



Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum – Community Interests Group

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2008

The Youth Venue, Bridge Street, Bedale

Present

Hazel Kirby (Chair), Peter Cole, Bob Pocklington, Lawrence Monaghan, Stella Hemingway, Sharon O'Rourke & Lee Featherstone.

Apologies

Kirk Lester

1. Welcome & Introductions

Hazel introduced Sharon O'Rourke, recently-appointed Extended Schools Co-ordinator based at Bedale School (email: Sharon.O'Rourke@northyorks.gov.uk)

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Tuesday 5th February 2008

The minutes from 5th February were agreed as a correct record.

Correction of spelling noted: Clare Yates (Field Development Worker for Hambleton & Richmondshire.)

3. Projects update

<i>Project</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Youth Cafe/Venue	<p>Bob gave a brief overview on progress as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Venue is now a 'Registered Company' and should receive 'Charitable Status' once the Director's CRB checks have been completed. • A bank account has been opened with the Co-Op bank which can be accessed through the Post Office. • Once rent has been paid approx. £17K will remain in the reserves (the first 3 months rent has been paid.) • It is hoped that the Centre will be open within the next two weeks. • CYC are to provide portable artwork including graffiti panels. • Broadacres and the YOT team have offered to help with decorating. • Bob is looking to secure 100% concession on Council rates. <p>Lawrence confirmed that consultation with young people was ongoing and will continue once the facility is open. Action: Bob and Lawrence to work with the Steering Group to agree membership, rules outlining acceptable behaviour, staffing etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that a sign be placed in the window once a name for the venue has been agreed. To date 'The Bridge' and 'Ex Nihilo' are the two suggestions which have been put forward. Action: Bob</p>

	<p>to check with HDC Planning regarding the installation of a sign.</p> <p>Architects plans have been finalised with a view to submitting a Planning Application to redevelop the garages at Bedale Hall. Discussions are ongoing with a potential tenant. It is anticipated that tenders will be issued for contractors to undertake this work.</p>
Itown Mytown	Bob confirmed that itown/mytown pens had not been purchased. It was agreed that this project be removed from the list of those considered by the Group.
Gateway Centre	No further update on this project.
Scouts and Guides HQ	Bob has yet to receive a reply to a letter sent regarding the use of the premises. Nicky Smith has provided support with a HDC Community Grant application to purchase equipment and it was suggested that 'Pro-Help' may be providing further support.
Reels on Wheels	It was agreed that Lee & Peter liaise with Ken Blackwood and Catherine Megson for an update on the use of recently-purchased camera and cinema equipment which is being shared between the Northallerton & Bedale Area Groups.
Park/Playgrounds	<p>The Youth Shelter outside Bedale Hall has now been installed and is being well-used. Lee reported that litter, in particular broken glass, is an issue. An under-spend has yet to be allocated and it was suggested that the Town Council provide litter bins or erect a 'No Alcohol' sign in the area.</p> <p>Section 106 money is being spent by Aiskew Parish Council to develop the play area in Leeming Bar.</p> <p>The North Yorkshire Play Strategy is to be launched on the 6th May 2008 which will include details of the Play Ranger project to be rolled out across Hambleton. Action: Lawrence to provide an update at the next meeting</p>
Improving Policing	<p>The recent meeting held in March was been well attended and productive. Plans are underway to introduce a neighbourhood watch scheme. The next 'Improving Policing' meeting is to be held on Thursday 12th June.</p> <p>Lee reported that 3 dedicated police officers have responsibility for covering Bedale and the surrounding villages. It was noted that whilst the installation of CCTV camera has obvious benefits it has also encouraged displacement activity amongst young people.</p>
Bedale Community Minibus	<p>Hazel confirmed that capital funding to purchase a Community Minibus has been secured and that the vehicle has been ordered. In the short-term the vehicle will be stored in the garages at Bedale Hall. A permanent site to park the minibus has yet to be found. MIDAS training for volunteers which will allow young people from the surrounding villages to use the Youth Venue is under consideration.</p> <p>Action: Lee & Bob to discuss opportunities for training.</p>
Scruton Village Hall	Nicky Smith is now involved in securing funding for the project.
Diversionsary Activities for Young People	<p>Lee confirmed that football & rugby tournaments will be held over the first three weeks of the Summer holiday and that plans are being considered to host other activities (including hairdressing courses.)</p> <p>Lee is also seeking financial support to open the football pitches at the Leisure Centre on Friday nights between 7-9pm. Action: Lee & Bob to discuss possible funding sources and the use of the Youth Venue over the Summer holiday.</p>

	<p>Lawrence provided an update on the GIMI website, a youth-based site which allows young people to access information about local events, activities & training opportunities. It has been suggested that this site, to be launched in June 2008, will replace the Summer Activities Directories. For further details of the site visit http://www.gimi.co.uk/, http://www.bebo.com/Profile.jsp?MemberId=5778395035 or contact Matt Burrows at: matt.burrows@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>Lawrence reported that the youth centre is offering rehearsal space and equipment for local bands. The scheme relies on parental supervision – contact Lawrence for an application form.</p> <p>Lawrence confirmed that money has been allocated to support summer activities.</p>
Crakehall Village Hall	Hazel reported that a phased development is being considered, with support from Nicky Smith. It was suggested that the community should now take the initiative for further progress to be made.
Snape School – Community Recreation Project	Sharon reported that a meeting will be convened in the near future to discuss the project. Action: Sharon to provide an update on progress at the next meeting.
Burneston Play Area	Disappointment was expressed that the ambitious plans for the Play Area had not received endorsement from the Parish Council. It is understood that the Community Group responsible for developing the plan for the play area has now disbanded.
Dalescare: First Floor Development	Yorkshire Building Society money has now been secured. Action: Lee to make further enquiries about the Police Property Fund and feedback at the next meeting.
Other Projects	<p>Hazel invited members to add other projects to the list considered by the Group.</p> <p>Peter circulated an update from Mark Haynes which outlined progress made on local projects being supported by the HDC Delivery Team (see enclosed with minutes.)</p>

4. Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum Issues

Concerns were expressed regarding the level of police involvement in public events. Following incidents of drink-related anti-social behaviour at last year's Bedale Festival and the associated cost of security this year's event is to be held in the Chantry Hall. It is understood that a review is underway which may impact on the level of future Police support for local events. Group members agreed that these concerns should be fed back to the Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum in order that the issue can be raised at the LSP.

5. Any Other Business

- Lawrence confirmed that Clare Yates is now in post and is working across Hambleton & Richmondshire to support youth projects in the voluntary sector (email: Clare@nyy.org.uk, mobile 07918 761106.)
- Lee 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.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th July 2008: 7.30pm at the Bedale Youth Venue, Bridge Street, Bedale.