



BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM

Community Interest Focus Group
Thursday 15th January 2009 at 7.30pm
Bedale Hall, Bedale

Minutes

Present

Hazel Kirby (Chair); PC Lee Featherstone; Peter Cole & Bob Pocklington.

Apologies

Stella Hemingway & Sharon O'Rourke.

1) Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 11th November 2008

Agreed as a true record thereof.

2) Matters Arising

Extended Services: Peter reported that Sharon Jones has agreed to attend the next CIFG meeting to discuss how the Area Forum can support the publication of future editions of the 'Guide to Services for Children, Young People and Families in the Bedale Area' directories.

Bedale High School: Peter confirmed that an invitation had been sent to pupils of Bedale High School following the successful Democracy Week consultation workshop. Mike Mills has indicated that a number of pupils may attend the next CIFG meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th April.

Safer Bedale:

- Lee reported that at the recent Town Council meeting it was confirmed that more resources (ie. staff and equipment) are to be made available to tackle speeding 'hotspots'. Speed guns have been ordered that can be used by members of the public to identify such hotspots and help inform police enforcement action. No recent cases of anti social behaviour have been reported around the Abbots Garage site.
- Lee is working alongside Lisa Biggin, the new head teacher at the Primary School, to develop a 'Safer Route to School' incorporating land on Benkhill Drive gifted to the school by Broadacres. Both Bedale High School and NYCC Highways are involved in the project and future meetings are to be held to resolve certain issues.
- Lee reported that a member of staff at the primary school has indicated a willingness to become the new 'Lollipop Lady'.
- At the recent Safer Bedale meeting held on Thursday 8th January the 'Police Pledge' and police precept were considered. For details of the Police Pledge visit: <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/index.aspx?articleid=388>

The next Safer Bedale meeting is to be held on Thursday 7th May 2009. **Action:** Peter to circulate details of the Police Pledge to Forum members.

3) Projects Update

Project	Notes
X-Nihilo	<p>Positive feedback has been received both from young people using the facility and from staff at Bedale High School. Three main issues are being considered by the Steering Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Securing funding to develop and maintain existing provision and to ensure long term sustainability. ▪ Prohibitive costs of oil and electricity and the use of heaters. ▪ Transport provision for young people wanting to access the service who live in the surrounding villages. <p>A joint bid for funding to employ a manager has been submitted in partnership with the Base Project in Northallerton.</p>
Reels on Wheels	<p>Hazel reported that contact had been made both with Ken Blackwood (Northallerton Rotary) and Rural Arts North Yorkshire. The current equipment is being used to capacity in villages across the Northallerton area and the cost of hiring equipment is prohibitive. It was agreed that as there is no evidence of need for a mobile cinema in Bedale and the surrounding villages that this item be removed from the agenda of future meetings.</p>
Parks & Playgrounds	<p>No update available. Action: Peter to confirm whether any PlayRanger activities are planned for the Bedale area.</p>
Improving Policing	<p>Lee confirmed that police support will be offered for this year's Christmas lights switch-on, the Scouts & Guides music festival, the Bonfire & Fireworks night and Remembrance Sunday. Road closure issues have yet to be resolved regarding the Pancake Race. A new Policy Document outlining the costs of police support for community events has yet to be ratified.</p>
Scruton Village Hall	<p>No update available.</p>
Diversionsary Activities for Young People	<p>Lee confirmed that the Friday Night Football Project is to start again on Friday 16th January. Lee is exploring the possibility of holding a youth disco at the King's Head pub in partnership with NYCC 4Youth.</p>
Snape School Community Recreation Project	<p>A report from Sharon O'Rourke will be made available prior to the next meeting. Action: Hazel to contact Sharon for an update on this project.</p>
Dalescare: First Floor Development	<p>Peter reported that Julian Coady is working with Mark Haynes to submit a bid to the Bedale Heritage Partnership Scheme to secure funding for the enhancement of existing kitchen facilities.</p>
Other Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bedale Arts Trail and Ginnel Enhancements: Work is ongoing in partnership with pupils at Bedale High School to install artwork in the ground floor windows of the Assembly Rooms. Contractors have started on site to develop the ginnel adjacent to Fleece Cottages. Action: Lee to contact Mark Haynes regarding potential community safety implications. ▪ Community Litter Pick: Lee confirmed that following the success of the recent litter pick the Police are seeking new projects/suitable sites which require attention. ▪ Centre of Excellence for Youth Arts: Peter circulated details of this project, the aim of which is to develop Bedale Youth Centre into a Youth Arts Centre which provides a facility with high quality equipment for youth arts programming and development. The total cost of the project is approximately

	£400k-£450k.
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4) **Issues for the Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum**

It was agreed that progress on the redevelopment of the Scout & Guide Hut and details of the proposed Centre of Excellence for Youth Arts be raised at the next Forum meeting.

5) **Any Other Business**

Lee reported that a cycle marking event is to be held at the Police Station on Wycar between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday 24th January.

6) **Dates of Future Meetings:**

- Tuesday 28th April: 7.30pm at X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale
- Tuesday 7th July: 7.30pm at X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale
- Tuesday 27th October: 7.30pm at X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale