pm**  
**Red Lion Room**

1. **Apologies for absence.** Pam Leah, Terri Stocker. Not present Terry Bridgeman. Jacqui Ward (JW) was in attendance.

2. **Minutes of meeting 18.09.2007.**  
These were taken as read and signed by KS.

**3. Matters Arising.**

- Sperring Trust KS has submitted an application for the shortfall amount of £2,905. The Trustees meet next in November and each claim is considered on its merits. The funds will be needed in November to cover printing costs.
- JW has some further contacts that can be approached for funds if the Sperring Trust fails to meet our needs.
- Insurance, KS has requested an application form for a quote from Aon in addition to Zurich. JW suggested Ansfar a company specializing in Community Group insurance. KS has constructed a risk register, to show a willingness to address the risk issues, and thereby hopefully reduce the premiums.
- **KS has the dates for the Councillors Speirs and Bull's surgeries and will speak to them about the Steering Group's work.**
- RS and HW drew attention to B&NES Core Strategy document lamenting the time scale for comments from constituents, which is stated as December. HW said he had discussed this problem with a planner and this is not a rigid deadline.
- **KS intends to contact the planning department** in the near future to discover their policy on Section 106 funding. JW suggested speaking to Simon de Beer or Cleo Newcombe-Jones of the Planning Dept. SN said it is important for 106 funds to be ring-fenced.
- The Sato meeting notes have been circulated; two sets taken independently by the Steering Group and Justin Thomas of Sato, after minor corrections, have been agreed by both parties. It was agreed that it is important to maintain a good relationship with Sato to enable the best outcome for the village in the long-term.
- JW recommended a **meeting between KS and Emily Jones** who is the newly appointed Rural Officer for Community Action. She is keen to visit the villages and is particularly interested on the impact of large developments on rural communities.
- No committee member managed to attend Timsbury or Peasedown open days. JW reported that at Timsbury Dan Norris spoke voluntarily of his enthusiasm for village plans and said that he was keen to be involved. KS intends to attend one of his open coffee mornings in order to tell him of our progress with the Community Plan.

#### 4. Contact Strategies

##### Clubs & Activities

MB has visited the Pensioners, and Holy Trinity Church. She and PL had a stall outside Somerfield where there was a good response; PL has the post-it comments to pass to RS. To summarise MB said that the same topics came up repeatedly namely:

Traffic speed and volume

Public transport: routes, frequency, and reliability.

School transport: availability, and cost; parking by junior school

Lack of facilities for teenagers.

Some older villagers can feel threatened by groups of youngsters on the street.

KS suggested that on balance as the same problems arise every time we are now ready to analyse and work on the questionnaire, we now have over 250 comments. It was decided to finish clubs/activities consultation by 23<sup>rd</sup>

October, when we will have gathered enough comments.

##### Businesses

SN has completed his data base of businesses in Paulton and has written the letter with reply enclosure to be printed and posted next week. Just need to agree a date for the presentation. There are 70 businesses and 12 farmers on the database. It was suggested that the bus company also be approached..

A sample letter was circulated to committee members. Responders will be asked for preferred time of presentation (daytime or evening). A time limit of 3 weeks was agreed for replies.

##### Schools

RS the junior school council will help with the writing of the young people's questionnaire. SN the school council at Somervale School can also be involved.

#### 5. Publicity

**JS Posters must go up ASAP; RS and KS will help distribute them.**

JS suggested that the difficult to engage group of 17-25 year olds could be enticed to a workshop by having a band perform. She will arrange this with her son, who plays in a local group, and ask Claire James of the Children's Society for help. **AM will investigate dates for availability of the village hall** with Julia Brown. Publicity for this will be vital.

It was agreed that at the next meeting work would start on the analysis of responses to date.

It is now necessary to have more frequent meetings, there will be an interim meeting **on 6th November**; the venue will be confirmed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### 6. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7.30pm in Village Meeting Room.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.