

# STOKESLEY & VILLAGES COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP

Chair: Cllr. Bridget Fortune

Vice Chairman: Cllr. John Fletcher

Treasurer: Cllr. Caroline Seymour

Secretary: Peter Cole

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**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall**

## Minutes

### Present

Cllr. Bridget Fortune (Chair)	HDC representing Rudby Ward
Peter Cole	Hambleton District Council
Fe Foreman	Stokesley Cycleways Group
Mike Foreman	Stokesley Resident
Caryn Loftus	Great Ayton Resident/Great Ayton Station Project
Mike Loftus	Great Ayton Resident/Great Ayton Station Project
Cllr. Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Stuart Robertson	Rudby Parish Council
John Gifford	Hutton Rudby Fly Fishing Club
Cllr. Ron Kirk	Roseberry School, Great Ayton and HDC
Tanja Braun	Stokesley Play Areas Action Group
Cllr. Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Eddie Dryden	NYCC Extended Schools
Cllr. Frances Greenwell	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC
Phil Henderson	Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Steve Libby	Ingleby Villages Recreation Area

### Apologies

Cllr. Margaret Skilbeck	Gt. Broughton PC and HDC
Cllr. John Fletcher	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC/NYCC
Inspector Andy Criddle	North Yorkshire Police
Sgnt. Nick Walther	North Yorkshire Police
Cllr. Caroline Seymour	Stokesley Parish Council and NYCC
Emily Thomas	Broadacres Housing Association
Cllr. Mike Richardson	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. Hazel Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council
David Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Resident
Cllr. Heather Moorhouse	NYCC & Easby Parish Council
Barbara Beveridge	Battersby Junction Residents Association

## 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Bridget welcomed Caryn & Mike Loftus (Great Ayton Resident/Great Ayton Station Project) and John Gifford (Hutton Rudby Fly Fishing Club) to the meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Agreed as a true record thereof.

## 3. Matters Arising

**Battersby Junction:** an email received from Barbara Beveridge prior to the meeting confirmed that work to develop the play area is ongoing and that a company limited by guarantee, the Battersby Junction Community Association, has been formed in order that the land can be purchased. The first phase of the development, the desk study, is now complete and funds are being sought to undertake phase two which will involve soil sampling.

#### **4. The Stokesley Cycleways Group: Update**

Fe provided an update on the work being undertaken by the Group and described the routes under consideration. A business plan and communication strategy is being developed to demonstrate the economic and social benefits of creating a cycle link between Ingleby Arncliffe, Stokesley, Great Ayton, Nunthorpe and the surrounding villages. Once the business plan is completed and the various routes prioritised funding will be sought to develop one or more of the proposed routes. Key partners including NYCC, Sustrans, HDC and Parish Councils are being encouraged to write letters of support in favour of the development of cycleways across the area and a consultation exercise is to be undertaken to gather the views of local residents affected by the proposed routes. The next meeting of the Working Group is to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Faceby Village Hall.

#### **5. Extended Schools Provision across Stokesley**

Eddie Dryden presented a Report which describes both the Extended School's Core Offer and the work being undertaken by the Stokesley & Great Ayton Schools Cluster (see Annex A.) Eddie confirmed that projects are being developed in partnership with the Stokesley Children's Centre and that to date the feedback from parents has been positive. It was agreed that *real* differences do exist within local communities and that transport provision is a barrier to learning opportunities. It was noted that Headteachers do have a discretionary fund to pay for transport to learning opportunities and that a £20k subsidy is to be made available to schools in Stokesley from April 2010.

#### **6. Project Proposals:**

Members considered four project proposals for inclusion in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

- **New Potto Beck Fish Pass**

John described the project which seeks to build a new fish pass at the confluence of Potto Beck with the River Leven. The River Leven has been identified by the Environment Agency as failing to meet good ecological status on fish populations under the Water Framework Directives. A factor contributing to this is the severe difficulty brown trout have in ascending the existing fish pass into Potto Beck to reach its good spawning grounds. The proposed new fish pass will alleviate this difficulty. The new pass will be built to concepts and designs proposed by the Environment Agency for the easier ascent by fish and to eliminate risk of damage to the adjacent road bridge. Both support for the project in principle and funding to undertake the work (estimated costs £20k) are being sought.

