

# HALLING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the management committee

15 April 2008

Present:

Shirley Boards (Chair)	Trenport Investments Ltd
Trevor Reynolds	Halling Parish Council
Jennifer Winters	Valley of Visions
Quentin Moss	Kent Police
Maurice Claydon	Cemex
Ian Stuart	Halling Primary School
Catherine Smith	Medway Council
Richard Cottee	Medway Council

### 1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Peter Wyatt, Halling Parish Council; Dawn Moore, Lafarge Cement UK; and Daryl Palmer, Halling Parish Council.
- 1.2 It was reported that Dawn Moore's role was changing at Lafarge, and she would no longer be the representative on the Halling Association.
- 1.3 Jennifer Winters was welcomed to the group, as the representative from Valley of Visions.

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

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting of the committee were agreed as a correct record, subject to amendment of minute 8.1, from east of the A228 to east of the *railway line*. Under matters arising from the minutes, the following issues were discussed:
- 2.2 (reference: minute 2.1) - SB had met with QM to discuss trespassing issues on Trenport land. Recent problems had been concentrated on the east bank of the Medway, although there had been some damage to fences at Holoborough. SB reported that Trenport had announced a delay of a year on the Peter's Pit development.
- 2.3 (reference: minute 3.1) – CS updated the committee on rail issues. The Medway Valley rail partnership officer had reported that new cameras had been installed at Halling station, and requests for new infrastructure at the station had been built into transport negotiations as part of the considerations of the Cemex planning application. It was not clear who had installed the cameras – **Halling Parish Council to follow up on the matter in a meeting with Network Rail**. It was suggested that QM could travel on the train to help address anti-social behaviour issues.

### **3. Multi-use Games Area**

- 3.1 TR outlined the position regarding the MUGA. The parish council had been informed of the need to reapply for the Medway Youth Opportunities Fund grant. RC to liaise with youth officers to confirm timetable and process for reapplying for the grant. TR confirmed that the Parish Council had secured the £10,000 shortfall through its own funds. Halling Parish Council to submit planning application - RC to track progress.
- 3.2 Partners agreed on the need to determine the timetable for installation to give confidence in the progress of the scheme. There was shared interest in seeing the facility in place as soon as possible.

### **4. Update on other projects**

#### *Parish map*

- 4.1 RC displayed the draft map for comments from committee members. A number of suggestions were made including the need to protect against fading, and further information on environmental designations and public footpaths.

#### *Road safety project*

- 4.2 IS reported that two parents at the school were leading on the project and survey work was planned in the next school term. It was suggested that the information could be fed into comments on the Cemex planning application.

#### *Small projects*

- 4.3 The committee received information on the current position on community group projects:

- Rainbows Group – grant now paid
- Halling Football Club – awaiting bank account details
- Jubilee Hall garage door – works completed and awaiting invoice

### **5. Budget position**

- 5.1 CS presented information on the outcome of the 2007/08 financial year, and the new financial year 2008/09. Funding partners confirmed that they would make contributions in line with previous years.

### **6. Update from partners and issues in Halling**

- 6.1 *Football pitch* - Progress had been made in using the mound as a football pitch linked to the new local team. Medway Council would prepare the pitch for use. There were some concerns expressed about

access and safety issues and Medway Council was asked to give consideration to alternative sites and use of Kent Playing Fields Association standards. It was queried if there could be consideration of a football pitch site at the proposed Cemex development.

- 6.2 QM reported issues of speeding through village, and problems with traffic. The issue of the bridge over the railway line was discussed, and the impact of the traffic lights to control traffic over the bridge. There was a suggestion that Ferry Road could be re-opened as part of revised traffic management in the village.
- 6.3 MC reported that Cemex had submitted its planning application and was awaiting a decision.
- 6.4 SB reported that Trenport hoped to start works at Peters Pit next Spring.
- 6.5 JW updated members on the progress of the Valley of Visions scheme. A feasibility study into managed realignment at Halling marshes was underway. An open meeting to discuss plans for Bishops Palace was arranged for 14 May.
- 6.6 IS reported that the school had suffered its first serious vandalism incident, with damage to the swimming pool enclosure. He was liaising with Medway Council on funding opportunities for a summer scheme, similar to the Groundwork scheme. The school now had access to a minibus serving schools in the Strood and Medway Valley area.
- 6.7 It was agreed that suggestions for new projects would be considered at the next meeting of the management committee.

## **7. Publicity and promotion opportunities**

- 7.1 The Halling Association had been invited to support the annual Halling Fun Day in June. It was agreed that the partnership would provide the first prize for the raffle, as a £100 voucher. The HA would also attend the event, and it was suggested that it could present a display on the MUGA project. The committee discussed other activities that could be provided on the day, including sports coaching and birds of prey. Partners to seek further information to assess options.
- 7.2 It was queried if the HA could support a river clean up organised in the village in May. Further details were requested.
- 7.3 Updated information on the MUGA project would be placed in the Halling View and Town Talk newsletters once the details had been confirmed.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

- 8.1 The date of the next meeting of the Halling Association was arranged for **Tuesday 15 July at 2.00 pm at Lafarge's offices at The Cedars.**

## 9. Any other business

- 9.1 MC raised the issue of grounds maintenance at Forge Green. The site was becoming unkempt, and needed attention including weeding. MC offered the help of Cemex as a one off action to improve the condition of the site, prior to the ongoing maintenance arrangements being confirmed by the parish council.
- 9.2 TR queried if the Halling Association could sponsor a young woman in the village who was fund raising for a challenge fund. Members of the committee agreed that they would like to offer partnership support. **CS to consider the association's terms of reference and to draw up appropriate criteria for a Youth Fund that could be used to support talented individuals and special personal achievements.**