

## **Revised Agenda**

**Meeting: Craven Area Committee** 

Venue: Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton

Date: Thursday 9 March 2017 at 10.00 am

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## **Business**

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2016

(Pages 6 to 16)

- 2. Any Declarations of Interest
- 3. Public Questions or Statements.

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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
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4. North Yorkshire Police - Current Issues – Inspector Crocker, North Yorkshire Police

Purpose of the report: To update Members on current performance, community safety and crime reduction partnership operations in the Craven district.

(Pages 17 to 31)

5. Petition: Reduce the speed limit on Gargrave Road to 20mph to address the road traffic issues and to find sustainable solutions to school transport and parking.

(Pages 32 to 41)

Purpose of the report: To invite the Area Committee to hear from the organiser/s of this petition, debate the petition, and agree the appropriate course of action.

**6. North Yorkshire Stronger Communities Progress Report -** Marion Tweed-Rycroft - Policy and Partnerships.

(Pages 42 to 55)

Purpose of the report: To update the Area Committee on progress within the Stronger Communities programme in Craven.

7. Annual Report of the Older People's Champion – Report of County Councillor Shelagh Marshall OBE (North Yorkshire's Older People's Champion).

(Pages 56 to 60)

Purpose of the report: To provide an update on work which follows on from last year and to introduce the main focus of work in 2017.

**8. Highways Update** – Oral report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services (James Malcolm, Area Highways Manager)

Purpose of the report: To provide an update on current activity and issues in the area to include:

- Coniston Bridge position statement
- 9. A59 Kex Gill Realignment Development Update Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services (to be presented by James Malcolm, Area Highways Manager)

(Pages 61 to 63)

Purpose of Report: To provide an overview and progress report on the A59 Kex Gill Realignment.

**10. Programme of Work for Future Meetings** – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

(Pages 64 to 65)

Purpose of Report: To advise of the present work programme for the Area Committee and to invite Members to consider any amendments and/or additional items for future meetings, also to determine the venue for the next meeting.

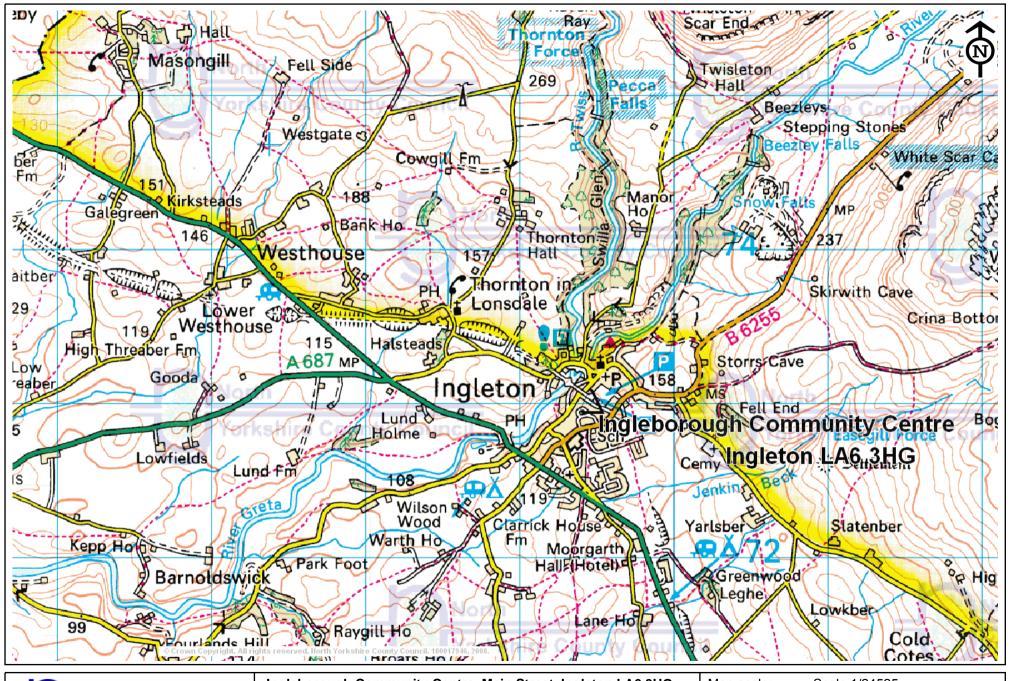
11. Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) County Hall Northallerton

## **CRAVEN AREA COMMITTEE**

## **Membership**

	unty Councillors (7)								
	Councillors Name		Political Party	Electoral Division					
1	BARRETT, Philip		NY Independent	South Craven					
2	HESELTINE, Robert		Independent	Skipton East					
3	IRETON, David (Chairma	n)	Conservative	North Craven					
4	MARSHALL, Shelagh OBE		Conservative	Mid-Craven					
5	MULLIGAN, Patrick		Conservative	Airedale					
6	SOLLOWAY, Andy		Independent	Skipton West					
7	WELCH, Richard (Vice-Cha	airman)	Conservative	Ribblesdale					
Ме	embers other than County Councillors – (9	9)							
	Name of Member	ı	Representation						
1	SUTCLIFFE, Alan	(	Craven District Cour	ncil					
2	DANCER, Veronicka		Bradleys Both Paris						
3	SHUTTLEWORTH, Brian		Embsay with Eastby	Parish Council					
4	SWALES, Marion		Bentham Town Cou	ncil					
5	WATERHOUSE, John	(	Carleton-in-Craven	Parish Council					
6	CHATWIN, Hazel	•	Voluntary Sector						
7	VACANT	'	Voluntary Sector						
8	NICHOLSON, Roger	'	Voluntary Sector						
9	DAVIES, Alison		Business Sector						
To	Total Membership – (16) Quorum – (3)								





