

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall**

## Minutes

### Present

Cllr. Bridget Fortune (Chair)	HDC representing Rudby Ward
Peter Cole	Hambleton District Council
Cllr. Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Cllr. Ron Kirk	Roseberry School, Great Ayton and HDC
Phil Henderson	Stokesley & District Community Care Association
Cllr. John Fletcher	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC/NYCC
Carol Hudson	Stokesley Photographic Society
Cllr. Heather Moorhouse	NYCC & Easby Parish Council
Cllr. David Hugill	Swainby Parish Council & HDC
Richard Readman	Rudby Parish Council
John Matthews	Hambleton District Council

### Apologies

Eddie Dryden	NYCC Extended Schools
Fe Foreman	Stokesley Cycleways Group
Mike Foreman	Stokesley Resident
Caryn Loftus	Great Ayton Resident/Great Ayton Station Project
Stuart Robertson	Rudby Parish Council
Cllr. Margaret Skilbeck	Gt. Broughton PC and HDC
Cllr. Caroline Seymour	Stokesley Parish Council and NYCC
Emily Thomas	Broadacres Housing Association
Cllr. Hazel Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council
David Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Resident
Barbara Beveridge	Battersby Junction Residents Association
Cllr. Frances Greenwell	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Steve Libby	Ingleby Village Recreation Area

## 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Bridget welcomed Carol Hudson (Stokesley Photographic Society) and John Matthews (Hambleton District Council) to the meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Agreed as a true record thereof.

## 3. Matters Arising

- Mary confirmed that the recent LEADER application was successful and that a part-time Parish caretaker for Kirkby in Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow is to be appointed. The scheme will run for 3 years. It was noted that a scheme exists to provide financial support for Parish Caretakers working in the North York Moors National Park.
- David reported that work is underway in partnership with local landowners and farmers to improve the water quality of the River Leven.

#### 4. The Stokesley & Villages Neighbourhood Profile

John Matthews presented a draft copy of the Area Profile for Stokesley and the surrounding villages and explained the rationale behind its publication. John explained that the document is seeking to identify local issues and specific needs and will help with both the review of the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan and with the allocation of resources to address 'hotspots'. John indicated that the Council is determined to use the Profile as a tool for allocating resources and understanding community needs.

John invited members to forward him details of any errors or omissions in the document and explained that it will evolve over time as more recent data becomes available (ie. the 2011 census.) Work has been undertaken in partnership with NYCC, the police, the PCT and the Fire & Rescue services to source suitable data and it is hoped that the final version will be available by the middle of March 2010. The process by which the document will be updated has yet to be agreed by the LSP.

It was noted that the Area Profiles had received a mixed response at a recent meeting of the Area Forum and concerns were expressed by HDC Elected Members to the purpose and value of the Profile, along with the associated production costs. Concerns were also expressed as to the size of the document, the mechanism by which the document will be reviewed and updated and the potential duplication with the NYCC Area Profiles presented at a previous meeting.

**Action:** Peter to circulate a copy of the draft Profile to Group members via email for consideration. Group members to forward further comments to John via email at [john.matthews@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:john.matthews@hambleton.gov.uk).

#### 5. Project Updates

- **Website:** Peter reported that volunteers are being sought to populate and maintain the visit-Stokesley website. **Action:** Phil to provide Beth Carss with details of a local volunteer who may be willing to help with the site.
- **Stokesley Cycleways:** Peter confirmed that work is underway to develop a Cycleways Business Plan which outlines how the recommended routes will be developed and that a survey of the local community is being undertaken in partnership with HDC to determine the support for the proposed routes. A meeting of the Steering Group was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and a meeting of the wider group at which the recommended routes will be presented is to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. John reported that a presentation given by Gus Pennington at a recent meeting of the Western Area Forum describing the work being undertaken by the Cycleways Group had been well received.
- **Middleton on Leven Play Area:** it is understood that the land which has been purchased and cleared by a team of volunteers needs to be ploughed and seeded. Consultation is underway with residents as to the design of the play area and the equipment to be installed. Play equipment will be purchased once the results of the consultation are known.
- **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. It is understood that an issue with regards to the ownership of the village pub, which had caused a delay in the project, has now been resolved and that work on the scheme is to restart shortly.
- **Ingleby Villages Recreation Area:** an email from Steve Libby confirmed that a landscape architect and specialist play equipment providers have been invited to submit designs for the project. A £25k Playbuilder award has been granted to develop the scheme for young people aged 8-13 and a further bid is being submitted to the Lottery to