It was agreed unanimously that the project be included in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

- **Great Ayton Station Project (GASP)**

Caryn presented proposals to develop Great Ayton railway station and the surrounding area through the replacement of the existing waiting room with a

building more in keeping with railway heritage, an extension of the existing station car park for rail users, walkers and cyclists, the restoration of the weighbridge and adjacent building from the old coal yard and the provision of an area of woodland for community use.

This project is part of a wider plan to develop the areas and buildings adjacent to stations along the Esk Valley railway line to promote the use of trains as a means of transport for work, leisure and access to services including hospitals and shops. A land evaluation report has been completed and support has been given from Great Ayton Parish Council and local residents.

Both support for the project in principal and funding to pay for fees to negotiate the purchase of land (estimated at £1,000 plus VAT) are being sought.

It was agreed unanimously that the project be included in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

- **Parish Caretaker: Kirkby in Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow**

Mary presented a proposal 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. The caretaker would be responsible for those areas identified by local residents as needing attention, but for which the necessary funding or expertise is not available under current resources.

Consultation between the two parish councils has taken place and a bid for a grant has been made to the LEADER fund for half the cost of the project under their Parish Caretaker Scheme.

It was agreed that the project be included in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

- **Communication within the Community: Kirkby in Cleveland Parish Council**

Mary presented proposals to develop a 'Welcome Pack' giving details of the Parish Council and other information useful to newcomers to the village, e.g. local organisations, facilities, etc., to be given to all local households initially and then to newcomers. The proposal also includes the purchase and installation of a notice board large enough to display Parish Council notices to the community and also notices from community members to each other. It is hoped to increase communication between all parts of the community and thus enhance community cohesion. No funding is being sought at this time.

Members agreed that this project would not be suitable for inclusion in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

## **7. Project Updates**

- **Website:** HDC has agreed to renew the domain names VisitStokesley.com and Visit-Stokesley.com at a cost of £48 for two years.
- **North Road Regeneration Project:** a turf cutting 'ceremony' has been held and construction work on site is being undertaken by Cleveland Land Services. It was noted that there have been some incidents of minor vandalism and that the first phase of the project is due to be completed by the end of January 2010.
- **Middleton on Leven Play Area:** it is understood that the land has been purchased, though no firm proposals for the site have been agreed. The land has been cleared by a

team of volunteers and consultation is underway with young people as to the design of the play area and the equipment to be installed.

- **Chopgate:** Bridget confirmed that she is to attend a meeting of Chopgate Parish Council to explain the process by which the Picton Community Recreation Area project was completed
- **Ingleby Villages Recreation Area:** Steve confirmed that £25k of Playbuilder funding has been secured to purchase 'naturalistic' play equipment (including willow dens) for young people aged 8-13 years old. The money will be available from April 2010. Plans for the project may include the installation of shelter provision for young people, a link to a cycle route along the A19 and tennis courts.
- **Hutton Rudby BMX Park:** a design for the site has been drawn up and funding is being sought to develop the project.
- **Hutton Rudby Hydro Electric Project:** Stuart reported that investigations have revealed that the river flow is restricted and inconsistent and therefore the costs of delivering the project would be much higher than originally thought. Rudby Parish Council has therefore voted not to develop this project further
- **Great Ayton Village Hall:** Ron confirmed that Great Ayton Parish Council has agreed to go ahead with improvements to the village hall (including improvements to facilities for young people) and that work is due to start in 2010.
- **Stokesley Intergenerational Project:** it is understood that work is underway in partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to develop a programme of activities with older people. Phil agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.
- **Crathorne Reading Room:** Bridget confirmed that local tradesmen have been employed to install improved kitchen facilities and disabled access to the community facility and that the project is now complete.

