

STOKESLEY & VILLAGES COMMUNITY
REGENERATION GROUP

Chair: Cllr. Bridget Fortune

Vice Chairman: Cllr. John Fletcher

Treasurer: Cllr. Caroline Seymour

Secretary: Peter Cole

Wednesday 7th April 2010

7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall

Minutes

Present

Cllr. Bridget Fortune (Chair)	HDC representing Rudby Ward
Peter Cole	Hambleton District Council
Eddie Dryden	NYCC Extended Schools
Cllr. Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. Margaret Skilbeck	Gt. Broughton PC and HDC
Cllr. Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Cllr. Heather Moorhouse	NYCC & Easby Parish Council
Cllr. Frances Greenwell	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC
Stuart Robertson	Rudby Parish Council
Cllr. Ron Kirk	Roseberry School, Great Ayton and HDC
Cllr. David Hugill	Swainby Parish Council & HDC
Cllr. John Fletcher	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC/NYCC
Cllr. Caroline Seymour	Stokesley Parish Council and NYCC
Clare Williams	North Road Regeneration Project

Apologies

Fe Foreman	Stokesley Cycleways Group
Mike Foreman	Stokesley Resident
Phil Henderson	Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Caryn Loftus	Great Ayton Resident/Great Ayton Station Project
Emily Thomas	Broadacres Housing Association
Cllr. Hazel Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council
Cllr. Mike Richardson	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
David Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Resident
Barbara Beveridge	Battersby Junction Residents Association
Steve Libby	Ingleby Village Recreation Area
Simon Hodgson	Stokesley Resident
Bill Cross	Rural Action Yorkshire

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Bridget welcomed Clare Williams to the meeting, representing the North Road Regeneration Project.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2010

Agreed as a true record thereof.

3. Matters Arising

Heather reported that the recent 'Engage in Sport' event held between 12th February and the 2nd March was well attended and confirmed that further opportunities to take part in Tai Chi and Salsa classes will be available to residents of Stokesley and the surround villages.

4. The Stokesley Cycleways Group: Update

Peter provided an update on the work being undertaken by the Cycleways Group in Fe's absence. A Steering Group has been established to develop four cycle routes linking Stokesley, Great Ayton and

the surrounding villages. A Business Plan has been drafted and further consultation with the local community and stakeholders is underway through an on-line questionnaire and paper-based survey. Funding opportunities are being explored in partnership with the Hambleton Project Development Officer and bids are being worked up for submission to Sustrans and LEADER. Peter confirmed that other routes, including links to Great Broughton and Crathorne, will be considered one of the four priority routes have been thoroughly explored.

5. Project Updates

North Road Regeneration Project: Clare reported that the play area is well-used and that Phase 1 of the project is now complete. It is hoped that Phase 2 of the scheme, which includes the installation of a skatepark/cyclebowl, should be complete by the end of 2010. The designs for Phase 2 of the scheme will be on display on Friday 9th April between 9am-12pm in Stokesley Town Hall. It is understood that there have been no reported incidents of vandalism and that the play area is being used by all residents of Stokesley, not just those living near the play park. The AGM of the Stokesley Play Areas Action Group is to be held on Wednesday 28th April at 8pm in Stokesley Town Hall. Jackie congratulated the Group on the work undertaken and the progress made to date.

Visit Stokesley Website: A volunteer has been found to help populate and maintain the site and a meeting is to be held with Phil Henderson and Mark Haynes on the 15th May to agree roles and responsibilities. The hosting of the visit-stokesley website will be renewed shortly and that private sector sponsorship may have to be sought to secure the long-term future of the site. A decision will have to be made as to how this is progressed. It was suggested that the pursuit of private sector sponsorship for the site may conflict with the work being undertaken by the Moors & Coast Tourism Partnership. **Action:** Peter to liaise with Mark with regards to future hosting costs of the Visit Stokesley website.

Chopgate Play Area: The future of the pub is now secure and plans are still being considered to develop the play area. Nicole Graham, the Hambleton & Richmondshire Play Ranger is to co-ordinate a play scheme in Chopgate in the summer.

Middleton on Leven: The land is to be ploughed and reseeded and consultation with young people will be undertaken to agree the final design for the play area.

Hutton Rudby BMX Park: A final design for the park has been agreed and funding is being sought to develop the site.

Great Ayton Village Hall: The Hall is currently out of use whilst refurbishment work is carried out. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of the summer 2010 and will improve facilities for the amateur dramatics and youth provision.

Stokesley Intergenerational Project: The programme of activities underway in partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is proving successful. It is understood that 6 adults and 6 students attend a 10 session programme which includes photography, IT, furniture making demonstrations and Wii Fit sessions. The scheme will end in May 2010.

Ingleby Villages Recreational Area: an email from Hazel Warhurst confirmed that a Playbuilder Consultation Event was held on Monday 29th March which proved very successful. The field has had landscaping and planting undertaken by committee members and volunteers, and the next step is to choose the supplier for the equipment. The site includes a bog garden and an area will be left unmown for a wildflower meadow, which will have a cycle track running through it.

Potto Beck Fish Pass: Funding is being sought to undertake the project which seeks to build a new fish pass at the confluence of Potto Beck with the River Leven. The proposed new fish pass will alleviate the difficulty brown trout have in ascending the existing fish pass into Potto Beck to reach its good spawning grounds. It is hoped that temporary improvements to the Pass will be in place by September 2010.

