



## **BEDALE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**BEDALE ROOM, BEDALE HALL**

**7.30pm Wednesday 12th November 2008**

### **Minutes**

#### **Present**

John Noone; Sue Latter; Stuart Isaac; David Brown; Ian Marr; Mark Haynes; Harry Lillystone; Bob Pocklington; Carol Clark; Frank Johnston-Banks; Hazel Kirby & Yvonne Rose.

#### **Apologies**

Mike Barningham; Chris Hall; Mark Firth & Carl Les.

#### **1. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Agreed as a true record thereof.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Hazel requested that some of the revenue from 17 Market Place be used to help purchase a new heating boiler for West Tanfield Village Hall. It was noted that at the recent AGM it had been agreed that the Forum support Bedale Chamber of Trade's request for £1k against the total cost of £2.5k to hire a temporary ice rink for one day in December. **Action:** Peter to invite a representative from the West Tanfield Village Hall Committee to the next Forum meeting to provide further information on how much funding is required.

#### **3. Bedale Public Realm Works: Mark Haynes**

Mark provided an update on plans for public realm works across Bedale:

##### **Fleece Cottages and Ginnel Enhancements**

Public consultation has been undertaken. The Yorkshire Forward-funded project requires Cabinet approval (meeting to be held 27th November) and then a planning application will be submitted. It is anticipated that the work should be completed by March 2009.

##### **Bedale Bridge**

Mark reported that the District Council's view was that more time and money is needed to ensure that the proposed bridge is fit for purpose. Forum members agreed that a longer term solution be sought to create a high quality bridge rather than a cheap 'quick fix'. Though no definite timescale has been agreed Mark will continue to work on the project which is estimated to cost at least £150k (without the proposed cycleway.)

##### **Gasworks Lane**

Land ownership issues have yet to be resolved and NYCC is not prepared to adopt the lane. Other work to progress the Arts Trail initiative, revetments at Bedale Beck and enhancements to lighting at Bedale Hall and Wycar is ongoing. Mark confirmed that the TIC had agreed to be the lead organisation on certain projects.

John thanked Mark on behalf of the Group for his efforts to drive these projects forward.

#### **4. Local Democracy Week & Bedale School: Peter Cole**

Peter presented the findings of a consultation exercise undertaken with pupils from Bedale School as part of Local Democracy Week. It was agreed that further consultation should include those 'harder to reach' young people. **Action:** Peter to draft a letter of thanks on behalf of the Group to the School and invite members of the Youth Council to the next meeting of the Community Interest Focus Group.

#### **5. Focus Group Updates**

##### **▪ Business and Tourism**

**Website:** Yvonne confirmed that Bedale High School is involved in the new www.bedale.org.uk website. Progress is being made and the new site should be live by the end of December 2008

**Banners:** Positive feedback has been received regarding the banners, though it was agreed that the quality of the materials used needs to be addressed, in particular the strength of the eyelets. It is anticipated that every lamppost will have a banner in readiness for next year's gala.

##### **▪ Environment**

**Bedale Harbour Repairs:** Yvonne reported that Cllr. Les is pursuing quotes for the work to be undertaken.

**Fleece Cottage Ginnel:** it was noted that to repair the entrance to the ginnel would require significant structural work. Mark suggested that Bedale Heritage Partnership Scheme money might help fund such repairs. **Action:** Peter to contact John Proud regarding street cleaning in the entrance to the ginnel.

##### **▪ Community Interests**

**X-Nihilo:** approximately 140 members have signed up and the Youth Centre attracts between 40-50 young people per night. The Steering Group are looking to appoint a Manager to manage both X-Nihilo and the youth centre in Northallerton.

**Friday Night Football:** Bedale Youth Football have submitted a successful bid in partnership with the Alcohol Reduction Campaign (ARC) to fund a football project for young people on Friday evenings at Bedale Leisure Centre between 6.30pm-8.30pm.

**Litter Pick:** Peter reported on the successful Litter Pick event held on 16th October as part of 'Not In My Neighbourhood' week and invited members to forward suggestions for further projects to Sgnt. Stuart Grainger on 0845 6060247 email: stuart.grainger@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

##### **▪ Transport**

Peter presented a report prepared by Mike Barningham which outlined the actions agreed at the Transport Group meeting held Monday 29th September. Concerns were expressed that actions agreed by NYCC to resolve issues on Firby Road would not be undertaken given Persimmon's decision to put the proposed development on hold. It was noted that an NYCC Area Committee meeting is to be held at County Hall on Monday 17th November.

##### **▪ Safety/Community Policing**

Peter reported on the issues raised at the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008. These included:

- 1) The unclassified road off Firby Road near doctor's surgery, Station Road in Scruton and the road approaching Crakehall from Patrick Brompton have been identified as speeding 'hotspots'.

- 2) Young people have been seen drinking alcohol in the old play area near Abbott's Garage.
- 3) It was reported that SatNav systems are directing large commercial vehicles along Emgate which, it was suggested, is being used as a 'rat run'
- 4) Lack of cover for the Scruton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme due to long-term sickness.
- 5) Serious concerns over pedestrian safety at Sussex Street/Five Lane Ends (in particular young children being escorted from Incy Wincy's Nursery to the Market Place.)
- 6) The need for a lollipop lady near tactile paving outside Towler's.

The next meeting of the Group is to be held at 7.00pm at Bedale Hall on Thursday 11th December 2008.

## **6. Finance Update**

No report available in Mike's absence. Concerns were expressed that only one payment had been received from 17 Market Place and that it is unclear as to the exact amount due to be paid to BVCPF per annum. **Action:** Mark to follow up with HDC Economic Development to clarify the amount owed.

## **7. Meetings and Correspondence:**

- Area Forum Update: Peter circulated the minutes of the recent Area Forum held on 21st October 2008 for information. These minutes can now be downloaded from the HDC website. The next Area Forum is to be held on Tuesday 20th January 2009.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- Hazel confirmed she is to attend a 'People, Sustainable Communities and Excellence Overview & Scrutiny Committee about Community Leadership' meeting on Tuesday 18th November and invited partners to provide comments as to the current structure and how it can be improved. It was suggested that given the wide remit of the posts being both a District and North Yorkshire County Councillor could lead to a conflict between the local and countywide interest and that a similar conflict may occur between HDC and NYCC Cabinet.
- Frank Johnston-Banks asked how Bedale has responded to changes to car parking over the last few years and the anticipated impact of car parking charges on those living outside Bedale. **Action:** Yvonne to forward Frank details of the Bedale Car Parking Referendum.

## **9. Dates of Forum Meetings in 2009**

- Wednesday January 28th
- Wednesday March 18th
- Tuesday May 12th
- Wednesday July 15th
- Tuesday September 15th (Annual General Meeting)
- Wednesday 11th November

All meetings to be held at 7.30pm at Bedale Hall