



Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum

Community Interest Focus Group

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008

X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale

Present

Hazel Kirby (Chair), Peter Cole, Bob Pocklington, Stella Hemingway, Mike Barningham, Chris Hall & Kirk Lester.

Apologies

Graham Turner, Ian Marr, Sharon O'Rourke, Lawrence Monaghan & Heather Amy.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Hazel welcomed Chris Hall representing Bedale Scouts & Guides.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting held Tuesday 8th July

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record thereof.

Bob confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the police regarding support for three local activities which may be at risk without such support (the Bonfire, Pancake Race and Scout & Guide Festival.) **Action:** Peter to ask Cllr. Les for an update at the next meeting of the Safer Bedale Group to be held on Thursday 18th September.

3. Projects Update

<i>Project</i>	<i>Notes</i>
X-Nihilo	Bob gave a brief overview on progress as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Registered Charity status has now been achieved and as a result the issue over rates has now been resolved▪ The youth centre is to open Monday 15th September▪ Two staff members from Thirsk School are to use the site five days a week▪ Further funding has been secured from the LSP (£5000) and the Police (£500)▪ A launch event is to be held on Wednesday 1st October between 6pm-8pm (Bob has been in contact with the local press.)
Gateway Centre	Whilst there was no further update on this project it acknowledged that this is a long term initiative which may take may several years to complete.

<p>Scouts and Guides HQ</p>	<p>Chris & Mike presented a copy of the architect's plans for the new build which is to be considered at a Scout & Guide Committee meeting on Monday 8th September. The approximate cost of construction is £250k and Nicky Smith is providing support for funding applications. To safeguard the long term sustainability of the premises it was suggested that the new building could be used by other agencies and organisations, during the day and at weekends. It was also suggested that the building be used as a residential leisure facility eg. for residential canoeing courses.</p> <p>Development of the slip way remains a priority, along with enhancements to the existing storage facility at the fire station.</p> <p>Kirk indicated that there may be the possibility that those young people registered at the RAF Leeming Youth Centre could have use of free transport provision that will allow them to access both X-Nihilo and the Scouts & Guide Hut.</p> <p>Action: Peter to collate a 'composite recreation & leisure programme' to identify existing provision, to identify any gaps and to publish in the Bedale Bugle. Mike and/or Chris to provide a further update at the next CIFG meeting.</p>
<p>Reels on Wheels</p>	<p>Haze confirmed that this issue had been raised at the full Area Forum. Action: Hazel to contact Dalesscare and Parish Councils to enquire whether they are aware of any volunteers willing to co-ordinate a 'Reels on Wheels' scheme.</p>
<p>Park/Playgrounds</p>	<p>Peter circulated an update on the Play Ranger Scheme provided by Lawrence:</p> <p>Interviews for The Play Ranger and Development Officer post (joint position with Richmondshire DC) were held in mid-July. Nicole Graham was appointed and is now in post. Nicole will run 60 3hr play sessions per year for 5-11 year olds across rural Hambleton and Richmondshire. (i.e. 30 sessions in Hambleton). As part of the process for deciding where the priorities are Nicole will be undertaking some research into the provision of existing play facilities compared to the number of children in this age bracket who live in the area. Some places have been identified already, e.g. Picton, but Lawrence is keen to prioritise which villages would benefit from this provision.</p> <p>The main contact for the Scheme is Lisa Wilson, Lifestyles Manager at HDC on 01609 767149 or email lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk (and also Nicole Graham at HDC.) Action: Kirk to contact Lisa Wilson regarding Play Ranger opportunities at RAF Leeming.</p>
<p>Improving Policing</p>	<p>Bob agreed to follow up on concerns over police support for local events.</p>
<p>Bedale Community Minibus</p>	<p>Hazel confirmed that the Community Minibus was 'launched' on Monday 1st September and will be available for use by local community groups, societies and voluntary organisations. A storage solution for the bus has yet to be found.</p>
<p>Scruton Village Hall</p>	<p>It was noted that there has been no recent contact with the Scruton Village Hall committee. Action: Peter to contact Sue Latter for an update.</p>
<p>Diversionsary Activities for Young People</p>	<p>Bob confirmed that he will follow up on proposals for a gym/boxing facility referred to during the previous CIFG meeting once X-Nihilo is open.</p>
<p>Crakehall Village Hall</p>	<p>No further update on this project.</p>

Snape School – Community Recreation Project	Peter reported that Sharon O’Rourke has agreed to provide a project update prior to the next meeting. Action: Peter to circulate a copy of the report once available.
Burneston Play Area	No further update on this project.
Dalescare: First Floor Development	Action: Peter to liaise with Lee for an update on the Police Property Fund at the next meeting.
Other Projects	Hazel confirmed that Nicky Smith is to attend the BVCPF AGM and will provide updates on other projects underway across Bedale and the surrounding villages.

4. Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum Issues

It was agreed that both Reels on Wheels provision and the level of police support at local events remain high on the CIFG agenda and should be raised at future meetings of the Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum. It was also agreed that the issue of the costs of police support at local events be raised at the next meeting of the LSP Executive.

5. Any Other Business

Hazel provided a summary of those projects being supported by Nicky Smith, including Village Halls in West Tanfield, Scruton and Kirby Fleetham. West Tanfield Village Hall is in need of a new water boiler. **Action:** it was agreed that a request for financial support for the purchase and installation of a new boiler be made at the next Forum meeting to be held in November.

Bob asked that it be noted that at a meeting of the Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum held on the 25th July 2007 it had been agreed in principal that £4k from the Forum’s annual reserves from revenue secured from 17 Market Place be ring-fenced to support future rental costs for the Youth Venue.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

7.30pm at X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale on Tuesday 11th November 2008