

**Minutes of the
Sowton Forum Members Meeting
8th December 2006 12noon
Crown Self Storage, Grenadier Road, Sowton**

Present

Adele Fulner - Administrator
Lawrence Smith - Ashfords
Kevin Wetherell - Devon & Cornwall Police
Mark Brownbill - Equip Training SW
Maureen Gori De Murden - Exeter City Council
John Houghton - Great Moor House
Ray Bushell - Handle with Care
Ian Parsons - Highways Agency
Pete Davies - HSBC
Kamila Davis - HSBC
Gill Carter - Lionheart Marketing Communication
Rob Varley - Met Office
Ruth Strickley - NHS Direct
Elizabeth Fulner - Treasurer
Cllr Margaret Danks

Apologies

Carolyn Bellinger - Ashfords
Kevin Singleton - BOCM Pauls
Ian McGregor - Chairman
Ray Spiller - Dawson News
David Ferris - Devon Direct Services
Richard Lawrence - EDF Energy
Michael Churcher - Exeter Rugby Club
Ivor Bull - Express & Echo
Joanne Smith - Howmet
Russell Morris - Landmark Information Group
Sara Cavell - Landmark Information Group
Rob Bramhall - LHC
Ian Graham - LHC
Sharron Hewitt - Persimmon Homes
Gordon Smith - South West Event Hire
Tracy Tanton - Torex Retail
Neil Blake - Vapomatic

Welcome

Rob Varley, Vice Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked Crown Self Storage for kindly hosting the members meeting once again.

Ray Bushell – Handle with Care Presentation on Networking

Attached as a separate document.

New Members

We would like to welcome HSBC to the Exeter Business Park. They will be moving in on the 11th December. The facilities at their new branch will include 24 hour banking. A team of business managers. Rob Varley said that we were delighted that they were moving on to the Estate.

New members' also include Aggregate Supplies and Andrew Mitchell & Co.

Kevin Wetherell – Crime

Reported Crime was 20% down and overall crime was very low this year. It had been much quieter this year with regard to travellers. However, there had been a heavy spate of vehicle crime in the last month which had been juveniles who were now in custody. There had been an element of youngsters coming to the estate but that you should contact the police if you see anything suspicious or have any problems or issues.

In order to protect your property please take care where you park your car preferably in a well lit area or in sight of CCTV cameras.

Any other business

The Monkerton Link road will open early next year and we are looking at infrastructure and pressure being put on our roads by the new commercial units and the new development at Cranbrook.

The Monkerton link road should take traffic away from Honiton Road to Exeter.

Cllr. Margaret Danks mentioned a new link across the A357 from Tesco which will be part housing and part commercial.

John Houghton of GMH & Lawrence Smith of Ashford's – mentioned issues with bus services to Sowton. They are not allowed to use the Park & Ride but the services into Sowton are not very good.

The opening of the Monkerton Link road brought up the issue of Pinn Lane. On a show of hands – more people expressed a need for a green route rather than it being kept as a through road.

Ian Parsons – Highways Agency are working with Devon County Council on infrastructure.