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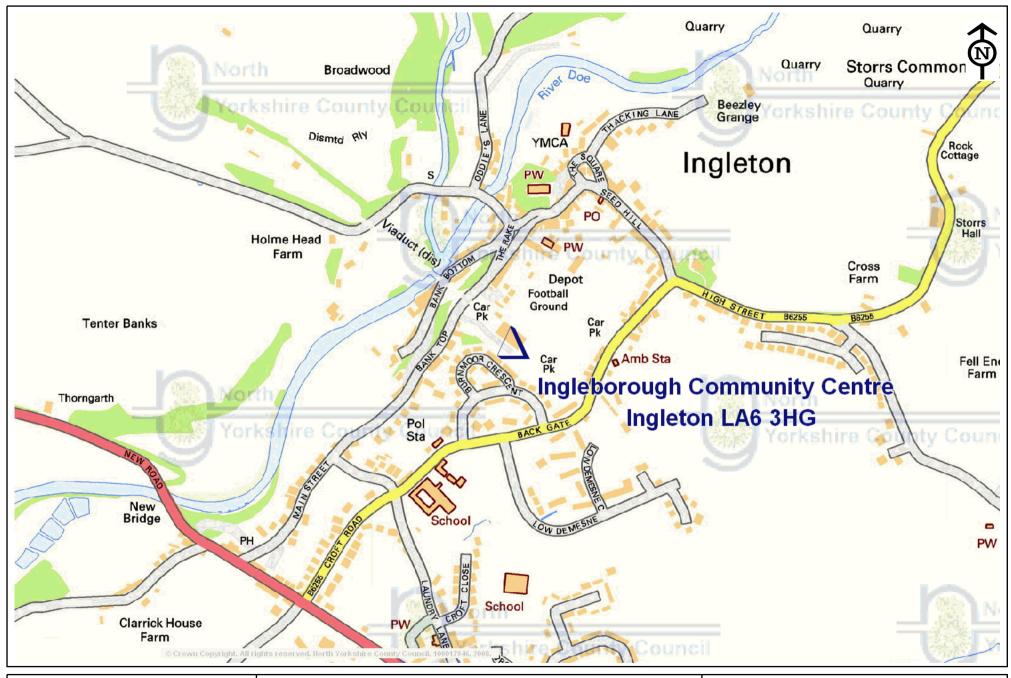
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## **North Yorkshire County Council**

### **Craven Area Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the Craven Area Committee held on 8 December 2016, commencing at 10.00 am at St Peter's Hall, Crosshills.

#### Present:-

County Councillor David Ireton in the Chair, County Councillors Philip Barrett, Robert Heseltine, Andy Solloway and Richard Welch.

Co-opted Members: Brian Shuttleworth and Marion Swales (Parish Councillors); Hazel Chatwin and Roger Nicholson (Voluntary Sector); and Alison Davies (Business Sector).

NYCC Officers: Marion Tweed-Rycroft (Local Delivery Manager, Stronger Communities), James Malcolm (Area Highways Manager – Boroughbridge/Skipton), Mary Davies (Legal and Democratic Services) and Holly Austin (Business Support).

Others in attendance: Inspector Geoff Crocker and Chief Inspector Wilkinson (North Yorkshire Police) and Station Manager Simon Render (North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service).

Apologies: County Councillor Shelagh Marshall OBE. Veronicka Dancer (Bradleys Both Parish Council), Alan Sutcliffe (Craven District Council) and John Waterhouse (Carleton-in-Craven Parish Council). Group Manager Phil Whild.

2 Members of the Public attended.

### Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

#### 145. Minutes

Minute 140: Marion Tweed-Rycroft asked that the level of investment stated for Stronger Communities in Craven should be amended to record that £93,000 had been invested in the Craven District and not the stated £750,000 which was the total amount for the County as a whole.

### Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 146. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### 147. Public Questions or Statements

### Mrs Margaret Nicholson

The following contribution submitted by Mrs Nicholson had been circulated to all present.

Approximately 3 years ago I was allowed three minutes to beg NYCC Craven Area Committee to provide a pavement along the road from Sutton Mill to Eastburn. Photos were shown of the conflict between pedestrians and the heavy traffic. Result – no priority, no money because no problems! Money was then spent on roads being used by the Tour de France.

The renovation of Royd Hill to provide private housing has now resulted in talks of narrowing the road there to provide a pavement for the new residents to walk to Sutton. Over the past few months Sutton residents have put up with traffic lights at this spot whilst utility work has been carried out. What happened to people walking to Eastburn and Airedale hospital at this time? Queuing stationary traffic had to keep near the wall side whilst moving traffic passed at the other side as the lights dictated. Pedestrians had no room for safety at either side of the road. If the road is narrowed anywhere on this old road it will lead to even more danger for pedestrians.

The fairer way would be for the boundary wall of Royd Hill to be pulled down and a pavement made on their property for the whole of their frontage to allow safe passage towards the cricket field. Forward planning should then promote a pavement continuing on that side of the road to Eastburn. This could be like the precedent of the path outside South Craven School with the path on the inside of the existing wall. Some dark night there will be a major accident on this road which has not been changed since I moved to Sutton in 1946 and used by horses and carts. Sutton already has 3 narrowed roads on the Main Road and Bridge Road. This slows down traffic but it also leads to congestion and a loss of car parking spaces which are already at a premium here.

