



## Northallerton and Villages Community Forum

Tuesday 27th January 2009

4.00pm – 6.00pm

The Council Chamber, Stone Cross Civic Centre, Northallerton

### Minutes

**Present:** Sally Anderson (Chair); Michael Webster; Peter Cole; Lesley Shaw; Robert Carter; Ken Blackwood; Hazel Kirby; Noel Collings; Mark Haynes; David Blades; Mark Firth; Nicky Smith; Sgnt. Simon Wilson; Rosemary Bullmoor; Nigel Prince; Tony Hall & Hugh Thompson.

**Apologies:** Emily Thomas; Kathryn Chapman; John Sheehan; Glen March; Adrienne Lucas & Gloria Davies.

#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2008

Agreed as a true record thereof.

#### 2. Matters Arising

- **Visit Northallerton.com website:** Ken is awaiting a reply from ID24 on specific questions as to how the site is maintained. Once these issues are resolved Ken is willing to demonstrate to other Forum members how the site works. **Action:** Mark to ensure these issues are resolved.
- **Visit Northallerton leaflets:** leaflets are in the process of being proof read and should be available prior to the next meeting. **Action:** Peter to forward a draft copy of the leaflet to Lesley for proof reading.
- **Section 106 Funding:** It was suggested that there remains some confusion within the Town Council as to how Section 106 money can be used. **Action:** Sally and Peter to clarify with Northallerton Town Council the process by which Section 106 money is allocated and how and where the money can be spent.
- **Town Park Proposal:** Forum members discussed whether Section 106 money should be 'banked' in order to purchase land for the proposed Town Park, the initial designs for which already exist, or whether the money would be better spent on smaller projects. Whilst no decision was made it was agreed that this issue be raised at future meetings of Northallerton Town Council. The issue as to which organisation would lead the project has yet to be resolved.
- **Hidden Spaces Update:** Sally reported that feedback from the film had been very positive, with over 250 people having watched the film. Sally confirmed that a DVD of the film will be made available to Forum members and that Ken has agreed to screen the film at the Hambleton Forum on Friday 6th March. **Action:** Northallerton Library to receive a copy of the DVD once available and Hazel to circulate copies to voluntary organisations.
- **Proposed Windfarms:** It was reported that objections have been raised to the proposed windfarms both in Appleton Wiske and Bullmoor near Northallerton. A committee has been established to oppose the proposed Bullmoor site and the issue will be raised at

the next meeting of Northallerton Town Council. Objections to the proposed Appleton Wiske site have been raised, although the Parish Council has yet to make a decision either way. It was noted that few objections to the Bullamoor site have been submitted to Brompton Parish Council.

### 3. ActDivertz: Activities for Young People in Northallerton

Simon described the purpose of the ActDivertz Group which is to provide diversionary activities for young people across Northallerton. The Group co-ordinated a successful 'GamesFest' at Northallerton College in October which attracted over 60 young people. Future activities being co-ordinated by the Group include a Football Festival in March and a Fashion Show. Simon confirmed that the Group had secured £10k from NYCC to tackle anti-social behaviour. Consultation is underway with students at Northallerton College and work is being undertaken in partnership with the police, NYCC 4Youth and the CDRP to co-ordinate other events.

Sally reported that the E2E building on Romanby Road has been identified as a possible site for the Base Project. Disappointment was expressed that the existing building on East Road is not being considered as a suitable location (Tony confirmed that a Headteacher for the Pupil Referral Unit had recently been appointed.)

### 4. Joint Action Groups: Community Safety Issues

Simon confirmed that the second round of Joint Action Group meetings had been held across Northallerton and the surrounding villages. Issues reported included:

- Speeding traffic
- Car parking
- Litter
- Dropped kerbs for mobility scooters
- Graffiti
- Flower deliveries along Northallerton High Street

Members agreed that JAGs, which are to be held every 3 months, are a valuable forum in which community safety issues can be communicated. **Action:** Peter to promote, and circulate notes from, future JAG meetings.

### 5. Priorities for the Year Ahead:

Members agreed that the following should be priorities for the Group:

- **The Green Agenda:** climate change and environmental enhancements
- **Learning & Skills:** development, deployment and retention
- **Private Sector Engagement:** strengthening the links
- **Improving Our Performance:** doing what we do, but doing it better
- **Communication:** getting our message across

It was agreed that at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th March the Group consider those projects within the Northallerton & Villages Community Plan which have yet to be started or which have yet to be completed. Given the number of projects to be discussed it was agreed that the meeting start at 3pm. **Action:** Peter to circulate a list of those projects within the Northallerton & Villages Community Plan which have yet to be started or which have yet to be completed prior to the next meeting.

### 6. Ongoing Projects: An Update

#### Climate Change & Transition Towns

It was noted that Ken has agreed to screen the 'Inconvenient Truth' at the Hambleton Forum on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm, the funding for which has been secured from HDC's Sustainable Development budget. It was suggested that those attending the film be invited to a subsequent meeting to discuss whether they would be willing to lead on a 'Northallerton as a Transition Town' initiative. It was also suggested that an invitation to this meeting be extended to members

of the Transition Town Group in Kirkbymoorside to explain the process by which Transition Town status can be secured. **Action:** Michael, Peter, Noel & Sally to co-ordinate and promote the event and programme of meetings.

#### **Northallerton Town Square Enhancement**

Mark reported that a consultation exercise to gather views from local people and businesses on how the area of open space in the centre of Northallerton can be enhanced is to be held on Friday 6th February and Saturday 7th February. Representatives from the Town Council, the Northallerton & Villages Community Forum and Hambleton District Council will be in Northallerton town centre to explain more about the proposals and to consult with residents, visitors and local businesses. It is anticipated that further consultation to gather the views of young people will be undertaken in partnership with the Allertonshire School.

### **7. Any Other Business**

- It was noted that an Osmotherley Village Design Statement is being drafted.
- Robert confirmed that construction work is to start shortly on the Brompton Pavilion now the funding has been secured.
- Mark reported that a new contractor has been found to develop the Northallerton Managed Workspace. The anticipated completion date for the project is September 2009.
- Peter circulated an update on the Northallerton schemes within the NYCC Traffic Management Strategy. Ken and Tony agreed to follow up specific issues.
- It was agreed that NVCF has a presence at this year's Northallerton Carnival to be held on Sunday 12th July
- Peter circulated details of a proposal by the ActDivertz Group to purchase mobile floodlights for use both by members of the ActDivertz Group and NVCF. It was agreed that further details of the proposals are needed before a decision can be taken. **Action:** Peter to provide members with further details prior to the next meeting.
- It was agreed that this year's AGM be held in the summer. **Action:** Peter to check whether the recently refurbished Worsall Village Hall is available.

### **8. Dates for Future Meetings**

- Tuesday 17th March Main Committee Room, Stone Cross Civic Centre at 3pm
- Tuesday 19th May Meeting Room 4, Stone Cross Civic Centre at 4pm
- Tuesday 28th (time & venue to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 29th September Meeting Room 1, Stone Cross Civic Centre at 4pm
- Tuesday 24th November Main Committee Room, Stone Cross Civic Centre at 4pm