

Halling Association
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
14 January 2009

Present:

Shirley Boards	Chair, Trenport Investments Ltd
Daniel Daniels	Lafarge Cement UK
Catherine Smith	Medway Council
Quentin Moss	Kent Police
Trevor Reynolds	Halling Parish Council
Daryl Palmer	Halling Parish Council
Jennifer Smith	Valley of Visions Landscape Partnership
Georgina Messenger	mhs homes

1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Maurice Claydon, Cemex; and Richard Cottee, Medway Council. Georgina Messenger was welcomed to the meeting as a new representative on the Halling Association.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting of the Halling Association were agreed as a correct record. Under matters arising from the minutes, the following issues were considered:
- 2.2 Ref min 5.3 - QM reported that he had contacted Gillingham FC regarding youth activities. The costs were high and Charlton Athletic FC was suggested as an alternative project. CS had contacted Medway Council Sports Development team, who offered help with free equipment hire and access to trained sports coaches. **CS to contact Ian Stuart regarding plans for a summer scheme at the school.**
- 2.3 Ref min 6.5 - DP reported that the closure of the Cemex works had been delayed to summer 2009.

3. Budget position

- 3.1 Information on the budget available for the current year was presented for consideration by the committee. The committee discussed anticipated funding for 2009/10. It was noted that due to the difficult financial situation, some partner contributions may be reduced next year.

4. Project update

Multi-use Games Area

- 4.1 DP reported that planning permission had now been secured for the ball court, and that the order had been confirmed with the supplier, HAGS. HAGS would be finalising arrangements following a site visit to be held shortly. It was planned that the MUGA would be installed before the end of March. Funding from the Youth Opportunity Fund was being paid to Halling Parish Council in tranches, and 50% had already been received. **CS to arrange payment of the Halling Association funding to Halling Parish Council.** DP to provide updates on the progress of the installation of the MUGA to HA committee members.
- 4.2 The committee discussed publicity and a launch event for the MUGA. It was suggested that some sporting activities could be arranged for young people at the new facility. **CS to speak to Medway Council Youth Service and Sports Development; QM to speak to Army regarding activities; and DP to speak to Halling Youth Club on plans for an event.**

Grounds maintenance

- 4.3 DP reported that Halling Parish Council had appointed a local person to carry out maintenance work at Forge Green and other landscaped areas in the village. The Forge Green area had been restored to a good condition prior to the Remembrance Day ceremony in November. The new grounds maintenance officer had substantial knowledge of land management and was potentially a useful source for new project ideas. DD suggested that this was worth publicising as a good news story for Halling.

Parish Map

- 4.4 DP reported that no progress had been made in working with the Jubilee Hall management committee in installing a parish map outside the hall. It was agreed to proceed with printing two maps – one for outside the community centre in Lower Halling, and a smaller version on the notice board at Forge Green. **CS to speak to Richard Cottee to arrange printing of the map.**

Small projects

- 4.5 CS reported that a £250 grant had been awarded to Halling Firefighters to support the village pantomime and £50 had been awarded to cover the costs of a raffle prize at the Halling Community Centre Christmas party for older residents. Details were still awaited to arrange payment of the grant to Halling Cubs.

Youth Sponsorship scheme

4.6 CS reported on applications to the youth sponsorship scheme:

- H Baker - £200 agreed, awaiting details to arrange payment
- A Finch - £250 agreed, awaiting details to arrange payment
- S Block – further information requested to support application

5. Publicity and promotion opportunities

Halling Fun Day 2009

5.1 TR reported on plans for a special 20th anniversary Fun Day in 2009. Initial meetings had been held with the Fun Day committee, and there was support in working with the Halling Association for the 2009 event. TR outlined plans for a larger scale event running over a weekend, including evening music concerts, fireworks and more activities at the Fun Day itself. The 're-opening of the ferry' to Wouldham for a day was suggested. He estimated that the total costs could be as much as £20,000, but that there was scope for increased fundraising from such a scale of event.

5.2 The committee supported the plans for the community event, recognising its potential to build community spirit and reach a large number of people in the parish. It allocated up to £10,000 to support the Fun Weekend, subject to further details on costed proposals.

6. Update from partners and issues in Halling

6.1 *Kent Police* - QM reported that there had not been many incidents in the parish recently. He was to set up a link between Kent Police website and the Halling parish website to help share information with local people. There was currently a vacancy in his team, but it was hoped to fill this later this year.

6.2 *Valley of Visions* – JS reported that the Open Day at Bishops Palace in November had been very successful. The team was working with Halling Primary School on local history, and would be setting up an oral history project to gather memories of residents. Work was also underway in securing the landscape.

6.3 *Lafarge* – a liaison meeting was being arranged with Halling Parish Council. The contracts for the construction work at the new cement works had not yet been let, due to the current economic situation. Lafarge had been asked to clarify land ownership regarding footpaths and stiles at Marsh Road. The historic cement cart had now been restored and a site was sought for its display.

6.4 *Trenport* – SB reported that ground works were being carried out on site at Wouldham to avoid the lapse of planning permission. A further update was expected shortly on the wider project, but work was likely to be delayed by the current economic environment.

7. Date of next meeting

7.1 The next meeting of the management committee meeting was arranged for **Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 6.00 pm at Cemex's offices at Halling.**

8. Any other Business

8.1 TR reminded people that the closing date for items for Halling View was 30 January.

8.2 DP reported on the success of the Firefighters pantomime and thanked all who had supported the event.