



Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum

Community Interest Group

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2008

X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale

Present

Hazel Kirby (Chair), Peter Cole, Bob Pocklington, Stella Hemingway & Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

Apologies

Graham Turner & Heather Amy.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Hazel introduced Elizabeth Fitzgerald from NYCC Trading Standards.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Tuesday 29th April 2008

The minutes from 29th April were agreed as a true record thereof.

It was noted that Bob had raised the issue of Police involvement at local events at a recent meeting of the Police Liaison Committee and is awaiting a response. It was agreed that this issue should remain a priority for the Forum and should be raised at the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th July 2008. Hazel confirmed that the issue of Police support had been raised at the recent LSP Exec. meeting and that Lindsay Ross, Chair of the Thirsk Area Group (TRI) had similar concerns.

3. Projects update

Project	Notes
X-Nihilo	<p>Bob gave a brief overview on progress as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An issue over rates has to be resolved given that X-Nihilo has yet to achieve registered charity status. Bob confirmed that the paperwork to achieve charitable status has been submitted and that charitable status should be granted shortly.▪ Bedale School is to use the venue 5 days a week and has agreed to provide financial support and IT equipment to support the delivery of learning provision. Staff members from the school have agreed to join the Steering Group.▪ David Hewison has been appointed Treasurer of the Steering Group.▪ The Burneston Village Trust has donated £1000 (a total of almost £31k has been raised to date.)▪ It is anticipated that the venue will open early in August with an Open Day to be arranged for those individuals and organisations which have supported the project.▪ A sign has been ordered to go in the window, night storage

	<p>heaters and the pool table are to be removed and a PC is to be installed downstairs in accordance with DDA legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broadacres have agreed to decorate downstairs and metal security grills are to be installed.
Gateway Centre	No further update on this project.
Scouts and Guides HQ	<p>Peter confirmed that successful HDC Community Grant bid had been submitted to enhance existing hut storage, to install a slipway to Bedale Beck and to purchase of 'Zorbing Balls' (total value of bid: £2955)</p> <p>It is understood that a business plan has been written and architects plans drawn up. Action: Peter to invite a representative to the next meeting to provide an update.</p>
Reels on Wheels	<p>Peter reported that the cinema equipment is currently being used regularly in Northallerton. It was agreed that the group identify an individual or organisation willing to take responsibility for delivering a similar scheme in Bedale and the surrounding villages. Action: to raise this issue at the next meeting of the Forum on Wednesday 16th July.</p>
Park/Playgrounds	<p>Hazel reported that an event is to be held on Wednesday 23rd July at the East Thirsk Community Hall to discuss issues regarding the development of children's play areas (including funding, insurance and community consultation.) For further information or to book a free place please contact Nicky Smith on 01609 774633 or email: nicky@ndvsa.co.uk.</p> <p>Action: Peter to invite Lawrence to provide an update on the Play Ranger Scheme at the next meeting.</p>
Improving Policing	<p>Bob reported that the recent Safer Bedale meeting held on the 12th June had been well-received and followed the 'You Said. We Did.' format. The key issues raised were the level of police support at local events and the proposed Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in Bedale. Geoff Lodge is to provide an update on the DPPO at the next meeting of the Forum on Wednesday 16th July. The next Safer Bedale meeting is to be held on 18th September 2008.</p> <p>The PCSO's serving Bedale and the surrounding villages have returned from a three week training programme.</p>
Bedale Community Minibus	Bob confirmed that securing a permanent site for the community mini bus is a priority for the Bedale Hall Management Committee.
Scruton Village Hall	There has been no recent contact with the Scruton Village Hall committee.
Diversionsary Activities for Young People	Bob reported that he is exploring the possibility of establishing a gym which may also include a boxing & martial arts club and which may also provide a practice room for the Bedale Brass Band. Action: Bob to liaise with Lawrence to discuss a partnership approach.
Crakehall Village Hall	Hazel confirmed that the lottery funding bid was unsuccessful and that a 'wish list' has been submitted to Nicky Smith.
Snape School – Community Recreation Project	No update available. Action: Peter to contact Sharon O'Rourke for an update.
Burneston Play Area	Hazel reported that Nicky has given a presentation to the Burneston Parish Council and that further contact has been made recently.
Dalescare: First Floor	Action: Peter and/or Lee to provide an update on the Police Property Fund at the next meeting.

Development	
Other Projects	Hazel reported that Nicky has been involved in the drafting of the Constitution for the Swale & Ure Valley Model Railway Club.

4. The Alcohol Reduction Campaign (ARC)

Elizabeth presented an overview of the scheme which is being piloted across Bedale to address alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and which is based on the principal of education, *not* prosecution. The scheme, a partnership between NYCC Training Standards, the Police and the Community Safety Partnership, aims to reduce proxy sales of alcohol to minors and help provide additional training for retailers through the Retail Alcohol Standards Group (RASG.) The scheme seeks to promote the '21 Policy', which whilst not law is a policy adopted by NYCC. The success of the scheme will be assessed using 'community information' rather than intelligence (perceptions, evidence of criminal damage, litter, graffiti etc.)

Action: Peter to invite Elizabeth to the next Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum meeting.

5. Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum Issues

- The level of Police support at local events
- 'Developing Children's Play Areas': an event to be held on Wednesday 23rd July at the East Thirsk Community Hall
- Reels on Wheels in Bedale

6. Any Other Business

Hazel reported that a 'Developing Youth Provision in Rural Areas' event is to be held between 7-9pm at Hutton Rudby Village Hall on Tuesday 14th October 2008.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

7.30pm at X-Nihilo, Bridge Street, Bedale on Tuesday 2nd September 2008