

<b>Library</b>	<b>Ayton</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Derwent Valley Library Group  Draft constitution in place.  There have been several meetings held between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received on 31 October 2011  Other support accessed from Scarborough Borough Council Community Development Officer and Seachange via Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant.</p>	
<b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week</b>	26 hours
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b>  To maintain the provision of the current library and information service, and IT provision as part of a multi-service facility, available to the Derwent Valley community. The group has raised concerns about the condition of the building fabric.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Seachange</b>  The library group has a clear view of what it wants to achieve and is committed to providing a library and information service as at present, and expanding services to meet the identified needs of local communities. The group have consulted widely and have the support of local parish Councils and 50 identified volunteers.</p> <p>The steering group has a comprehensive mix of skills including accountancy &amp; finance, volunteer management, buildings maintenance, funding applications &amp; bid writing.</p> <p>The steering group has a draft constitution in place, is opening a bank account and have completed their community proposal. Considerable support has been provided by Scarborough Borough Council and this has enabled the group to move forward prior to Active Communities involvement.</p> <p>Although possessing relevant skills and expertise, this is a very new group and they feel the time scales are very short. They want NYCC to commit to the maintenance costs of the building for another 12 months.</p> <p>Nevertheless, there is a reasonable chance of the group being ready to go by April 2012, with appropriate support from Seachange and input of specialist services.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b>  It is recommended that the Executive agree to officers continuing negotiations with the Derwent Valley Library Group with a view to the County Council leasing the library building to the group and entering into a service agreement for the library element of their proposal - all subject to the group producing a sustainable business plan no later than 1 February 2012. The library service as run by NYCC to cease at the end of March 2012.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Barlby</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Barlby and Osgodby Parish Council  There have been meetings between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Bilton</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Bilton Library Friends Group  There have been meetings between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received 31 October 2011  Other support accessed from Harrogate Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) via the Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant</p>	
<p><b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week</b> 28 hours</p>	
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b>  Bilton Library Friends Group propose a community-run library service at the existing Bilton Library building after 31<sup>st</sup> March, as a temporary location until such time as a new location becomes available as part of the extension of the children’s centre at a local primary school. This proposal is contingent on agreement by North Yorkshire County Council to a community run library remaining temporarily in the existing building, and on an agreement that library services form one of the services at the new children’s centre,</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Harrogate CVS</b>  The Friends of Bilton Library Group has been meeting since February 2011. There are about 60 potential library volunteers.</p> <p>An attempt has been made to find a viable way to keep the library open in its present location and alternative locations have also been considered.</p> <p>A new site has been identified but this will not be completed until the summer of 2013. The Group would like to take over the existing library building for the interim period.</p> <p>Further action is dependent on a decision regarding the interim location. At this point a Development Plan would take shape quickly. If the Group are able to stay in the existing premises there are good reasons to be positive about a community “take over” on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, although there will clearly be significant challenges involved in this.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b>  It is recommended that the Executive agree to officers commencing negotiations with the Friends of Bilton Library, with a view to the County Council allowing the library building to be used by the group on a temporary basis, pending relocation to a local school site, and entering into a service agreement for the library element of their proposal - all subject to the group producing a sustainable business plan no later than 1 February 2012. The library service as run by NYCC to cease at the end of March 2012.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Embsay</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Embsay Community Library Committee  Constitution being discussed – sub group of the village hall committee.  There have been a number of meetings held between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received 27 October 2011  Other support accessed from Craven Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) via the Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant.</p>	
<p><b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week</b> 7.5 hours</p>	
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b>  Embsay Community Library Committee are proposing to take over the library service for Embsay, which is currently part of the village hall. They are investigating the possibility of a stand alone library management system and purchasing their own ICT equipment for public use. The group has been very active in the village and has written to all households asking if they would be willing to make an annual donation to cover the cost of the rent and ICT etc. They have recruited a number of volunteers who will assist library users and also intend to make the library available when the village hall is used by local groups, such as the indoor bowls group.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Craven CVS</b>  The Embsay group are proposing that the library will operate in Embsay Village Hall and it is likely that the library will be a sub group of the Village Hall.  The group includes a retired librarian and overall the committee seems to have a good range of skills. 46 people have come forward as volunteers. The group are keen to access available training where required.  As at 31 October, group have almost completed their Community Proposal, and will soon start work on their business plan.  Initial costings have been produced and the group has already raised £2600 in funding, £2000 of which is in annual donations from local residents showing the high level of local support for the project.  Group are currently considering appropriate governance structures to fit with planned future activities.  Key areas for development identified include governance, policy development and fundraising &amp; completion of funding applications. An offer of a training course in volunteer management has already been taken up.  The group is very new and so it is not yet possible to give a clear judgement regarding long term future success at this point. Meeting the April deadline will be a challenge and a number of areas still need to be progressed. There is a good/fair chance of success but there are more issues to address.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b>  It is recommended that the Executive agree to officers negotiating a service agreement with Embsay Community Library Committee with a view to the group taking over the responsibility for the library in Embsay after 1 April 2012 - subject to the group producing a sustainable business plan no later than 1 February 2012. The library service as run by NYCC to cease at the end of March 2012.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Gargrave</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library  Constitution being discussed  There have been several meetings held between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received 2 September 2011  Other support accessed from Craven Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) via the Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant.</p>	
