



## BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM

### Community Plan Review

7.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2009

The Ballroom, Bedale Hall

### Minutes

#### Present

John Noone; Yvonne Rose; Harry Lillystone; David Brown; Lee Featherstone; Bryan Tongue; Wanda Reynolds; Bob Pocklington; Richard Corner; Ellen Dunning; Alan Johnson; Mark Firth & Jacque Boulton.

#### Apologies

Mike Barningham; Sharon Jones; Emily Thomas; Carol Clark & Michael Lowe.

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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

John Chaired the meeting in Mike's absence, welcomed members to the meeting and on behalf of the group wished Mike a speedy recovery. John explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Community Plan and to prioritise those projects that have either yet to be started or which have yet to be completed. It was agreed that those present be given the opportunity to identify their top three priorities from the existing Community Plan and also suggest new projects for inclusion in the Plan. As a result of this exercise the following projects were identified as being a priority for the Group:

Project No.	Project Description
29	The further development and enhancements to playgrounds in villages around Bedale (eg. Snape, Leeming & Aiskew.)
28	Support for plans to replace the Scout & Guide Hut (it is understood that a decision on a planning application for the new building is expected from HDC shortly.)
32	Enhancements to Bedale Market (to include an electricity supply to provide market stalls with power and lighting.)
14	An effective traffic management strategy which addresses traffic calming measures near schools and at the three approaches to the town (South End, North End and Masham Road.)
370	Enhancements to Bedale Bridge and the approach along Bridge Street. Issues to be resolved include parking provision and improved links to Bedale Station <sup>1</sup> . It was agreed that the Group continue to support plans for a pedestrian footbridge and that this remain a key issue for the Environment Group.
393	To support plans for an integrated cycle network linking Bedale and the surrounding villages.

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<sup>1</sup> It was noted that plans are being developed to renovate the station building and establish a café in the station complex.

Following brief presentations from Bob, Richard and Yvonne it was agreed that three new projects be added to the Bedale & Villages Community plan:

1. the resolution of safety issues at the Aiskew level Crossing (in partnership with Aiskew Parish Council and the Wensleydale Railway.)
2. pedestrian improvements between Emgate and the Bedale Churchyard (in partnership with the Bedale Burial Board.)
3. the installation of a piece of public artwork on the High Street outside the Post Office based on Sir Brian Fitzalan's official seal 'So Many Heads, So Many Opinions'. It was suggested that this artwork could include a facility to collect donations to fund further enhancements to the town. It was also suggested that competition be held at Bedale High School for the final design of the artwork. It was agreed that details of this proposal be worked up prior to the next meeting for endorsement by the Group and that funding be sought to develop the project.

It was also agreed that:

- given recent experience plans to create special events on Sundays and Bank Holidays be removed from the Plan (although the possibility remains for the existing Pancake Day celebration to involve local traders.)
- project 388 remain in the Plan but that it refers only to the relocation of *Bedale* allotments once a larger site with the potential for purpose built facilities becomes available.

Other suggestions for inclusion in the Plan were:

- A 'Mill Trail' between Bedale and Hawes
- A Bedale Marina
- A Zebra Crossing at Sussex Street
- A circular walk around Bedale & Aiskew

It was noted that at a recent meeting of the Community Interest Focus Group the priorities for pupils of Bedale High School were:

- The need for self-defence classes for young people (including boxing and judo)
- More and better quality seating in Bedale Park
- Improvements to the existing youth shelter in Bedale Park
- Stricter enforcement of speed restrictions in villages
- A reduction in traffic congestion on Firby Road and the need for a footpath on both sides of the carriage way
- The need for a designated cycleway between the Bedale High School and the Bedale Athletics & Sports Association
- Excursions for *all* young people aged 14-19 from the Bedale and villages area (including pupils of the High School during the holiday periods)
- The need for wireless broadband across Bedale and the surrounding villages
- The publication of a map of footpaths and cycleways around Bedale for use by families.

## 2. Dates of Future Meetings

- Wednesday 15th July
- Tuesday 15th September (AGM)
- Wednesday 11th November

All meetings to be held at 7.30pm at Bedale Hall