## 8. Meeting Updates/Correspondence

- **Area Forum Update & Items for Future Meetings:** Peter reminded members that the next meeting of the Stokesley Area Forum is to be held at Stokesley Town Hall at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Agenda items for discussion at this meeting include the promotion and management of Stokesley market, the Stokesley & Villages Area Profile and poor Broadband speed across the area.

## 9. Financial Report

In Caroline's absence Peter confirmed that the Group has £218.70 in reserves.

## 10. Any Other Business

- **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across Stokesley & Surrounding Villages:** It was agreed that Peter contact Sgnt. Walther to establish whether there is a need to host a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, similar to one held in Thirsk in September 2009. It is understood that a Neighbourhood Watch meeting was held at Swainby in October.
- **Dates of Future Meetings in 2010:** It was agreed that Peter circulate details of the times, dates and venue for meetings to be held in 2010 once they have been confirmed.

## STOKESLEY & GREAT AYTON SCHOOLS CLUSTER

### INTRODUCTION

#### The Extended Services and the Core Offer

By 2010, all children, young people and their families should have access to a range of extended services in and around their school.

**The core offer is:**

Primary schools provide access to high-quality **childcare**, 8am–6pm, five days a week, 48 weeks a year.

Secondary schools provide access to a varied menu of activities which provide enrichment, fun and stimulating activities for young people, as well as **a safe place to be**.

Schools provide access to **parenting support**, including information sessions for parents of pupils joining reception and on transfer to secondary school. **Swift and easy access**: schools ensure that children with additional needs are identified as early as possible, and are well supported. Schools ensure they provide **community use** of appropriate facilities, such as ICT suites, sports and arts facilities, and also provide access to adult learning.

#### **The Stokesley & Great Ayton Schools Cluster**

There are 8 Primary Schools, 1 infant, 1 Secondary School and 1 Post 16 Education Establishment based in Stokesley itself

**The Stokesley Parishes on average score 10.8 in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (1.16 being the least deprived area and 83.77 being the most deprived area). The index takes into account income, employment, health, education, housing, access and child poverty, and ranks each area on the deprivation suffered in all Parishes throughout England<sup>1</sup>. Although there is not a high level of deprivation in the area, it is recognised that there are pockets of deprivation relating to rural isolation, access to services and affordable housing. A survey of parents taken during the summer activities identified that 40% stating that travel restricted their ability to access extended services and activities.**

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<sup>1</sup> Stokesley & Villages Community Plan 2003

**Table 1 Index of Multiple Deprivation by school**  
(Source?)

<b>School</b>	<b>Avg IMD Score per pupil '06</b>	<b>NY Rank 1= most 331 =least</b>
Hutton Rudby P S	6.81	318
Kirkby and Great Broughton CE VA P S	7.96	304
Carlton & Faceby CE VA P S	10.32	236
Roseberry C P S, Great Ayton	10.88	206
Swainby and Potto CE VA P S	10.97	200
Marwood CE VC Inf. S, Great Ayton	10.79	211
Ingleby Greenhow CE VC P S	10.20	243
Stokesley C P S	11.84	165
Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate CE VC P S	18.08	54
Secondary Schools & Colleges	<b>County Av= 14.87</b>	<b>NY Rank 1= most 47 =least</b>
Stokesley S	11.22	36

### **Progress towards Full Core Offer**

All schools are audited against national guidelines and across North Yorkshire 91% meet the full core offer status the target is 100% by April 2010 . A sample audit is found at the end of this report.