<p><b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week</b> 12 hours</p>	
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b>  The group is proposing to make the library available for 12 hours per week with a view to extending the hours in future. A wide range of library services, including book lending, ICT etc, will be offered. They have secured agreement from the parish council and the village hall management committee to cover the cost of the premises, which are in the village hall, for the next three years. They are also hoping to secure sponsorship from local business and grants from local charitable trusts etc. They have recruited 39 volunteers.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Craven CVS</b>  The Gargrave group are proposing that the library will continue to operate in Gargrave Village Hall.   The group includes representatives from the village hall and local parish council and both organisations have confirmed financial support for the project. The group includes someone with previous library experience and people with business planning skills. 39 people have come forward to be volunteers.   The group is progressing well in Business Planning, Finance and Community Support. They have sent in their Community Proposal and are working on their business plan. Initial costings, cashflow and outline funding plans have been produced.   Key areas for development include governance, volunteer management and policy development.   The group is very new and so it is not yet possible to give a clear judgement regarding long term future success at this point. Meeting the April deadline will be a challenge and a number of areas still need to be progressed. There is a good/fair chance of success but there are more issues to address.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b>   It is recommended that the Executive agree to officers negotiating a service agreement with Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library group with a view to the group taking over the responsibility for the library in Gargrave after 1 April 2012 - subject to the group producing a sustainable business plan no later than 1 February 2012. The library service as run by NYCC to cease at the end of March 2012.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Great Ayton</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Save Great Ayton Library Group (SGALG)  Draft Constitution written  There have been several meetings held between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Hunmanby</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Hunmanby Hub steering group  Constitution adopted  There have been meetings between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received 1 September 2011  Other support accessed from Scarborough Borough Council Community Development Officer and Seachange via the Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant.</p>	
<p><b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week : 20 hours</b></p>	
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b>  Hunmanby Hub have submitted an early proposal to provide a community resource centre, providing a wide range of community services and benefit, including an expanded library service. They are proposing library opening hours of a minimum of 20 hours per week. They have the support of the Parish Council. The proposal did not include any financial detail, therefore it has not been possible to assess the robustness and/or sustainability. The County Council has expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of this approach and have asked that further discussions take place within the local community to determine an alternative approach ie the hosting of the library service within the community centre.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Seachange</b>  Residents are working together to explore community solutions for Hunmanby Library.</p> <p>A Hub model has been adopted with the aim of delivering a multi-service facility (community resource centre) resulting in an expanded library service.</p> <p>The Hunmanby Hub Steering Group have adopted a constitution, have a bank account, and consider themselves to be at the “feasibility “stage. They are receiving considerable support from SBC’s Community Partnership team.</p> <p>This is a very new group who are moving forward within their current capabilities. They have expressed concern at what they see as unrealistic expectations about speed of progress.</p> <p>The group want NYCC to commit to the maintenance costs of the building for another 12 months.</p> <p>Nevertheless, there is a fair chance of the group being ready to go by April 2012, although they will need a high level of support and input from relevant partners and specialist services.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b>  It is recommended that the Executive agree to officers continuing discussions with Hunmanby Hub Steering Group and that the County Council extends this period of discussion until the end of December 2011 on the basis that the library is re-located to the community centre. The library service as run by NYCC to cease at the end of March 2012.</p>	

<b>Library</b>	<b>Masham</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Milestones achieved</b>  Group established – Mashamshire Community Office  There have been several meetings held between representatives and NYCC officers in addition to telephone conversations and email contact.  Proposal received April 2011  Other support accessed from Ripon Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) via the Active Communities Project funded by Performance Reward Grant.</p>	
<p><b>Current NYCC staffed opening hours per week :14 hours plus 2.5 hours of supermobile</b></p>	
<p><b>Summary of community proposal</b></p> <p>The library service will move out of its current, unsuitable, rented premises into the Mashamshire Community Office who will provide volunteers to assist library users. A book lending service will be provided and the Community Office will continue to make their computers available for public use. The library will be open when the Community Office is open thus providing greater access to the public. A service agreement has been signed by both Mashamshire Community Office and North Yorkshire County Council and the library will be provided in its new location from the end of January 2012.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of independent assessment carried out by Ripon CVS</b></p> <p>Mashamshire Community Office has been involved in discussions with NYCC from the early days when libraries were first aware they would need to rationalise their services.</p> <p>They have been pro active and business like in their planning and proposals and they are literally on the point of receiving back the signed agreement from NYCC.</p> <p>Ripon CVS have been providing infrastructure support to this organisation. The group are discussing library training but also need support to recruit and manage volunteers. CRB policy is another outstanding issue.</p> <p>This group will be ready to go by the end of January 2012.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>It is recommended that the Executive note the progress which has been made and endorse the work done towards securing an ongoing library service in Masham.</p>	