

## Lower Compton NAAFI Project Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at the Compton Bassett Village Hall on Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 6.30pm.

### PRESENT

#### Local Residents

Barry Miller (deputy chair)  
 Chris Smart  
 Neil Whiston  
 Lisa Murray  
 Amber Murray  
 Mandy Bush  
 Christopher Bush  
 Wendy Sheen  
 Lucie Sheen,

One member of the general public (Carin Thomas)

#### The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes

1. Apologies and introductions	Action
Apologies were received from Louise Gardener, Rev Phillip Bromiley, David Evans and Adele Clark. In the absence of Louise Gardner, Barry Miller took the chair.	
2. Public session	
Carin Thomas attended the meeting as a member of the public and was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting.	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising	
<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Item 7 refers: Investigations regarding the telephone box at the entrance to the site were ongoing via Barry Miller. Officials had been observed measuring the position of the box and it was anticipated that it would be removed before the end of the year. Some phone boxes could be purchased but this was dependent on the phone number. It was confirmed that there was no operational phone in the phone box at present.</p>	<b>BM</b>
4. Feedback on Community Event	
<p>Those that attended the BBQ event said that they had enjoyed it and positive comments had been received. 103 persons had been recorded attending. More had bought tickets though they knew they would be unable to attend in order to show support for the event. This indicated the level of interest in a community facility on the Hill's site. No complaints had been received about the events. The weather was perfect for the event on this date having had to cancel the event earlier in the year because of poor weather.</p> <p>In order to maintain community momentum, the possibility of future events was discussed. Event would have to be held off-site during the winter months. Possible ideas discussed included a bring and share meal with a Father Christmas in attendance, an Easter egg hunt later in the year (which would be weather dependent). A Christmas event, a quiz or bingo night were suggested as types of event that could be organised. The availability of the Compton Bassett Village Hall would be checked with Christine Lawrence (bookings secretary) for dates in December. A quiz night would be investigated by Lisa Murray and a children's party by Wendy Sheen. A children's party could be held in the afternoon with a quiz following the same evening. It was suggested that a quiz should be held later in the year (possibly February when there is a dearth of social activities taking place).</p>	<b>LM WS</b>

<p>The possible use of the tennis court was discussed. Users were likely to be children between the ages of four and 16. MH to investigate and report back. A certain amount of additional work would need to be done in order for this to come to fruition.</p>	<p><b>MH</b></p>
<p>The youth club that previously operated from the NAAFI building had its own bank account and insurances. It was queried if 'Youth Action Wilts' would be able to supply any resources or funding for this kind of group. Wendy Sheen to investigate further.</p>	<p><b>WS</b></p>
<p><b>5. Next Steps and Business Plan</b></p>	
<p>Options for a community building based upon the existing NAAFI building footprint needed to be put into a funding proposal and sustainable business case for developing the site and presented to Hills Board for consideration. The purchase of the site by Hills was subject to a claw back clause such that if any development of the site results in an increased site value then the MoD is entitled to a percentage of the increased value of the land until the expiry of a 25 year period from the purchase date. The NPG scheme should not increase the value of the site.</p>	
<p>Sources of funding were discussed including that from the Landfill Communities Fund. Calne Area Board would only be able to offer a maximum £5,000 donation provided criteria were met. Other charity bodies frequently offer like-for-like funding which matched pound for pound all money raised. The NPG may need to demonstrate that it could take on a lease of a building if that was a viable option. It was recommended that grant making bodies such as 'Community First' should be approached to find out what funding might be available. Details of contacts at Community First would be e-mailed to those members interested in meeting with them. An appointment with Community First would be made on a future Thursday and Monique Hayes would forward details of contacts.</p>	
<p>Details of a similar community projects were cited. The use of a prefabricated building was cited as a possible option that could be pursued. The repair of existing structure could also be investigated as part of the business case. Hills owns a prefabricated building at their Purton site which might be donated if this would prove a suitable for community use, subject to further investigation. MH could arrange for NPG members to view the structure which was previously used as a sales room on a building development. A prefabricated building solution did not need to use this particular building but something similar could be suitable and examples of prefabricated buildings that were available on eBay were cited. Transport cost of this type of structure would need to be included in any business plan. A possible date for visiting the building in Purton was arranged for 1 November and people asked to confirm their availability for this date.</p>	<p><b>MH</b></p>
<p>Any proposal should indicate avenues for development and sources of funding. Project costs should be identified and any shortfall in funding. Hills were asked if they planned to demolish the building as they have much of the equipment required to do this. Hills responded that this would require expert demolition and whilst not currently planned may be required if the building fell into further disrepair due to vandalism.</p>	
<p>it was agreed that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the group would meet with 'Community First'</li> <li>• the possibility of using a prefabricated building would be investigated further</li> <li>• Further options would be explored within a business case.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NPG</b></p>
<p>Alternative sites for a community building were discussed. A piece of land behind Edinburgh Close might be a feasible location but this would need further investigation. There was also a site between Dowding Drive and Embry Close which was owned by Wiltshire Council. NPG members undertook to investigate ownership of these pieces of land as they could be viable and possibly able to attract Landfill Communities Funding. This would be discussed with Community First.</p>	<p><b>NPG</b></p>
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<b>6. Publicity</b>	
Nothing had been published in local papers regarding the Summer Barbeque Event. A report following the event had been published in the 'Villages Magazine' which is circulated locally. It was agreed that a report after the event was a better approach than prior publicity.	<b>NPG</b>
<b>7. Any other business</b>	
It was suggested that a signboard should be erected on the other side of the estate from the main entrance in order to keep the community informed of events. Barry Miller to investigate further.	<b>BM</b>
<b>8. Next meeting</b>	
Originally scheduled to take place on 13 November, however it has subsequently been decided to postpone until after committee members have met with Community First, therefore <b>the next meeting will take place on TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER at 6.30pm at the Community Hub offices in Calne (27 High Street, Calne)</b>	<b>ALL</b>