The local authorities support schools to help them meet the core offer this is through CAF supporting the Swift and Easy Access to appropriate services and Parent Support Advisors supporting the Parenting Support element. Emphasis is now placed on targeted work towards the most vulnerable families and children. The County approach has been to encourage and enable integrated working through children's centres, extended services through schools and integrated youth support to provide holistic support to families with children aged 0 - 19 and even the unborn and from April 2010 there will be the Extended Services Disadvantage Subsidy supporting every child eligible for free school meals, every Looked After Child plus other children identified locally as suffering from economic disadvantage to access extended services through schools activities. The schools cluster has identified Stokesley School to be fund holder and to introduce an application process to ensure the subsidy is awarded appropriately and equitably.

### **Progress of Stokesley Schools Cluster**

The individual schools operate at different capacity but strive to provide a good service and have mainstreamed many extended services and use external providers. The capacity of some schools will always be a problem in delivering the full range of extended services. To address the issue the cluster has agreed to adopt a protocol that will formalise signposting and information sharing on childcare provision and agreed that Extended school funded projects have to be accessible to all cluster schools. The cluster has adopted a commissioning style to funding through extended schools budget and this has enabled the principle to be embedded.

All School have been audited and all will be signed off as meeting the full core offer subject to evidencing they have appropriate signposting in place. The commissioning approach to delivering activities and the principle that all funded projects ought to be accessible to children from across the cluster has delivered the following:

- Transitions project with 30 y6 pupil attending summer school to support their transition to secondary school.
- Drama project with host schools using Konflux Theatre to deliver drama workshops addressing environmental and global awareness.
- Summer Activities run By Middlesbrough Football in the Community with well over a hundred children accessing three weeks of football related activities. The project offered 25 free places allocated by head teachers and Parent Support Advisors.
- The ESTEEM projects run by the secondary school. ESTEEM gives young people, their parents/carers and professionals access to a range of activities and, training courses and counselling. ESTEEM works across the Cluster and takes referrals from Primary schools. By its nature the project is aimed at vulnerable children and young people.
- Piloted a project to engage parents and children in joint learning
- Piloted an Enterprise project aimed at Y10 students who are in danger of self exclusion.
- Established the heads discretion fund that has enabled vulnerable children access activities like residential trips, music clubs, and summer school.

## **Next Steps**

The Cluster needs to move towards greater collaboration to ensure the gains of extended services continue and contribute to the wellbeing of the local community. Following the extended services support for a number of projects and taking on the views of head teachers, children and young people as well as parents the priorities for 2009-2010 will be Improving projects that improve Attendance, promote inclusion and support excellence.

### **Stokesley Community Primary School Audit 2009**

As of June 2008 Stokesley Community Primary School (SCPS) was signed off as having achieved the full core offer. An updated audit took place in December 2008 and the status was confirmed. SCPS has agreed to support other schools achieve the core offer by agreeing in principle to a protocol<sup>2</sup> to signpost to other providers and schools services and activities, afford other schools access to professional support e.g. CAF trained personnel and where appropriate to offer extended school activities to students from other cluster schools, examples include Digital Literacy Project and summer activities,. Many aspects of the core offer have been mainstreamed into school activities and funded accordingly.

In assessing the progress towards achieving the DCSF Extended Schools Core Offer the elements considered are:

- Childcare (“a safe place to be” for secondary schools)
- A varied menu of activities (including study support and play)
- Parenting support

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<sup>2</sup> Protocol to be agreed November 09

