

# HALLING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee

14 January 2008

Present:

Shirley Boards	Trenport
Maurice Claydon	Cemex
PCSO Sai-Mun Hui	Kent Police
Dawn Moore	Lafarge Cement UK
David Simms	Lafarge Cement UK
Trevor Reynolds	Halling Parish Council
Rick Bayne	Valley of Visions
Ian Paterson	Medway Valley Line
Catherine Smith	Medway Council
Richard Cottee	Medway Council

### 1. Apologies for absence and introductions

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Ian Stuart, Halling Primary School, and Peter Wyatt, Halling Parish Council.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting of the management committee were agreed as a correct record. Under matters arising from the minutes, SB queried if Quentin Moss had followed up on his report on issues relating to scrambler bikes on Trenport land. **SH to liase with SB. CS to follow up on Age Concern foot care matter.**

### 3. Presentation on Medway Valley Line

- 3.1 IP introduced himself as the partnership officer for the Medway Valley Line Community Rail Partnership. He outlined the aims of the Medway Valley CRP to promote greater use of the line, improving facilities and station environments, and linking to local communities. An action plan had been produced for the line, that set out issues and areas for improvements and new projects. Much of the work involved improving station facilities and environments, running special events, and encouraging investment in railway operations. Improved security was sought for many stations, through installation of CCTV.
- 3.2 IP identified problems with vandalism and safety concerns at Halling station. A CCTV scheme was seen as the priority project for the station. Network Rail may be encouraged to invest in a CCTV scheme if other match funding was available. Other projects suggested for Halling

station included installation of a more robust shelter and promotion of countryside walks from the station.

- 3.3 The committee discussed the potential for supporting the introduction of CCTV at the station. SM suggested contacting the business based at the old station building, for a contribution.
- 3.4 TR raised concerns about the services provided on the current timetable, particularly the lack of late night services at weekends, and limited links, ie, to Gatwick. IP reported that major changes to the timetable were unlikely prior to 2009, but consultation information should be available later this year.

#### **4. Presentation on Valley of Visions programme**

- 4.1 RB was introduced to the committee as the Programme Manager for Valley of Visions, a landscape partnership scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. He outlined the remit of the 3 year programme, that involved improving access, landscape and habitat enhancements, and promotion of local heritage and community celebration of the area's history and nature. He told the group of the main projects planned for the area, including the Bishop's Palace, access to the downs above Upper Halling, and works at the marshes at Halling and Holobrough. There would be consultation starting soon on the Bishop's Palace project. He hoped that the programme would build up good links with local communities.

#### **5. Membership of partnership**

- 5.1 TR informed the committee that Halling Parish Council was seeking to nominate further representatives to the HA management committee to provide temporary cover for Peter Wyatt, and replace Roy Underdown's position on the partnership.
- 5.2 In the absence of Peter Wyatt, who was currently chair of the HA management committee, SB, as vice chair, was proposed as chair. SB agreed to seek approval from Trenport for her to take on the role of acting chair, until PW was in a position to return to HA business.
- 5.3 RB was invited to join the committee. He welcomed Valley of Visions being involved in the Halling Association and agreed for an officer to attend committee meetings.

## 6. Project Update

### *Multi-use Games Area*

- 6.1 It was reported that the application to the Comma Fund had been unsuccessful and that there was a funding shortfall on the project. The parish council was looking at alternative funding sources. MC had agreed to reallocate the Youth Opportunities Fund grant to 2008/09 financial year. It was proposed that the HA could offer an additional £2500 to the project, from the savings realised from the basketball hoop project. **RC to liaise with HPC to identify the timetable for the planning application, any funding applications to be made, and further resources that may be provided by the Parish Council.**

### *Forge Green*

- 6.2 CS reported that the contracted works had been completed. The Halling scouts and cubs groups had helped with bulb planting in the beds around the memorial, and a good show of spring colour was hoped for. The correction to the war memorial plaque was outstanding. **CS to liaise with Roy Underdown on the new design.** TR reported that Daryl Palmer was looking into grounds maintenance options for the area.

### *Parish map*

- 6.3 RC presented a draft of the new parish map produced for display outside the community centre and Jubilee Hall. A number of suggestions were made for additions, such as public rights of way, and a date. **RC to circulate the map to committee members for their comments, and to liaise with Bill Swan, parish clerk, regarding the Upper Halling display case.**

### *Road safety scheme*

- 6.4 RC reported on a meeting between the school and MC Road Safety. There was the potential for some road safety funding if a survey was carried out at the school. DS suggested that the survey could make reference to the proposed bridge across the A228, resulting from the Holborough development. This could help inform the location of the bridge, or redesign to a controlled road crossing, to fit in with local travel patterns and preferences.

### *Basketball hoop*

- 6.5 MC reported that the basketball hoop and associated groundworks had been installed in the recreation ground in Upper Halling. The cost of the installation works had been met by Cemex, in addition to their annual HA contribution.

## *Small projects*

- 6.6 Bank details were awaited from Halling Rainbows and Football Club. **RC to follow up.** Court Farm Butchers had shared the sponsorship of the prize to the Halling Community Centre older people's Christmas party.
- 6.7 The cost of the replacement door of Jubilee Hall garage was discussed.

## **7. Budget position**

- 7.1 The committee considered the budget position and stated its satisfaction with the level of anticipated spend. CS reminded partners of securing contributions for the coming financial year.

## **8. Issues in Halling**

- 8.1 MC reported that Cemex had submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of Halling Cement Works, following an exhibition in the village. A decision was expected in summer 2008. Operations at the Cemex main works would cease at the end of October 2008. The site to the east of the A228 remains.
- 8.2 DS reported that Lafarge had held a public meeting in December 2007 and was moving to the final decisions on the cement works. Lafarge plans to have cement production starting in August 2011, and initial site works will be commencing from Spring 2008.
- 8.3 SM reported that the police were dealing with normal issues of nuisance youths, speeding traffic and illegal parking in the village.

## **9. Publicity**

- 9.1 Items had been placed in the latest editions of Halling View and Town Talk. The website information had been updated. Members were asked to suggest ideas for further items.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

- 10.1 The date of the next meeting of the management committee was suggested for **Monday 14 April 2008** at Cemex offices, Halling, subject to consultation on the most appropriate time for parish council representatives.

## **11. Any other business**

- 11.1 There were no issues to consider under Any Other Business.