I strongly object to any plans to narrow the road and I urge North Yorkshire and Bradford Met., to sort out pedestrian safety on this road with a path way whether it be on the North or the South side of the road. This road serves both Counties with our two primary and one secondary school and takes a lot of heavy traffic. There is a problem, a big problem and safety is paramount.

James Malcolm responded that he had spoken to the Parish Council and taken into account their concerns, however the footpath was linked to a planning application which included cross boundary work with Bradford Council; he highlighted the need for connectivity between the two Authorities.

### 148. North Yorkshire Police - Current Issues

Considered -

The Police report was presented by Inspector Crocker, North Yorkshire Police, updating on current performance, community safety and crime reduction partnership operations in the Craven District.

Inspector Crocker gave a verbal update on the community safety and crime reduction partnership operations and crime overview, noting that the figures were taken on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 so there may be some minor variation with the published report of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016:

CRIME - 21.1% ASB - 12.8% PSW - 41.4% ROAD - 24.7%

Arson and Criminal Damage reports are down by 18.3% overall with 179 offences recorded against 219 last year and 158 2014/15. Locally some increases in Settle,

Sutton and Skipton outweighed by reductions in other areas. Burglary Dwelling remained up at 14.5% with 95 offences recorded against 83 for the same time last year and 50 for 2014/15; locally this increase has been seen mostly in Skipton West followed by South and North Wards. Burglary - Others have decreased by 5% with 132 offences recorded against 139 last year and 111 for 2014/15. Significant increases have been seen in Settle and Ribblebanks increases of 8 offences to 16 and Skipton North with 23 offences from only 8 last year; context here is the increase in building and development, however this was less so at Settle. Robbery has increased to 3 offences up 1. Sexual Offences are down 23% (27) and rape by 43% (13), further analysis may well reveal that the reductions are from higher figures caused by the recording of non-recent sexual offences.

Theft – up by 9.9% - 210 Bike Thefts static - 16

Shoplifting – down by 9.6% - 122. Recent development include the Skipton Business Improvement District which has adopted the BCRP and will fund the radio scheme. Theft From the Person – down 17.6% - 14

Vehicle Offences – up 19.5% 23 crimes – 141. Largely this is TUMVs and often from insecure vehicles. Inspector Crocker advised of a vehicles left with their engines running outside homes, and he considered there was a lack of concern regarding security that enabled opportunist thieves to be continually successful. Locally Aire Valley with Lothersdale has seen the biggest increase with Gargrave also suffering; stolen vehicles have increased by 57% with 33 offences recorded.

Violence with Injury – down 7% - 143
Violence without Injury – up 49.6% - 172
Drugs Possession up 2.3% - 45
Trafficking Drugs - up 1 at 8 offences
Possession offensive weapons – to 12 offences up from 2.
Public Order up 68%.

Inspector Crocker was pleased to see ASB on the decline over the past few months after seeing an increase in the early part of the year.

Inspector Crocker advised of the arrival of 4 transferees to the District all of which were experienced officers, however he also advised of the departure of a number of Specials and PCSOs who have been successful in joining North Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police and Cumbria as Police Officers; the Police were actively replacing them. The first new PCSO would arrive out of training next week. In January there will be a new PCSO for Grassington, transferring back from Knaresborough. Inspector Crocker stated that all of the response shifts are currently fully staffed and in February the Police will see the arrival of their own Camera Safety Vans which will significantly add to the safety on the road network as well providing real time crime intelligence data.

Inspector Crocker advised that the Police now have their own Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked meeting and although this is mostly unseen work it has had a significant impact on the Police's ability to manage vulnerable individuals as well as targeting offenders; this also includes a West Yorkshire element with both West Yorkshire Police and Bradford Social Care team attending.

Inspector Crocker highlighted the ASB Hub Pilot which, he advised was going well and was constantly developing and identifying work. He advised of recent successes.

Members made the following comments:

- Concern with the increase in Assaults with Injury in Embsay with Eastby. Inspector Crocker explained the changes to the way the Police record crime figures and that it only took 1 or 2 individuals to make a difference to the figures.
- A Member commended the Police on the use of Police Safety Vans with night crime prevention and for dealing with the public using electronic devises whilst driving.
- A Member asked if the Police could use the Safety Vans to tackle speeding and domestic burglary crime in South Craven.
- Can the Police have greater regard to issues such as speeding on B roads?
   Inspector Crocker gave his assurances that the Police were aware of areas of concern in Craven. He also advised of partnership work with West Yorkshire Police monitoring individuals coming in from outside the area.

The Chairman informed Inspector Crocker that he had called the 101 number for 8 minutes with no response after which time he had given up. He considered this needed looking into and suggested this must be happening to other members of the public. He asked that more information on the 101 number and any data recorded be brought to a future meeting.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

That information on the 101 number and any data recorded be brought to a future meeting.

## 149. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety Update Craven

Considered -

The Fire and Rescue report was presented by Station Manager Simon Render in place of Group Manager Phil Whild who was unavailable. Station Manager Render advised of community safety activities involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service occurring between April 2016 and September 2016 and providing other relevant information relating to NYFRS within the district. Key issues covered were:-

## Service delivery:

- Community Fire Safety. Station Manager Simon Render urged Parish Councillors to get the message out to local people that the Fire Service fit smoke alarms which can give occupants valuable minutes to vacate a property and also that the Community Safety Officer's carry out home fire risk check visits to properties.
- Summer Road Safety campaign which included the Learn & Live presentation to young drivers on the dangers of speeding, drugs and drinking. Station Manager Render advised of presentations to Sixth Form students and to local cycling groups on road safety and awareness of other road users.
- Encouraging older drivers to refresh their skills.
- The CFOA Water Safety Week to raise awareness of the dangers of natural watercourses.
- Chimney Fire Safety week providing literature to Chimney Sweeps for their customers.
- Crucial Crew Event.
- Use of social media by Community Safety Officers.