- Community access
- Swift and easy access to targeted and specialist services

## **SAMPLE OF SCHOOLS AUDIT**

### **Stokesley Community Primary Schools Extended Schools Audit December 08**

<b>Stokesley Community Primary School Summary December 2008</b>
<b>Childcare</b>
The school has an out of school club on site (breakfast, after school and holiday care) and a breakfast club operated by the school (term time). There is also a nursery and pre school in site. They are provided with the FIS Childcare Information and will inform parents on a regular basis, of the existence of the list of childcare providers. All childcare Ousted registered good facilities and suitable people with appropriate accreditation and checks. Working in partnership with local providers will provide the flexible offer for 3-4 year olds by 2010. Local work with children's centre and childcare providers, annual survey, close communication with community health workers, parent and other lead professionals working with families. Baseline established Sep 2007 as above will work to update and measure from baseline
<b>Varied menu of activities</b>
The school provides a very good range of after school activities. The school also promotes and signposts to local events and activities. Parents are involved and support better reading classes, staff provide G&T and booster classes, after schools arts, drama and cooking, gymnastics, and a full spectrum of sporting activities over and above the expected school commitment. An ethos of involvement exists this ensures views of children and parents influences provision of activities and enables an understanding of local wants. A variety of transport providers are used to ensure children access a wide range of activities off school site. This includes parents, staff and private providers, the school ensures that volunteer transport is safe. A Charging Policy in place for letting for outside providers, but no charge for ES activity. The school encourages community use of school facilities and has developed relationships with the football club, cricket club. The ES budget has established a discretion fund to tackle hardship and other inhibitors to children accessing service and activities.
<b>Swift and Easy Access</b>
The LA has a Children and Young People's Plan and provides multi agency support through the Children's Centre and Extended Schools. Schools are engaged and participate in discussions about these arrangements. Through the Children's Centre and the Extended Schools agenda, the school is able to feed into local strategic priorities. The school has information available to them to help make referrals and to signpost families as appropriate. Staff and Headteacher are aware of their legal responsibilities in this area. The school engages in preventative work through parenting support, activities and through the curriculum. The school has access to CAF training and CAF trained professionals and utilises internal expertise and other services if necessary. Children access support directly through the curriculum (PSHE and SEAL programmes). The school has a clear referral pathway and protocol. Staff have a good knowledge of pupils and families. Arrangements are in place to support individuals as appropriate
<b>Community Access</b>

The school has suitable facilities for wider public use, and there is some use of the school facilities by community groups (particularly the school hall). The school is keen to do more, particularly through adult education and family learning. Always looking for ways of involving the community. Has a very active PTA who organise regular social and fundraising events. A proactive approach to community use that includes a wide range of sport, drama, arts. Demand established via annual survey (child & Parent) also working with local groups Stokesley Neighbourhood Action Group (SNAG) Stokesley Play Action Group (SPAG) and the Intergenerational group. The school website and a newsletter keep parents and stakeholders informed. A Service Directory has been distributed to families and plans for commissioning the Life Channel.

### **Parenting Support**

There is an induction programme for new starters and a transition programme for transfer to secondary school. The school creates formal and informal opportunities for parents to engage with the school and each other. The schools have worked with Family Learning in the past and is keen to run more courses and with Roseberry schools had access to a home liaison worker. The school has access to a Parent Support Adviser and the school operates a referral system. Families have been referred to the "Men Behaving Dadly" sessions which ran at Roseberry Primary School. The Children's Centre has parent advice drop in sessions started and runs information and advice sessions as well as manual-based approaches to parenting support such as Share Plus. In partnership local secondary school via ES funding transition is supported through summer school and the ESTEEM projects. A PSA is based on site in Children's Centre and Travellers Education Services provide support to local families. The Esteem project also offers interventions and support to children and parents' Parents also have access to parenting sessions run off site in Stokesley Community Care Resource Centre and now through the designated Children's Centre. A Guide to Services for Children and Families in the Stokesley and Great Ayton area has been produced and distributed via the school and the school is always willing to send out information from other agencies. The town has a number of Traveller families and the police, Youth Service and Extended Schools have worked on joint projects targeted at this particular group of young people. Some children from Stokesley Primary School access these activities. The school can direct enquiries to the information provided by North Yorkshire County Council through the Families Information Service – 0845 6011630; [www.nyfamilies.info](http://www.nyfamilies.info).

### **Conclusion**

The school has been signed off as an extended school. The Headteacher is very positive about extended schools. The school also consults with children and families through school council, questionnaires. and annual survey and embraces community groups and community activity.