

Present

Councillor M J Prest in the Chair

Councillor	R I Andrew	Councillor	B Phillips
	D M Blades		H Langthorne
	J Coulson		T Swales
	A W Hall		P R Wilkinson

Councillor	A W Barker	North Yorkshire County Council
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B S Fortune, P G Brown and J N Smith.

NAF.29

**MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 28 January 2009 (NAF.18 – NAF.28) be signed as a correct record.

NAF.30

**COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

The Head of Service - Communities, Hambleton District Council, reported that the following questions had been received:

1. Does the District Council enforce bye-laws?

Response: The District Council may decide to enforce bye-laws but only where it was responsible for making the bye-laws.

2. If the District Council may decide to enforce bye-laws, what is the process?

Response: The District Council would gather evidence and subject to this undertake a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

3. If the District Council does not enforce bye-laws, what is the process?

Response: Whoever was responsible for making the bye-laws would need to gather evidence and undertake a prosecution in the Magistrates Court or persuade the police to undertake a prosecution.

NAF.31

**LSP AREA FORUM ACTION PLANS**

The Head of Service – Communities presented a report which provided an update on the Council led activities identified in the Northallerton and Villages Community Plan.

**THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) the Council led projects detailed within in Annex A and B of the report and the progress made towards completion of those projects be noted;
- (2) the Forum be consulted on proposals for the design of the Northallerton Town Square once initial architects designs are produced; and
- (3) the results of the Wensleydale Railway feasibility study being undertaken by Ovarup Associates be presented at the next meeting of the Forum.

NAF.32

**HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTHALLERTON AREA**

The Housing Manager presented a report which had been prepared following a request at the previous meeting regarding the provision of housing for vulnerable young people in the Northallerton Area.

**THE DECISION:**

That the report be noted.

NAF.33

**MARKETS HEALTH CHECK – NORTHALLERTON**

The Head of Service – Environment presented a report which had been prepared following a request at the previous meeting on the health of Northallerton Market, including details of marketing and promotional activity.

**THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the Council challenges the view of the National Association of British Market Authorities that the number of charity shops in the High Street is an indicator of general retail decline.

NAF.34

**HIGHWAY SCHEMES DROPPED FROM THE NORTHALLERTON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (TMS) 2004**

The Head of Service – Communities presented a report on the Northallerton Traffic Management Strategy (TMS) 2004 which was adopted and published by North Yorkshire County Council in 2004. The aim of the scheme was to produce an integrated strategy for the town aimed at securing long lasting improvements, especially for vulnerable road users, whilst maximising the economic and environmental well being of the town and minimising the existing or potential sources of detrimental impact.

**THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) the updated information provided by North Yorkshire County Council on schemes identified in the Northallerton Traffic Management Strategy 2004 be noted; and
- (2) North Yorkshire County Council be requested to prioritise the improvement of the Yafforth Road/Darlington Road junction incorporating a left turn lane.

NAF.35

**POTENTIAL BUS PARKING AT THE APPELGARTH CAR PARK, NORTHALLERTON**

The Head of Service – Communities presented a report which had been prepared following a request at the previous meeting requesting an investigation of the impact of transferring the existing bus parking bays located near the Church at North End to the short stay section of the Applegarth Car Park at Northallerton.

**THE DECISION:**

That:-

- (1) North Yorkshire County Council be asked to look again at bus parking and passenger facilities in the review of the Northallerton Traffic Management Strategy; and
- (2) the Applegarth car park be excluded from such consideration.

NAF.36

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Housing Manager presented a report setting out progress on the provision of affordable homes on rural exception sites in the Northallerton area.

**THE DECISION:**

That the report be noted.

NAF.37

**STREET SCENE ISSUES IN NORTHALLERTON**

The Head of Service – Environment presented a report which provided information on Street Scene issues in Northallerton.

**THE DECISION:**

That the report be noted.

NAF.38

**LINKS WITH YOUTH COUNCILS**

The Head of Service – Communities presented a report which provided information on five Youth Councils which were being set up in Hambleton based around each of the market towns including the position with the Northallerton Youth Council. These councils were intended to provide young people with the opportunity to influence local decision makers, to act as a conduit for consultation with young people and to represent the views of young people on issues that are important to them. NYCC's 4 Youth Teams were facilitating this process with support from North Yorkshire Youth.

**THE DECISION:**

That the background and purpose of Youth Councils detailed in the report be noted and that consideration be given to making the appropriate links between the Area Forum and the Northallerton Youth Council once it has determined its preferred approach.

NAF.39

**SERVICE OF A S.215 NOTICE AT YORK TRAILERS, YAFFORTH ROAD, NORTHALLERTON**

The Head of Service – Communities provided an update on the service of a S.215 Notice on the owner of the York Trailers site. Under S.215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in the interests of amenity the Council could insist that the site was cleared of all rubbish and buildings were made less visually intrusive.

**THE DECISION**

The Members be updated on developments.

NAF.40

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Head of Service – Communities reported that a Forward Programme would be developed for each Area Forum which would detail a timetable of reports to be presented at future meetings. Parishes were invited to put forward issues or topics of interest to be included within the programme.

The following items were identified for future agenda items:-

- Maintenance of Brompton Beck to reduce flood risk.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman of the Forum