



BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM

7.30pm, 15th January 2008 – Bedale Hall

Present: Mike Barningham; Lisa Wilson; Harry Lillyston; Yvonne Rose; Bob Pocklington; Mark Haynes; Dave Goodwin; Lee Featherstone; Mike Mills; Cllr Carl Les; Hazel Kirby; Carol Clark; John Dunwell

1. **Welcome**

Mike welcomed Dave Goodwin, Head of Health - Hambleton District Council

2. **Apologies:** Sue Latter; Adrian Lazenby; John Noone; Stuart Isaac; Graham Turner

3. **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Bob explained that under item 9 Aiskew Parish Council had submitted 3 sites for future development but only one had been omitted not all three. Following this amendment the minutes from 14th November 2007 were agreed.

Mark explained that Beth is arranging a meeting with the Bedale and Northallerton Area Groups to go through the process of updating the website with ID24 (website creators). The Forum also agreed that the website needed to make links with other local websites such as Bedale.com where the Parish Council minutes are posted. Mike (M) also suggested that the school could look at creating a community website. Yvonne agreed to contact Beth with suitable dates to meet ID24. **Action: Yvonne**

Hazel reported that she had raised the need for concessionary fares for young people with the Local Bus Forum and is waiting for a response from NYCC / HDC. Hazel will keep the group informed.

Lisa reported that the income from 17 Market Place will be paid quarterly – the first instalment will be paid in March 2008.

4. **Recreation / leisure projects**

Dave first explained, that following Sport England's new policy for allocating grants and support, a Bedale Sports Locality Group needs to be established (this will be replicated across the four other areas in Hambleton). Representation on the group will include the Sports Development Officer (HDC), School Sports Co-ordinator, Extended Schools Co-ordinator, Children's Centre Manager, Bedale Leisure Centre, 2 reps from the voluntary sports network and potentially a Forum rep. The group hasn't been set up yet but members were asked to consider whether they would like to represent the Forum on this group. **Action: All**

Dave also explained that schools in Hambleton have been successful in delivering 2 hours of high quality PE per week – but Gordon Brown has raised the target to 5 hours of high quality PE per week – this can't be delivered within the curriculum and will rely on out of school and voluntary activities for which some funding will be available for delivery – this type of activity will be co-ordinated by the Locality Group.

Prior to the meeting a list of recreation / leisure projects were circulated for consideration by the Forum with an aim to prioritise them. Potential funding sources will then be identified for each project including access to Section 106 (developer contributions for off site recreation/leisure projects) Sport England, Big Lottery etc.

The group considered the list and agreed which projects were still 'live', which projects needed adding to the list and how the projects could be prioritised.

Members of the Forum then offered to provide further details of how each project met the suggested criteria outside the meeting. Rather than score the criteria people were asked to complete a written summary of how the projects meet the appropriate criteria. The scores and priorities of these individual projects will then be agreed at the next meeting in March. See attached list for full details.

5. Focus Group updates

Business and Tourism

- *Signage scheme* – Mark confirmed that the fingerposts are in production with an 8 week lead time for delivery. A high quality version of the Bedale Town logo is still required. Information on the installation of 2 new Millstones is required from Bikers before they can be ordered. The total cost may come in less than originally anticipated extra funding could be used for one of the smaller ginnels.
- *Renaissance Park / Bridge Street* – Mark explained that the land agent has advised that they are not prepared to lease or sell the land. The timeframe to spend the £250k from Yorkshire Forward is therefore unlikely. Mark agreed to follow up whether they would consider a route through to the allotments and repeat how important the park is to people which might influence the LDF.
Action: Mark
- *Shop front / first floor / empty spaces* – Bridge Street redevelopment is with the private sector. £600k has been secured from Yorkshire Forward to deliver, in 15 months, a similar empty spaces scheme to Richmond (£250k to spend in the centre of Bedale) – proposals have been received from Bedale Hall to convert garages into offices – Town Centre Assembly Rooms also for offices – and other buildings are also being explored. A number of target shops to enhance the quality of the conservation areas include the Spar shop and Eccles Heddon. Mark agreed to find out what is happening to the building to the rear of the White Bear. A further £250k could go into public realm schemes as there are no outputs attached to this pot – could include the Fleece Cottages Ginnel with match funding from English Heritage, match funding could also be secured if public art works were included. **Action: Mark**
- *Welcome host* – Carol reported that the North Yorkshire Moors and Coast Tourism Partnership is offering a free Welcome Host course – Carol agreed to email Yvonne details to circulate to members of the Chamber of Trade. **Action: Carol/Yvonne**

Environment

- Yvonne has been chasing up information on the allotment sites – clarification from John Burton that identified plots in the LDF are correct is required.
Action: Yvonne

Community Interest

- *The Youth Venue* – Bob explained that the project is going well. BSD is no longer charging VAT on the lease and negotiations on sorting out the electrics are ongoing. Keith Bailes' son who is a cabinet maker is prepared to fit the kitchen free of charge which will be moveable so that equipment could be moved to another facility if required in the long term. Bob recently gave a presentation to Mowbray Foods in the hope of securing some ongoing financial contribution. An IT system and pool table have been donated.