The Great Ayton Station Project: No further update was presented in Caryn's absence.

Stokesley Photography Society: It was noted that a recent event hosted by the Photography Society was very successful and well-attended. Concerns were expressed that the project to create a permanent photographic record of Stokesley's history would be made available to *all* members of the community and that it would not be a purely commercial venture with a limited print run. It was suggested that Peter contact Carol Hudson and/or John Davies at the Photographic Society to clarify the purpose of the project. It was also suggested that a DVD containing the photographs be made available at the Library.

Parish Caretaker: Kirkby in Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow: LEADER funding for this project has been secured to contract a parish caretaker for the parishes of Kirkby-in-Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow in order to support and extend the work already being undertaken in both parishes to enhance the local environment. Mary reported that the deadline for applications for the post is the 10th April and that an appointment will be made shortly.

Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum: John confirmed that a Lottery bid has been submitted with a preliminary decision expected in June 2010. The purpose of the scheme is to increase visitor numbers which are currently running at approximately 2000 per year. John agreed to provide a further update at the Forum meeting to be held in August.

6. Meeting Updates/Correspondence:

- **Participatory Budgeting: Rural Action Yorkshire:** Peter presented a brief summary of the scheme which seeks to encourage public involvement in setting budget or budget priorities for public agencies. It was reported that a successful pilot scheme had been rolled out in Eastfield, Scarborough, and that some funding is available to support the process. It was agreed that in Bill's absence further clarification of the process is required as there may be some duplication with the role of the Stokesley CRG. **Action:** Peter to contact Bill to seek further clarification as to what is involved and what the implications are for community cohesion.

7. Financial Report

Caroline's confirmed that the Group has £218.70 in reserves. It was suggested that some of the reserves be used to support the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

8. Any Other Business

▪ Annual General Meeting 9th June 2010: Election of Officers

Peter reminded members that at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 9th June a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are to be elected. Cllr. Bridget Fortune agreed to continue as Chair and Cllr. John Fletcher agreed to continue as Vice Chair. Cllr. Heather Moorhouse expressed an interest in the post of Treasurer given Cllr. Caroline Seymour's decision to step down at the AGM. **Action:** Cllr. Moorhouse to liaise with Cllr. Seymour regarding the post. Peter to invite Mike Horrocks, the LEADER Programme Manager, to give a presentation at the AGM and to publicise the event to the wider community.

▪ Public Transport at Stokesley Business Park

Peter circulated a Report prepared prior the Area Forum that was to be held on Monday 22nd April that provided an update on plans to divert existing bus routes to the business park (see Annex A on page 4.) Members agreed that current public transport provision across the Stokesley area in general is poor and that a letter be written to Mike Roberts at NYCC on behalf of the Stokesley & Villages Community Regeneration Group expressing serious concerns about the quality of the service being delivered. **Action:** Peter to draft a letter and to forward to Bridget for signature.

- **Crathorne Parish Plan**

Bridget reported that an 87% response rate had been achieved as part of the consultation process and that the Parish Plan will be published in June 2010. Issues highlighted by the consultation include the need for affordable housing in the Parish and the future use of public open space.

- **High Speed Broadband across Hambleton**

Peter notified members of the event being held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 13th April, the purpose of which is to consider community-led solutions to the inconsistency of broadband speeds across Hambleton. Guest speakers have been invited to attend from NYnet and Community Broadband initiatives in Robin Hoods Bay and Selby.

9. Dates of Future Meetings in 2010:

- 9th June (AGM)
- 4th August
- 6th October
- 8th December

(all meetings to be held at 7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall)

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

Annex A

Stokesley Area Forum Report 22nd March 2010: Public Transport at the Stokesley Business Park

Correspondence with Dianne Pottage, NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport, has confirmed that proposed diversions to the following bus routes to the Stokesley Business Park are under consideration:

- Service 80/89 Stokesley – Northallerton: an hourly service which is supported by North Yorkshire County Council. The operator has looked at the feasibility of a route diversion. To operate via the Stokesley Business Park would necessitate an additional cost per journey and may impact on the current frequency of the service. The service currently operates 6 days week with 10 journeys running per day. A proposed diversion to the service would require an extra half mile to each journey. Moreover, there are currently a number of students using this service for travel to Stokesley School. The proposed diversion would require the introduction of a drop off point on the opposite side of the road to that currently being used. From a pedestrian safety perspective NYCC consider this unsuitable. Consideration has been given to a 'commute' service for employees working on the Business Park who live in the surrounding villages. However, school drop off times may not fit in with such a commute service. A decision has yet to be taken by NYCC regarding the feasibility of the proposed diversion¹.
- Services 29 & 81 Middlesbrough - Stokesley via the James Cook Hospital, Nunthorpe and Great Ayton: this Arriva-operated service is wholly commercial and as such NYCC has no input into or influence over their operation. Whilst NYCC has

¹ For a route change to be implemented (other than for a change to fares) the Traffic Commissioner must be notified of such a change 56 days prior to the change being implemented.

asked Arriva to assess the feasibility of diverting these services it is anticipated that such a change of route would be unlikely.