

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING HELD AT
THE DAY CARE CENTRE ON TUESDAY THE 26TH FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT. Chairman Cllr John Coombe Lorna Coombe Bob Mims David Clough Diane Broadman (both PDC) J Pollard Dave Raymer Mrs M Tanner Mr R Jones Inspec J Phillips Mr J Wallis Mrs Jewell Including a delegation from the HEYLP campaign approx 60 people.

NO APOLOGIES-

J.C Opened the meeting welcoming David Clough and Diane Broadman Sustainable Officers from P.D.C. The whole of the meeting will be about the possibility of a Gypsy and Travellers site.

D.C Started by showing a government D.V.D explaining the needs for Gypsy and Travellers site over the whole of the country.

He also pointed out that this was a consultation document for everyone to fill in and give their opinions also the dead line had been extended to the 25th March. This will be followed by further Consultation documents which will focus on all aspects of the town i.e. Housing, Employment, Emergency Services, etc this also includes finding permanent pitches for the Gypsy's and Travellers which the government have stated must be identified in this area. The Gypsy and Travellers Document together with Social Workers and County officers identify that 13 permanent plus 5 transit pitches are needed in the Penwith area.

A very heated discussion then took place with questions from the floor. HEYLP passed round their document (enclosed). As reiterated by all present why these sites and why has no one consulted the residents who live in these areas. This will impact on the valuations of all their properties plus saleability indeed one buyer has already pulled out Also questions were asked about the boundary between Angarrack and Hayle there appeared to be no break between the two.

D.C AT the moment these are all suggested boundaries and are open to consultation.

Cllr J Ninnes Why are there no goodies for example a new surgery potentially it seems only Gypsy Sites and we do not want them. It appears the Joseph Rowntree survey asked all Gypsy and Travellers but not one resident. This is just not good enough and must be addressed.

Evidence of need does not seem to be available they are not aware of more than two in five years, other than Gypsies on their way to a wedding and stayed over night.

J.P Suggested that smaller groups were needed to have full and lengthy discussions to try and come to some agreement regarding all issues.

J.C Read out a statement from Hayle Town Council.

It was resolved to:-

- a) inform Penwith District Council that the sites identified in the Hayle Area Action Plan (HAAP) for gypsies and travellers are unsatisfactory and the Council has been unable to find alternatives within the HAAP boundary and considers that it should encompass a broader area and

- b) request that the issue of sites for gypsies and travellers be considered separately from the HAAP process and that, when it is debated, all those involved in the process, including the relevant officers from Cornwall County Council and other informed groups and persons, should be involved and to point out that the flowing from this process this Council will expect firm evidence to emerge in support of the allocations in Hayle.

It was further resolved that:-

- a) discussion of this document be deferred to the Development Committee where it can be considered together with the Penwith Core Strategy which is currently out to consultation,
- b) all Councillors should complete the questionnaire before the Development Committee on 28th February 2008 which will be open to all Members and at which they will all be permitted to vote and
- c) the Committee will set the timetable for future consultation in the town on the issue of gypsies and traveller sites.