- Bedale High School – Mike (M) gave a brief overview on the Specialist School bid and plans. The main aim is to introduce more technology into the school and link with other schools in the area. IT equipment is being installed in classrooms for the specialist school subjects (geography, history and English). Within the cloakroom area a humanities hub is being created (an open glass front with 36 PC's to be used by school during school time and outside school hours by the community for work related to these subjects). A web based radio station, links with residential homes and a media and communication project with Richmond are all planned.
- Hazel reported that she has been elected as the new chair of the Community Interest Group and asked if the Forum would consider taking on responsibility for the delivering the Wheels on Reels project in Bedale if volunteers could be recruited which was agreed. Ken Blackwood, who manages the Northallerton Cinema scheme, will be invited to a future meeting to explain it in more detail.

Transport

- Mike reported that the next meeting has been set for 30th January 2008 at 7.30pm at Bedale Hall to discuss car parking charges, white bear junction, the Traffic Management Strategy, rights of way improvements and S106 contributions
- Yvonne reported that she has set up an e petition about the car parking charges at www.gopetition.co.uk and asked people to sign up

Safety / Community Policing

- Bob reported that the last meeting on 6th December 2007 had been very positive with a good attendance. Carl had produced a sheet summarising 'you said' and 'we did' to show people what had been accomplished since the last meeting.
- CCTV cameras have now been installed and already identified an individual supplying young people with alcohol. There has been some displacement to the back of health centre, Leach House, schools, park etc which is being addressed.
- Lee explained that the Police are proposing a designated public place order (an order that will allow alcohol to be seized on the street if people are carrying out anti-social behaviour) – this proposal will need support from the local community to get agreement. The Police are also looking at a scheme for alley gating escape routes to design out crime
- Lee urged people to contact him if they had any intelligence regarding crime – this can be reported via email (lee.featherstone@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)
- Carl reported that the Police are currently consulting on their precept proposing 3% but this could go higher if the public are prepared to pay for (for every 1% increase an extra £500k goes into the Police Safer Neighbourhoods budget across North Yorkshire) – see www.nypa.org.uk
- Mike reported that a meeting had been held with the Police regarding Bedale Rock 2008 to discuss controlling alcohol consumption on the park. The group is considering fencing an area with qualified security and marshals on site and make a small charge for entry – Police would then patrol the perimeter fence – costs and logistics are being investigated
- Lee also reported on two Police operations that are currently in progress. One to address travelling criminals (a mobile watch patrol is being undertaken on an evening) and Bedale Walkabout, on Friday, to address youth disorder

6. Finance update

Mike circulated a copy of the finance report for information. There hasn't been a lot of movement since the November meeting. £710 has come in from Charities Aid Foundation from Barclays for 2006 match funding for Bedale Rock. Money has

been paid out for building regulations and planning for the youth centre. £209 from the Battle of Bands in December is still to be paid into the account.

7. Meetings and Correspondence

The Forum supported Mike and Bob to go on Yorkshire Forward's Holland Visit. Lisa agreed to check if there is a spare place so that Carol could also attend.

Action: Lisa

Mike reported that HDC are holding a stakeholder holder meeting on 22nd January – 7.30pm (Bedale Hall) regarding car parking charges. Lisa agreed to check why park mark signs were not up in the car parks. **Action: Lisa**

Mike reported that he has met with Bob Tait who undertook the logo work. To design a new logo based on the town cross it will cost £450. The Forum agreed not to spend any more money on the logo and asked Mike to arrange for the original logo work to be sent on disc – this could be utilised by the Youth Venue. **Action: Mike**

Mike has been sent a copy of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy which is out for consultation – available on www.nysp.org.uk

8. Any other business

Bob asked the Forum to consider supporting production of the Bugle, which in the past received positive feedback from the community. John and Carol agreed to meet to see how the Bugle could be re-launched and what is required. **Action: John/Carol**

On behalf of the Forum Mike thanked Lisa for all her support over the years and wished her well in her new post. Lisa reported that Peter Cole has been appointed as her replacement.

9. Dates of next meetings

All meetings to be held at Bedale Hall

Weds, 12th March 2008

Tues, 6th May 2008

Weds, 16th July 2008

Tues, 16th September 2008

Weds, 12th November 2008