- District update on Operational Response rates. A railway theme had been used this year at Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, crews from Skipton, Grassington, Ripon and Harrogate took part as well as staff from the railway. North Yorkshire County Council's Emergency Planning attended with local Parish Councillors to observe the exercise.
- Incidents of Note

Members made the following comments:

- Commended for the work being carried out by Community Safety Officers visiting homes and advising on fire safety.
- Agreement that new drivers should attend a speed safety course. Station Manager Render asked the Committee for their support getting the message out to young people regarding this course.
- In response to a question on part time Fire Officers, Station Manager Render advised of 4 new part time recruits, however, he also noted the difficulties currently for the Fire and Rescue Service recruiting part time Fire Officers and asked the Committee for their support particularly in Settle and Bentham.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

### 150. North Yorkshire Stronger Communities Progress Report

Considered -

The report of Marion Tweed-Rycroft, Policy and Partnerships, updating on progress within the Stronger Communities Programme in Craven.

Marion Tweed-Rycroft presented the Annual Report 2015/16 for the Stronger Communities Programme to the Committee which had been completed and distributed to members and stakeholders. She advised of a further 4 funded projects which had been developed and funded in Craven since last Area Committee as well as non-grant funded activity and was pleased to report that the Stronger Communities Delivery Manager continued to support the transition of 4 libraries into community ownership. Marion Tweed-Rycroft highlighted the Library Transition Programme in South Craven, Settle, Ingleton and Bentham. She advised on a new Volunteers recruitment campaign with information available in most Libraries; more volunteers were particularly needed in Skipton Library. Marion Tweed-Rycroft informed the Committee of the first Craven Network Library meeting which took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 which had gone well. She stated that groups could support one another and she highlighted that Gargrave Library had raised funds purely from its community which had brought the community together and was great to see. Settle Library has resolved its issue with the Charity Commission and should shortly be a registered charity. Pioneer Projects is working with North Yorkshire County Council to design the new library, and fitting out will occur in February 2017.

Marion Tweed-Rycroft went on to advise the Committee of the most recent grants awarded since September 2016 and of a number of projects which are currently being developed contained in paragraph 4.2 of the report; she also advised of the Stronger Communities Delivery Manager's community development work contained in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

In regard to the Annual Report 2015/16 the focus in future was as follows:

- Libraries continuing to support Craven library groups
- Health & Adult Services developing a more targeted approach to grant funding of activities and services
- Community Transport raising the profile of community transport and the profile of volunteer drivers
- Children & Young People next steps supporting volunteer youth clubs and developing a youth network in Sutton.

Members made the following comments:

- A request for more information regarding priority community transport, Marion Tweed-Rycroft agreed to send this information following the meeting.
- The Executive had recently agreed to fund £350k to upgrade community libraries; anyone can apply for this funding including existing libraries.
- is there any help available for Village Hall heating. Marion Tweed-Rycroft suggested Rural Action Yorkshire may be able to help.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

#### 151. **Flooding Update**

Considered -

The oral report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services.

Kathy Stevenson (Flood Risk Management Project Engineer, Highways and Transportation (BES)) and Victoria Townend (Advisor Environment Agency - Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Yorkshire Area) presented a verbal report and powerpoint presentation to the Committee updating them on what had been happening in the last months within the Authority and its partner Authorities to improve flood risk management in the Craven area.

Kathy Stevenson advised of the Authority's flood risk management partners -Environment Agency, Highways Authority (NYCC), District Authorities, Internal Drainage Boards, Water Companies and Riparian Owners. She explained why it was better for them to work together as flood water paid no respect to boundaries, that flooding can come from a combination of sources and solutions developed in partnership provided holistic risk mitigation as well as driving out inefficiencies.

Kathy Stevenson and Victoria Townend updated the Committee on the range of activities currently happening in the Craven area:

- Environment Agency Skipton Flood Alleviation Scheme which comprised of three separate elements:
  - o Construction of a flood storage reservoir on Eller Beck upstream and to the north of the A65.
  - o Construction of a flood storage reservoir on Waller Hill Beck to the east of Skipton.
  - Installation of flood walls at various locations.
  - Mitigation works.

Victoria Townend advised that Eller and Waller Beck Dams are now completed and grass seeding would begin in the Spring 2017. Installation of the mechanical and electrical equipment had begun and works in Skipton would continue through NYCC Craven - Minutes of 8 December 2016/6

to March 2017. This section was concluded with a presentation of drone footage overflying the construction sites.

- North Yorkshire County Council Flood Investigation. This had been prompted by events in December 2015 and focused on the Glusburn, Crosshills and the Sutton in Craven area identifying the different flood sources and their interactions. The aim was to share the initial findings in the New Year. Funding had been allocated to take the South Craven Flood Risk Strategy investigation further with collaborative working taking place between the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire County Council and other relevant agencies to develop solutions to address all sources and their interaction.
- Yorkshire Water Network Review. Yorkshire Water are currently conducting a
  catchment investigation into the public sewer network in the Skipton area.
  Using the model of the sewer network, they will look at how it will perform
  under climate change conditions and with predicted new developments.
- Natural Flood Management. Working with Natural Processes to reduce flood risk which could provide flood risk benefits throughout the catchment and seeking to reduce the flood risk to homes, businesses and infrastructure by implementing a range of measures which work with natural processes to slow, store and filter water, with the effect of altering the hydrology of the catchment.