help purchase equipment for 2-7 year olds. It is hoped that work will start on site in April 2010.

- **Hutton Rudby BMX Park:** a design for the site has been drawn up and funding is being sought to develop the project. Recent bad weather has hampered progress and further consultation may be undertaken to identify need.
- **Great Ayton Village Hall:** Ron confirmed that work is underway to improve facilities at Great Ayton Village Hall. This work includes improvements to facilities for young people.
- **Stokesley Intergenerational Project:** Work is underway in partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to develop a programme of activities with older people. Phil confirmed that 6 adults and 6 students attend a 10 session programme which includes photography, IT and furniture making demonstrations. The scheme will end in May 2010 and it is hoped that similar activities will be held in the future.
- **Crathorne Reading Room:** Bridget confirmed that the project to install improved kitchen facilities and disabled access to the community facility is now complete. Bridget thanked the Group for its endorsement of the project which helped the Management Committee secure £4k of HDC Regional Pledge funding.
- **Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum:** John explained that work is underway to develop the existing museum to incorporate the now empty antique shop below the school room. Plans are being developed to link the antique shop to the museum via an internal stairway, upgrade attic storage areas, resent the roof tiles and revamp the exhibitions in an attempt to increase visitor numbers. A Lottery bid is to be submitted to help fund the project. Members of the Group endorsed the project and it was suggested that the scheme be included in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan
- **Stokesley Photography Society:** Carol provided details of a project underway to create a permanent photographic record of Stokesley and the surrounding villages. A competition and photography 'fun day' will be held over the summer and an exhibition of photographs will be held in October. Lottery funding is being sought to help fund the project.
- **Potto Beck Fish Pass:** Peter reported that work is ongoing with the Hutton Rudby Fishing Club and the Environment Agency to provide a solution to the problem with the existing fish pass. Funding is being sought to develop a scheme that will allow brown trout to access spawning grounds. An issue with NYCC Highways Engineers with regards to the structural integrity of the bridge adjacent to the fish pass has yet to be resolved.

## 6. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. At the last meeting held in January the promotion and management of Stokesley market, the Stokesley & Villages Area Profile and poor Broadband speed across the area were discussed.

## 7. Financial Report

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

## 8. Any Other Business

- David raised the issue of the need for a crossing over the A19 to accommodate walkers on the Coast to Coast walk. It was noted that work is to be undertaken to develop the Exelby services (A19 Southbound) to include a Subway food retail outlet. It is understood that the proposal for a crossing has been supported in

principle by Cllr. Seymour and that the location is within the LEADER area. It was suggested that such a crossing may attract Section 106 money.

- Peter reminded members of the 'Engage in Sport' event being held between 12<sup>th</sup> February and the 2nd March which seeks to help people over 50 take part in new sports and/or physical activity. Activities included Tai-Chi, Indoor Bowls, Solo Salsa and Line Dancing.
- Peter provided details of the Eng-AGE event to be held at Stokesley Town Hall between 10am-1pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March which will provide information, advice and guidance for older people. Organisations involved in the event include Age Concern, NYCC Trading Standards, Stokesley U3A and the Stokesley Community Care Association.

## **9. Dates of Future Meetings in 2010:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> April
- 9<sup>th</sup> June (AGM)
- 4<sup>th</sup> August
- 6<sup>th</sup> October
- 8<sup>th</sup> December

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm