



## BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM

7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Bedale Hall

**Present:** Mike Barningham (Chair); Bob Pocklington; Sue Latter; Mark Haynes; Cllr Carl Les; Hazel Kirby; Mark Firth; Carol Roberts; Stuart Isaac & Peter Cole.

**Apologies:** Yvonne Rose; Harry Lillystone & John Noone.

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Mike introduced Sharon O'Rourke, Extended Schools Co-ordinator and Kathryn Chapman, YRCC Rural Services Development Officer for Hambleton & Harrogate

### 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were agreed as a true record thereof. It was noted that there is no block paving between Bedale and the Sports Club.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Mike agreed to contact Sir Henry Beresford-Peirse regarding proposals for the Renaissance Park and NYCC Highways to confirm their list of works and Statement of Priorities.

### 4. Recreation / Leisure Projects

Mike provided details of the plans to improve the play area in Snape.

**Action:** Peter to ensure the project is added to the priority list of recreation & leisure projects.

Forum members the list of recreation & leisure projects which may be eligible for Section 106 and other funding and allocated the following relative priority rating:

<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Project No.</b>
Cycle Network	5
Footpath Network	4
Bedale Youth Venue	9
Crakehall Village Hall Extension	16
Bedale Scouts & Guides HQ	2
Improvements at Bedale Leisure Centre	12
Allotments	15
<b>Medium/High Priority</b>	<b>Project No.</b>
Improved Play Area in Snape	6

<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Project No.</b>
Bedale Renaissance Park	10
Deficiency of Public Open Space in Bedale	3
Engagement of Young People in Public Art	13
Car Park Extension at Bedale Leisure Centre	1
Bedale Harbour	14

  

<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>Project No.</b>
Bedale Leisure Centre Enhancements	11

It was agreed that Project 1, proposals for a car park extension at Bedale Leisure Centre and Project 12, Young People's Improvements at Bedale Leisure Centre, require further consultation with stakeholders (including HDC Leisure Services, the School and the Doctor's Surgery.)

Peter reported that these projects are to be presented to Cabinet in June and encouraged members to provide Lisa Wilson with further details as to whether a steering group is in place to co-ordinate the delivery of the project or whether the project still requires additional funding.

**Action:** Peter to forward these local priority ratings to Lisa and report back at the next meeting. Group members to provide Lisa with an update on existing projects and a 'status report' as to whether the project is ready to be delivered or whether barriers still need to be overcome.

It was reported that an architect has been appointed to submit a design for a new Scout & Guide hut and that a feasibility study to consider the options is to be undertaken.

## **5. The Bedale MasterPlan**

Stuart provided an update on MBED's involvement in the Bedale MasterPlan and reported on a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at which priorities for the period May 2008 to March 2009 were agreed. MBED is to support the development a Marketing & Communications strategy to formalise a 'Youth Engagement Programme'. It was suggested that MBED and the Bedale & Villages CPF host a 'quality heritage' event later in the year to attract both tourists and residents from the surrounding villages and to raise the profile of the Group.

**Action:** members to consider the Plan and forward any comments to Mike.

It was agreed that the Forum's Action Plan and future priorities for the Group be reviewed at the AGM to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6. Focus Group updates**

### ***Business and Tourism***

Disappointment was expressed at the District Council Planning Committee's decision to reject proposals for the Drill Hall as part of the Bridge Street redevelopment, despite support from local residents. It is understood that there is no opportunity for a re-application.

**Action:** Mark agreed to liaise with the developers to clarify their position.

Mark confirmed that English Heritage have given their approval for proposals for development of garages at Bedale Hall. Discussions are underway with a potential tenant for the site.

Mark Firth confirmed that Yorkshire Forward is to explore ways of preserving the Land of Green Ginger premises, a Grade 2 Listed building. This work will involve English Heritage.

Mark provided an update on proposals for a pedestrian bridge across the beck near the Leach House. A survey is to be undertaken to consider a number of issues before plans are drawn up.

**Action:** Mark to liaise with NYCC to check if Highways will agree to adopt the resurfacing of Gas Works Lane.

## **Environment**

The next meeting of the Group is to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Bedale TIC.

## **Community Interest**

Hazel reported that a meeting of the Group had been held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to discuss local projects. Bob confirmed that the Bedale Youth Venue is now a 'Registered Company' and should receive 'Charitable Status' once the Director's CRB checks have been completed. Bob thanked partners for their help and support for the project and indicated that that the venue should be open within a few weeks.

Hazel reported that a number of burglaries from garages and theft of oil from oil tanks had been reported in the local area and asked that members pass on this information to colleagues, family & friends.

## **Transport**

Sue and Carol reported on a recent meeting of the Hambleton Area Committee at which Councillors and Officers considered the NYCC Transport Plan. Concerns were expressed as to the effectiveness of the consultation process and the information made available prior to the meeting.

It was reported that following the receipt of a letter of objection to proposals for a pedestrian crossing in Aiskew the submission had been returned to HDC Planning for reconsideration.

It was noted that Claire Wood had led discussion on proposals for the Bedale bypass at a recent Regional Transport Board meeting. A decision on whether the bypass will go ahead will impact on plans for the White Bear junction.

The next meeting of the Group is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that Sgnt. Stuart Grainger be invited to this meeting.

## **Safety/Community Policing**

Carl confirmed the dates for future Safe Group meetings to be held at 7pm at Bedale Hall:

12 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2009

**Action:** Peter to co-ordinate publicity for these meetings.

## **7. Finance Update**

Mike presented a copy of the Finance Report for information and indicated that once all cheques have been paid in the Group should have approximately £3600 in reserves.

## **8. Meetings and Correspondence**

Mark reported that a Shared Space Masterclass is to be held between 10am and 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Royal York Hotel, York. To book a place email [Ann@beam.uk.net](mailto:Ann@beam.uk.net) or call on 01924 215 550.

## **9. Any Other Business**

Peter reported that up to £35,000 will be made available to the LSP Area & Theme Groups in 2008/2009. It was agreed that bids be submitted to support the Bedale Youth Venue and the purchase of Christmas Lights. The deadline for submission is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008** after which the bids will be considered by the LSP Executive Board in June.

**Action:** Bob and Mike to draft bids on behalf of the Group and submit to Sam Swinbank.

## **10. Dates of Future Meetings**

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (AGM)  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008