#### Resilience Work:

- The Environment Agency Flood Warning Service sign up following the December 2015 floods - 2000 households were visited in Skipton and Glusburn, and of these 160 new properties registered.
- Flood Resilience grant administered by NYCC. 50 properties have applied for the grant in Craven and £107k approved so far. Examples of measures include flood doors and barriers, sump pumps, walls and bunds, non-return valves on drainage systems.
- Community Resilience planning the Emergency Planning Team is working with communities to develop community emergency plans. Many existing plans have been updated this year and new plans were being developed in Cononley, Glusburn, Crosshills, Giggleswick, Kettlewell and Starbottom, Thornton in Lonsdale, Sutton in Craven, Embsey and Eastby, and Farnhill
- Community Flood groups and Parish Councils looking into specific issues, supported by relevant agencies, across the district.

Kathy Stevenson gave Members the contact details for the Authority and the Environment Agency:

<u>floodriskmanagement@northyorks.gov.uk</u> and neyorkshire@environment-agency.gov.uk

The Committee agreed that it had been a very interesting presentation; they also made the following comments:

- That in the 1970's work was carried out to put funding together to control the water in Skipton; it was now 2016 when the scheme had been completed. He gave his congratulations to a scheme that should keep Skipton safe in future.
- Queried the footpath in Eller Beck which was the main pedestrian route in Skipton; when would the work begin. Victoria Townend agreed to pass this to her project manager who would reply directly.

- Was there a back-up power supply for the Eller and Waller Beck construction? Victoria Townend replied that there would be but she did not have the details. She did not consider there needed to be a large electrical element as it was operating on throttle which was gravity fed. Solar panels were also used.
- Concern for those living upstream. Victoria Townend said that the modelling scheme would include putting no one at risk. She agreed to contact the project manager and he would respond direct. The Chairman asked that any information from the project manager should be sent to the Clerk who would sent out to all Committee Members.
- Questioning the benefit of peak flow levels at Eller Beck. Victoria Townend advised should water be in the same area then it could feed water at Eller Beck. She added that she would ask if this had been looked at during the design stage.
- A Member considered it had been an interesting presentation which showed the beginning of a journey; there was steady progress with all Agencies around the table. He flagged up issues in South Craven where 40 properties had been severely flooded. There was a need to keep on making progress, local people were very worried however he felt there was real progress being made.
- It was refreshing to see Agencies working together to solve a problem. Keep up the good work.
- With the work being completed on ditches and gullies, general flooding was happening on the roads. Kathy Stevenson replied that there was an issue of run-off bringing a lot of material on to the roads and the road had been overwhelmed. She said that Highways carried out a lot of work on drainage and acknowledged that roads can be a conduit for flooding.

The Chairman thanked Kathy Stevenson and Victoria Townend for their informative presentation.

### Resolved -

That the oral report be noted.

#### 152. Annual Road Casualties Report

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services inviting the Area Committee to discuss, comment on, and question the content of the Annual Road Casualty Report.

James Malcolm (Area Highways Manager) introduced the report and advised of the County-wide situation; the number of people killed on North Yorkshire's roads continued to fall last year, matching the joint lowest figure since modern records began in 1990. Thirty-one people died as a result of collisions on the county's roads, compared to 40 in 2014 and 51 in 2013. The number of people seriously injured on the county's roads was slightly higher than the previous year, 399 compared to 391. The total number of casualties of all severities in 2015 was 2,316, up three per cent from 2,258 in 2014. Four cyclists were killed in 2015, one more than the previous year, but the number of cyclists seriously injured was down 17 per cent and overall there were five per cent fewer cyclist casualties, despite the continued growing popularity of cycling in the county. The number of motorcyclists killed or injured continued has gradually decline. In 2015, 12 were killed and a further 102 seriously injured, compared to 13 and 104 in 2014 and 16 and 114 in 2013. Three pedestrians

were killed, one fewer than in 2014, and the number of seriously injured pedestrians fell from 39 to 35.

James Malcolm advised in the Craven District, there were 4 fatalities in 2015, all adults; there were 50 seriously injured, an increase of one in 2014. The number of cyclists casualties had increased by 25% to 30 in 2015 from 24 in 2014. Thirteen pedestrians were killed, down from 22 in 2014, and the number of motorcyclists fell from 49 in 2014 to 33 in 2015. The total collisions with pia is 161, a decrease of 16 from 2014 of 177. The total casualties (all severities) is 216, a decrease of 4 from 2014.

James Malcolm explained the casualties by Road User Groups:

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Car occupants = 58%
PTW = 15%
Cyclists = 14% and Pedestrians = 6%
HGV = 5%
Others = 2%
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James Malcolm advised of road safety education taking place and community engagement in Craven:

- Speed Management. During the year the Craven Road Safety Group progressed 25 Speed Concern enquiries. These resulted in 3 x Speed Matrix sign deployments and 3 x requests for police speed enforcement action.
- Increase in cyclist casualties by 25% from 24 in 2014 to 30 in 2015, which is perhaps to be expected with the growing popularity of cycling but the Authority does not accept any casualties as "inevitable". Cycling is a priority issue for the Authority and for the 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership and we will provide a string programme of publicity and information for cyclists and to remind other drivers to look out for cyclists. The Authority is also collaborating with cycle clubs and organisations such as Greenhow Hill Way of the Roses Project which was a good example of us all working together to achieve a common aim of improving safety on a very popular route. James Malcolm advised that Café and Guest House owners and cycle shops have been tremendously helpful in distributing information and fliers about the route, along with Sustrans through their route website and the Authority's own free to download app.
- Bikeability training. Government cut the Bikeability grant funding in year but NYP and NYCC have pledged to make up the shortfall. The PCC has also agreed to do so for next year (2017-18) as well. This is part of the 95 Alive Partnership focus on promoting and actively working towards safer cycling throughout the county in the coming months and year. The Authority have trained 463 Year 5 & Year 6 pupils at 26 primary schools on Bikeability in 2015.
- Motorcyclists. The Authority meet and communicate with thousands of motorcyclists each season (roughly from February to October). There is growing interest in information about routes and potential hazards. The Authority worked with the Fire & Rescue Service to run 6 x "Biker Down" first aid courses at the start of the season. These provide bikers with the basic knowledge and skills they need to provide immediate aid to motorcyclist casualties and enable discussion on how motorbike crashes occur and how riders can avoid those situations. These courses are fully booked with a

waiting list and very well received by the bikers. The Authority have additional funding to run 9 of these courses next spring.

• Older drivers. The Authority have offered Older Driver Refresher Drives, which are popular with residents in other Districts and are currently available free of charge thanks to funding from the PCC via 95 Alive and Public Health North Yorkshire who share our aim to help older people to keep driving and independent for as long as they safely can do so. Seven local Driving Instructors have been trained to provide these refresher drives. The take up of this offer has been very low in Craven compared to other districts so more effort will be made to make this offer more widely known throughout the District by working with GP surgeries and local organisations. James Malcolm asked Committee members to help advertise this in their areas.

#### Resolved -

That the Annual Road Casualty Report be noted.

## 153. Highways Update

#### Considered -

The oral report of James Malcolm, Area Highways Manager, providing an update on current activity and issues in the area:

- Bentham Town Council has been advised that the Beacons would be up and working again in the next 10 days. He explained the cost of installing halo bulbs which may be considered in the future.
- Ongoing gritting.
- Flooding and on-going work clearing drains.
- Capital Programme 2016. James Malcolm advised that the 2017 programme has been placed on the Councils works portal to enable Partners to programme schemes for delivery.
- Tour de Yorkshire would be coming to Craven in 2017 and there will be Highways involvement.
- 3 options currently available on potential funding to widen Conniston Bridge.
  James Malcolm agreed to send any updates to the Clerk to send to Members.
  A Member highlighted that Conniston Bridge was on the strategic transPennine route and a possible solution may be to build a track at the side so
  there is two-way traffic. Craven Area Committee see as a priority in terms of
  the economy and highways safety. A Member observed that there was a lot
  of north/south work but little east/west connectivity.

Members made the following comments:

- Trans-Pennine connectivity between Glusburn to Lancashire, could the Committee be updated on progress.
- Thanked for the road surfacing work carried out by Highways at Crosshills.
- Work needed to be completed at South Craven School to alleviate local traffic issues. A Member noted that Craven District Council had started to monitor air quality in the area due to the increased traffic levels and with new building developments. This local development work had impacted on the highway and particularly at the A629 junction which was an accident black spot. James Malcolm responded that Highways needed to make sure that any development work carried out had a significant impact on the area and if this was the case then there was a mechanism in place for payment by the

developers. A Member advised that Bradford Met had secured revenue contributions from developers and he asked for more information to be brought to the next meeting. The Chairman asked for clarification on whether this was a District or County Council responsibility. James Malcolm agreed to bring an update to the next meeting.

#### Resolved -

That the oral report be noted.

## 154. Programme of Work for Future Meetings

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) advising of the present work programme for the Area Committee and inviting Members to consider any amendments and/or additional items for future meetings, also to determine the venue for the next meeting.

The Clerk to the Committee advised an additional item of business for the next meeting had been identified regarding an update on the reconfiguration of the Library Service. The Committee agreed to this item being included in the Committee's next meeting.

A Member asked the Committee to consider that a report is brought to the next meeting in regard to Conniston Bridge; the progress made at Members surgeries and the 3 options which had been discussed. Were any of the 3 options viable and likely to go ahead? The Committee agreed to this item being included in the Committee's next meeting.

A Member asked for a report detailing the effectiveness of Locality Budgets; the benefits to the community and to the County Council. The Committee agreed to this item being included in the Committee's next meeting.

#### Resolved -

That the business proposed for the next meeting on Thursday 9 March 2017 is noted.

That the clerk is asked to check the availability of a venue at Bentham for the next meeting.

The Chairman wished all present a very Merry Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 12:50 p.m.

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## **North Yorkshire County Council**

## **Craven Area Committee**

### 9 March 2017

#### **North Yorkshire Police - Current Issues**

## **Report of Inspector Geoff Crocker**

## **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on current performance, community safety and crime reduction partnership operations in the Craven district.

Attached is information regarding crime statistics, demand other than crime, and anti-social behaviour for the Craven - comparing performance over the last three years.

An update regarding community safety and crime reduction partnership operations will be provided orally.

#### Recommendation

That the Area Committee note the information provided and debate the issues arising.

Report Author: Inspector Geoff Crocker

2 March 2017

Group	Crime Type	Crime Sub Type	SNT	NYP Sector	01 Mar 2015	01 Mar 2016	01 Mar 2017	Diff 2017 201	
Victim	Arson & Criminal	Arson Endangering	Grassington SNT		0	2	0	-2	-100.0%
Based	Damage	Life	Skipton Town SNT		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Arson Not	Crosshills SNT		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Endangering Life	Grassington SNT		0	2	3	1	50.0%
			Settle SNT		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT		3	5	2	-3	-60.0%
		Criminal Damage To	Crosshills SNT		5	3	6	3	100.0%
		A Building Other Than A Dwelling	Grassington SNT		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
			Ingleton SNT		6	3	0	-3	-100.0%
		Se	Settle SNT		3	1	2	1	100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT		16	28	11	-17	-60.7%
		Criminal Damage To	Crosshills SNT		4	13	7	-6	-46.2%
		A Dwelling	Grassington SNT		2	4	3	-1	-25.0%
			Ingleton SNT		5	3	5	2	66.7%
			Settle SNT		4	5	6	1	20.0%
			Skipton Town SNT		16	16	17	1	6.3%
			zUnallocated		0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Criminal Damage To	Crosshills SNT		30	34	16	-18	-52.9%
		A Vehicle	Grassington SNT		5	14	8	-6	-42.9%
			Ingleton SNT		18	2	11	9	450.0%
			Settle SNT		15	20	10	-10	-50.0%
			Skipton Town SNT		49	82	50	-32	-39.0%

Victim	Arson & Criminal	Other Criminal	Crosshills SNT	9	14	23	9 -1 5 -1 -4 1 1 1 3 -6 -6 -3 15 1 -1 -18 -1	64.3%
Victim Based	Damage	Damage	Grassington SNT	5	7	6	-1	-14.3%
			Ingleton SNT	8	5	10	5	100.0%
			Settle SNT	7	7	6	-1	-14.3%
			Skipton Town SNT	16	24	20	-4	-16.7%
	Burglary: Burglary	Aggravated Burglary	Grassington SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
	Dwelling	In A Dwelling	Ingleton SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	0	0	6 10 6 20 1 1 1 1 57 13 7 10 35 1 0 42 - 34 17 29	1	Infinity
		Burglary In A	Crosshills SNT	28	54	57	3	5.6%
		Dwelling	Grassington SNT	4	19	13	-6	-31.6%
			Ingleton SNT	6	13	7	-6	-46.2%
			Settle SNT	6	13	10	-3	-23.1%
			Skipton Town SNT	25	20	35	15	75.0%
			zUnallocated	0	0	1	1	Infinity
	Burglary: Burglary Non Dwelling	Aggravated Burglary In A Building Other Than A Dwelling	Grassington SNT	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Burglary Other	Crosshills SNT	46	60	42	-18	-30.0%
			Grassington SNT	22	35	34	-1	-2.9%
			Ingleton SNT	19	24	17	-7	-29.2%
			Settle SNT	24	19	29	10	52.6%
			Skipton Town SNT	45	52	62	10	19.2%
			zUnallocated	1	0	1	1	Infinity
	Robbery	Robbery Of Business	Property	0	0	0	0	NaN
		Robbery Of	Crosshills SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Personal Property	Grassington SNT	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%

Victim Based	Robbery	Robbery Of	Ingleton SNT	1	0	0	0	NaN
Based		Personal Property	Settle SNT	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	0	1	1	0	0.0%
	Sexual Offences:	Exposure And Voyeurism		4	2	5	3	150.0%
	Other	Incest Or Familial Se	exual Offences	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Sexual Activity Invol	ving A Child Under 13	0	9	7	-2	-22.2%
		Sexual Activity Invol	ving Child Under 16	6	12	15	3	25.0%
		Sexual Assault On A	Crosshills SNT	4	4	1	-3	-75.0%
		Female Aged 13 And Over	Grassington SNT	0	0	2	2	Infinity
			Ingleton SNT	2	0	1	1	Infinity
			Settle SNT	2	1	0	-1	-100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	2	8	5	-3	-37.5%
		Sexual Assault On A	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13		4	2	-2	-50.0%
		Sexual Assault On A	Male Aged 13 And Over	0	0	2	2	Infinity
		Sexual Assault On A	Male Child Under 13	3	4	0	-4	-100.0%
		Sexual Grooming		0	2	1	-1	-50.0%
	Sexual Offences:	Rape Of A Female A	aged 16 And Over	9	8	7	-1	-12.5%
	Rape	Rape Of A Female C	Child Under 13	0	6	5	-1	-16.7%
		Rape Of A Female C	Child Under 16	0	5	0	-5	-100.0%
		Rape Of A Male Age	ed 16 And Over	1	0	0	0	NaN
		Rape Of A Male Chi	ld Under 13	1	6	0	-6	-100.0%
		Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		3	1	1	0	0.0%
	Theft: All Other Theft	Blackmail		0	3	2	-1	-33.3%
		Dishonest Use Of El	ectricity	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Other Theft	Crosshills SNT	59	47	49	2	4.3%

