

# STOKESLEY & VILLAGES COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP

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Chairman: Mike Richardson      Vice Chairman: John Fletcher      Treasurer: Caroline Seymour  
Hambleton District Council Community Link Officer: Peter Cole

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**7.30pm on Wednesday 10th June 2009**

### **Stokesley Town Hall, Stokesley**

#### **Present**

Cllr. Mike Richardson	Stokesley Parish Council & Hambleton District Council
Cllr. John Fletcher	HDC & Great Ayton Parish Council
Stuart Robertson	Hutton Rudby Parish Council
Cllr. Ron Kirk	Roseberry School & Hambleton District Council
Cllr. Frances Greenwell	Great Ayton Parish Council
Nicky Smith	Northallerton & District Voluntary Services Association
Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Kay Hayward	Stokesley Volunteer Centre
Cllr. Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council & Hambleton District Council
Helen Murfin	Stokesley Community Care Association
Peter Cole	Hambleton District Council
Gus Pennington	Faceby Parish Council
Fe Foreman	Local Resident
Jonathan Cooper	Rudby Parish Council
John Nelson	Rudby Parish Council
David Hugill	Swainby Resident
PC Michelle McFarlane	Safer Neighbourhoods Team, North Yorkshire Police
PC Nick Walther	Safer Neighbourhoods Team, North Yorkshire Police
Carolyn Blanchard	Friends of Kirkby & Great Broughton Nursery
Simon Hodgson	Stokesley Resident

#### **Apologies**

Cllr. Margaret Skillbeck  
Geoffrey Belbin  
Cllr. Bridget Fortune  
Cllr. Caroline Seymour  
Pauline Kyng

#### **Chairman's Welcome and Report**

Cllr. Mike Richardson welcomed everyone to the group's fourth Annual General Meeting and presented the Chair's Report which included a summary of the Group's history, key achievements for 2008/09 and an invitation for those present to identify future priorities for the Group (see Annex A.)

#### **Finance Report**

Peter circulated the Finance Report for year ending June 2009 prepared by Caroline which confirmed that the Group has £370.63 in reserves. It was agreed that once outstanding invoices have been paid any remaining monies from SNAG be allocated to the North Road Regeneration Park. The Report was accepted as true record.

## Election of Officers

### (Peter Cole in the Chair)

Nominations were sought for the post of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The following were duly elected:

- **Chair:** The post remains vacant following Mike's decision to step down.

- **Vice Chair:** Cllr. John Fletcher

Proposed by Cllr. Jackie Griffiths and seconded by Cllr. Ron Kirk. Cllr. Fletcher agreed to Chair future meetings until a permanent Chair is appointed.

- **Treasurer:** Cllr. Caroline Seymour

Proposed by Mary Frew and seconded by Helen Murfin

- **Secretary:** Peter Cole

Proposed by Helen Murfin and seconded by Stuart Robertson

John thanked Mike on behalf of the Group for his contribution and commitment over the last seven years, both to the Group and the community it seeks to represent. John presented Mike with a gift as a token of the Group's appreciation.

## Project Update

- **Battersby Junction:** An Expression of Interest form has been submitted to the LEADER programme to support the 'Communication Enhancements Project' which will include the production of a Welcome Pack for residents and the purchase of a new notice board. Although land for the recreation area has been secured legal issues preventing the transfer of the land have yet to be resolved and discussions with solicitors are ongoing.
- **Hutton Rudby Hydro Electric Project:** Work to install an Archimedes Screw in Hutton Rudby is ongoing with water flow measurements being taken and costs being confirmed.
- **Hutton Rudby BMX Park:** A survey is being undertaken at the proposed site and plans have been drawn up. An 'Awards For All' funding application has been submitted.
- **River Leven Project:** The Environment Agency has given approval to undertake environmental enhancements as part of the project. This will include the replacement of an existing bridge.
- **Friends of Great Broughton School:** Renovation work is being undertaken to bring the School up to Ofsted standards. An application for planning permission to provide a nursery has been re-submitted.
- **Middleton Play Area:** Clearance work is to be undertaken to prepare the site for a grassed play area.
- **Crathorne Reading Room:** A meeting has been held with the Estates Manager, HDC and the Reading Room's Management Committee to agree how work can be funded and undertaken in partnership. A funding application has been submitted to the HDC Community Grant Scheme to undertake work to improve disabled access and refurbish the kitchen.

## Any Other Business

It was noted that there is no reference to the following villages in the Group's Constitution:

Kirkby in Cleveland  
Busby

Newby  
Swainby

Battersby  
Ingleby Cross

**Action:** Peter to ensure these villages are added to the Constitution.

- It was reported that Helen will be moving out of the area shortly and that a replacement Manager for the Stokesley & District Community Care Association is being sought. John thanked Helen for her support for the Group and for her contribution to the wider LSP and wished her well for the future.
- It was agreed that the issue of cycleways linking Stokesley, Great Ayton and the surrounding villages be discussed at the next meeting along with plans to develop 'shared space' and 'quiet lanes'.

**Closing Remarks**

The Chairman confirmed that this concluded the business of the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Date of Next Ordinary Meetings**

Wednesday 12th August  
 Wednesday 14th October  
 Wednesday 9th December

All meetings to be held at 7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall

**Chairman**.....

**Date**.....

## **Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group**

### **Chair's Report: AGM 10th June 2009**

Good evening everybody and welcome to our group's fourth AGM. Thank you for coming.

I'm Mike Richardson, Chair of the Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group. The purpose of the Group is to group work with partner organisations to communicate the needs and aspirations of the local community and to unlock a variety of grants available to improve existing services or undertake new projects.

The Group also provides a forum in which to share information, ideas and good practice in relation to the regeneration of the Stokesley and villages area. We seek to represent residents of Stokesley and the surrounding villages and are always on the lookout for new members and new ideas to promote our market town and villages.

Tradition dictates that the AGM provides an opportunity for the Chair to reflect on activity undertaken over the last twelve months. It has been a year tinged with sadness with the death of Cllr. John Morley who sadly passed away in February and who's presence at future meetings and commitment to the Group will be sorely missed.

Projects which have been supported by the group include:

- Play areas at Picton and Middleton on Leven, both of which are now near to completion. Tonight we have had tonight the opportunity to view the initial designs for the North Road Regeneration project, building work for which we understand will start later in the summer.
- Funding has been secured to undertake work to improve access to the cemetery – a grass road is to be purchased that will allow parking for two cars.
- The Stokesley, Great Ayton and Area Intergenerational Project continues to provide opportunities for young and older people alike. A programme of 'Quest Seeker Team Reads' will be held over the summer and 'Beginners Internet' sessions are being held in Stokesley and Great Ayton libraries.
- Progress is being made with regards to enhancements and repairs to the Crathorne Reading Room and a number of meetings have been held with Lord Crathorne.
- Funding has been secured to install new windows and an improved heating system ay Hutton Rudby Village Hall.

Regarding future projects – this is really up to you. We need you to tell us of projects that you are aware of that you think our group could help with. Future priorities for the Group include:

- Continued lobbying for an extension to the existing cycleway to link Stokesley, Great Ayton and Ingleby Arncliffe.
- Further improvements to village halls and community buildings.
- Enhanced provision of dedicated youth facilities in Stokesley, Great Ayton, Great Broughton and the surrounding villages.

As you may be aware I have elected to step down as Chair of the Group after seven years in post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Group for their support,

enthusiasm and determination to deliver those projects identified in the Community Plan. Much work has been done, and there is still more to do. I wish the Group well for the future.

Thank you.