



## Northallerton and Villages Community Forum

Tuesday 19th May 2009

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Meeting Room 4, Stone Cross Civic Centre, Northallerton

### Minutes

**Present:** Sally Anderson (Chair); David Blades; Stan Hudson; John Parkinson; Robert Carter; Marjorie Stratford; Ken Blackwood; Robert Beaver; Carol Russell; Gloria Davies; Rosemary Bullimore; Adrienne Lucas; Lesley Shaw; Frances Bainbridge; Mark Haynes; Nicky Smith & Jacquie Boulton.

**Apologies:** Tony Hall; Hugh Thompson; Michael Webster; Sarah Robinson; Emily Thomas & Tim Swales.

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#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Tuesday 17th March 2009

Agreed as a true record thereof.

#### 2. Matters Arising

It was noted that:

- copies of the 'Northallerton Yards & Hidden Spaces' DVD have been circulated to community groups. The film has been screened twice at the Hambleton Forum.
- judging for 'Northallerton Blooming Together' will take place in July 2009. Positive feedback has been received following the spring judging.
- at a Bus Users Surgery facilitated by Bus Users UK held on 1st April 50 written responses were received. The three issues which were raised most frequently were:
  - The bus terminus outside the Buck Inn
  - The need for an integrated Northallerton to Thirsk service
  - A lack of timetable information at bus stops (which is the responsibility of both operators and NYCC to provide.)

Ken reported that plans to develop a bus terminus outside the Buck Inn will not be considered by NYCC until March 2010. **Action:** Peter to request copies of the responses from Dianne Pottage at NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport for analysis. Once this analysis is complete NVCF to draft an informed response to Integrated Passenger Transport requesting that the issues raised at the surgery be addressed as a priority.

#### 3. Neighbourhood Profiles: Northallerton & Villages

Peter presented the narrative from the Neighbourhood Profile of Northallerton and surrounding villages, a project undertaken by NYCC in partnership with HDC, the Police, the PCT and other members of the LSP. The Countywide Neighbourhood Profile is a database which uses data sets (obesity levels, income, age, deprivation indices etc.) to compare performance within the eight wards in Northallerton and also across other areas within the District, the County and the UK. It was agreed that the profile provides a useful planning tool to help identify 'hotspots' and allocate resources where they are most needed. However,

concerns were expressed that Appleton Wiske is included in the Neighbourhood Profile for Stokesley when representatives from the village attend NVCF meetings.

#### **4. NVCF Community Plan: The Next Steps**

It was suggested that community safety issues be raised at JAG meetings and that issues over police resourcing be raised at the forthcoming LSP Exec. meeting. It was agreed that the revised plan be rationalised under the 'Theme' headings. **Action:** Sally, Peter, Nicky, Mark, Lesley and Adrienne to rationalise the Plan before the meeting in September.

#### **5. Project Update:**

Mark and Peter presented an update on projects being undertaken by the group (see Annex A on pages 4 & 5.) Robert confirmed that a new roof has now been added to the Brompton Pavilion and that issues over heating the premises are being addressed. It was noted that plans remain for the refurbishment of Brompton Village Hall.

#### **6. Business Against Crime in Hambleton: Impact & Funding**

Peter reported that funding for the scheme remains an issue and that without further financial support the scheme could end in September 2009. **Action:** Peter to contact Sgnt. Simon Wilson for an assessment of the impact of the scheme, clarification as to how the project is managed and the amount of funding required for the scheme to continue.

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

- **Reels on Wheels:** Ken reported that North Yorkshire has been shortlisted for a three year scheme funded by £1.2m of lottery money which will give rural audiences the chance to enjoy a modern, digital cinema experience. The county is one of three areas in the country (the others Shropshire and Wiltshire.) Applications are now being invited from groups to run the pilot scheme and operate the digital projection equipment in non-traditional venues, such as village and town halls, arts centres and other community spaces. For further information visit [www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/rural](http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/rural)
- **Funding:** Nicky confirmed that the 'Grassroots' grant scheme has been suspended. A 'Community Builders' funding scheme will be available shortly, funding from which can be used for village hall enhancements.
- **Windfarm Toolkit:** a meeting is to be held on Monday 22nd June to consider ways in which local communities can work together with windfarm developers and operators in their negotiations over community benefits (voluntary contributions, either of cash or in-kind, donated by windfarm developers/operators to communities usually within the vicinity of windfarm developments.) The purpose of the meeting is to highlight the potential which exists from such community benefits and to assist local communities to achieve those benefits during the negotiations that take place before any windfarm development may be approved.
- **Visit-northallerton.com: Non-accredited/Inspected Accommodation**  
Following a lengthy discussion regarding the inclusion of non-accredited/inspected accommodation on the visit-northallerton.com website a majority agreement was reached that only accredited/inspected accommodation will be included on the site. **Action:** Mark to contact Steve Prentice regarding the lease on the TIC beyond May 2010.
- **Northallerton Carnival:** to be held on Sunday 12th July between 12 noon and 5pm. Consultation is to be undertaken on the Transition Town initiative and other projects being undertaken by NVCF.
- **NVCF Annual General Meeting:** to be held at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall at Northallerton Town Hall on Tuesday 28th July.

- **Hedge Maintenance:** it was noted that branches overhanging the cycleway/footpath to the rear of Halfords linking the County Business Park and Sam Turners were proving a potential risk to cyclists and pedestrians. It was suggested that hedge trimming had been delayed to avoid disturbance to nesting birds. **Action:** David to clarify demarcation and/or rights of way with Penny Noake at NYCC.
- **Future Correspondence:** it was agreed that future agendas, minutes etc be circulated to the group via email. Bob Beaver, Stan Hudson and members of the TIC will continue to receive correspondence in the post.
- **Blue Box Collection:** concerns were expressed over blue box collections at the Orchards complex in Brompton. Elderly residents have been told that recycling boxes and bags are not being collected from individual properties from within the complex and that the boxes should be taken to the recycling bins. **Action:** David to follow up with John Proud.

## 8. Dates for Future Meetings

- **Tuesday 28th July (AGM): 7.30pm Northallerton Town Hall**
- **Tuesday 29th September: 4pm Main Committee Room, Stone Cross Civic Centre**
- **Tuesday 24th November: 4pm Main Committee Room, Stone Cross Civic Centre**

Annex A: Project Update

Project Status Report 046 – July 09



Project Name <i>Lead Organisation</i> (Officer Leading)	Project Value £ SRIP	Project Description	Status	Outputs <i>Tier 3</i>
H1 – Hambleton Promotion  (Beth Carss)	£25k	Each of the towns in the Hambleton Renaissance Business Plan has prioritised promotion and marketing of the towns as a key project to be undertaken.  This project will draw together all of these aspirations and form a promotion and marketing plan for all Hambleton Market Towns. This will utilise a wide range of media including DVD, websites and leaflets.	The volunteer bureau has been approached and has found a volunteer for updating the websites. Schools have been invited to involve students in putting on reviews and editorial. Some schools are keen, Northallerton College, others already have student magazines and are less interested. Need to make space on the websites for advertising in order to sustain the sites.	Increased awareness of Hambleton's Market Towns as places to visit  <i>Private sector investment</i>
N2(a) – Voluntary & Community Sector Facility  (Mark Haynes)	£1.9m	To provide a facility for the voluntary and community sector which will provide a range of services. Initially proposed that a joint facility be developed with the Youth Base but lack of suitable premises means facilities need to be developed separately.	Potential facilities for the facility continue to be explored. Rutson site and Quaker lane are being explored as potential venues.	<i>Jobs Created</i>  <i>Training Places</i>  <i>Brownfield site</i>
N4 – Northallerton Managed Workspace  (Beth Carss)	£2.5m  £957k (approx) & £35k prelim funding	The project will provide a 20,000sq/ft managed workspace facility on the former Clariant site.  Project is packaged with Leeming Bar Food Incubators. The overall package comprises £1.98m from YF, £2.5m from YF and £1.5m in cash and land from HDC.	The centre has now been named 'Evolution Business Centre' and is still on schedule for completion on 11 September. Furniture quotes are in and tenders for management of the centre are due in by 14 July. Audio Visual and ICT specifications will be drawn up in the next couple of weeks. Tenants should be able to occupy units from the end of September.	<i>Business Created</i>  <i>Jobs Created</i>  <i>Brownfield Land Redeveloped</i>
N9(b) – Wensleydale Railway  (Geoff Herbert)	Est. <£1.5m	Provision of new infrastructure to allow access to and from the Wensleydale Railway from Northallerton Station	Draft Ove Arup consultancy report on Northallerton link has been produced.	

Northallerton Signage (Mark Haynes)	£25k  £10k	Project is enhancing the entrance signage on the key routes into Northallerton and is introducing a series of fingerposts around the town to help direct visitors to key facilities.	Discussions are ongoing regarding the placing of the new signs at Northallerton train station.	
Northallerton Town Square (Mark Haynes)		Improvement of the open space to the front of the town hall to provide a high quality town square to which could be used for performances, events and demonstrations.	Plans for the town square have been produced but an NYCC Area Committee decision needs to be taken before consultation on the area can move forward.	CO2 Emissions
Northallerton Rutson Hospital	£3m (est) £1m (est)	The potential reuse/redevelopment of the now disused hospital site is to be explored.	A partnership led by HDC and Broadacres is being established to develop proposals which will utilise the site. A range of uses are proposed including town centre based offices, affordable housing, training facilities and facilities for social enterprises.	

## Other Projects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Transition Towns</li> <li>➤ ActDivertz (Diversionary activities for young people)</li> <li>➤ AGM</li> <li>➤ Visit-northallerton.com: Non accredited/Inspected Accommodation</li> <li>➤ Shopmobility</li> </ul>	<p>A Steering Group has been established and new members are being sought. A consultation exercise was held at the Northallerton Carnival on Sunday 12 July. The next meeting to be held Monday 27th July. A Transition Town 'launch' is to be held in September.</p> <p>The ActDivertz Group has expressed a willingness to become a sub Group of NVCF in order to access funding opportunities and bring the Group under the 'umbrella' of the LSP. A revision of the NVCF Constitution to be considered at the AGM.</p> <p>To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th July at Northallerton Town Hall. Key speaker – Nick Taylor, Scarborough's Renaissance Business Manager.</p> <p>Following a discussion regarding the inclusion of non-accredited/inspected accommodation on the visit-easingwold.com website an agreement was reached that only accredited/inspected accommodation will be included on the site.</p> <p>Funding has been secured to purchase 4 electric mobility scooters and four manual wheelchairs. Discussions are underway to agree a management structure.</p>
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