Victim Based	Theft: All Other Theft	ft Other Theft	Grassington SNT	31	27	22	-5	-18.5%
Based			Ingleton SNT	30	22	18	-4	-18.2%
			Settle SNT	23	16	20	4	25.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	88	85	87	2	2.4%
		Theft – Making Off	Crosshills SNT	7	12	12	0	0.0%
		Without Payment	Grassington SNT	1	0	0	0	NaN
			Ingleton SNT	0	2	0	-2	-100.0%
			Settle SNT	1	0	5	5	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	5	10	6	-4	-40.0%
		Theft By An	Crosshills SNT	2	1	2	1	100.0%
		Theft From An Automatic Machine Or Meter	Grassington SNT	0	0	2	2	Infinity
			Settle SNT	1	1	1	0	0.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	4	2	5	3	150.0%
			Grassington SNT	0	4	2	-2	-50.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	2	5	3	-2	-40.0%
		Theft In A Dwelling	Crosshills SNT	3	4	5	1	25.0%
		Other Than From An Automatic Machine	Grassington SNT	4	5	2	-3	-60.0%
		Or Meter	Ingleton SNT	1	2	2	0	0.0%
			Settle SNT	0	0	5	5	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	7	12	7	-5	-41.7%
		Theft Of Mail		0	2	0	-2	-100.0%
	Theft: Bicycle Theft	Theft Or	Crosshills SNT	8	3	3	0	0.0%
		Unauthorised Taking Of A Pedal Cycle	Grassington SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
			Ingleton SNT	0	2	0	-2	-100.0%
			Settle SNT	0	1	2	1	100.0%

Victim	Theft: Bicycle Theft	Theft Or	Skipton Town SNT	13	12	14	2	16.7%
Victim Based	Theft: Shoplifting	Shoplifting	Crosshills SNT	21	27	35	8	29.6%
			Grassington SNT	4	5	3	-2	-40.0%
			Ingleton SNT	11	6	11	5	83.3%
			Settle SNT	12	8	18	10	125.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	123	129	104	-25	-19.4%
			zUnallocated	0	0	1	1	Infinity
	Theft: Theft From	Theft From The	Crosshills SNT	2	1	0	8 -2 5 10 -25 1 -1 1 -8 1 4 2 0 -3 2 -1 4 25 -1 -8 -11	-100.0%
	Person	Person	Grassington SNT	1	0	1		Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	15	26	18	-8	-30.8%
	Taking  Interfering With	Aggravated Vehicle	Crosshills SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Taking	Grassington SNT	2	0	4	4	Infinity
			Ingleton SNT	0	0	2	2	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	2	0	0	0	NaN
		Interfering With A	Crosshills SNT	6	6	3	-3	-50.0%
		Motor Vehicle	Grassington SNT	0	1	3	2	200.0%
			Ingleton SNT	1	1	3	1 4 2 0 -3 2 2 -1 4 25 -1 -8	200.0%
			Settle SNT	4	2	1		-50.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	2	4	8	4	100.0%
		Theft From Vehicle	Crosshills SNT	41	16	41		156.3%
			Grassington SNT	17	14	13	-1	-7.1%
			Ingleton SNT	12	17	9	-8	-47.1%
			Settle SNT	12	16	5	-11	-68.8%
			Skipton Town SNT	45	55	29	1 -1 -1 -8 1 4 2 0 -3 2 -1 4 25 -1 -8 -11 -26	-47.3%
			zUnallocated	0	0	1		Infinity

Victim	Vehicle Offences	Theft Or	Crosshills SNT	8	11	20	9	81.8%
Based		Unauthorised Taking Of A Motor Vehicle	Grassington SNT	4	9	9	0	0.0%
			Ingleton SNT	3	3	4	1	33.3%
			Settle SNT	1	0	8	8	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	8	10	18	8	80.0%
	Violence: Violence	Assault With Injury	Crosshills SNT	29	41	37	-4	-9.8%
	With Injury		Grassington SNT	9	18	13	-5	-27.8%
			Ingleton SNT	22	24	16	-8	-33.3%
			Settle SNT	13	25	19	-6	-24.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	49	97	93	-4	-4.1%
		Assault With Intent To Cause Serious Harm		2	5	7	2	40.0%
		Causing Death By Congs	areless Driving Under Influence Of Drink Or	0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Causing Death By C	areless Or Inconsiderate Driving	1	0	0	0	NaN
	Causing [	Causing Death By D	angerous Driving	4	0	0	0	NaN
		Endangering Life		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Manslaughter		0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Racially Or Religious	sly Aggravated Assault With Injury	1	0	1	1	Infinity
		Stalking		1	0	0	0	NaN
	Violence: Violence	Assault Without	Crosshills SNT	18	33	36	3	9.1%
	Without Injury	Injury	Grassington SNT	14	17	12	-5	-29.4%
			Ingleton SNT	14	15	16	1	6.7%
			Settle SNT	15	6	12	6	100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	39	50	67	17	34.0%
			zUnallocated	0	0	1	1	Infinity

Victim	Violence: Violence	Assault Without Injury On A Constable   6   5   4   -1	-20.0%					
Based	Without Injury	Cruelty To Children	/ Young Persons	1	1	2	2 1 14 0 8 8 8 4 0 9 1 37 23 1 1 0 -1 5 3 1655 -59 11 -9 4 -2 1 -3 5 0 26 5 4 0 0 -2 - 0 -1 - 0 -1 - 10 6 0 -1 -	100.0%
		Harassment	Crosshills SNT	2	14	14	0	0.0%
			Grassington SNT	0	0	8	8	Infinity
			Ingleton SNT	3	4	4	0	0.0%
			Settle SNT	4	8	9	1	12.5%
			Skipton Town SNT	8	14	37	23	164.3%
		Kidnapping		0	0	1	1 0 8 0 1 23 1 -1 3 -59 -9 -2 -3 0 5 0 -2 -1 -1 6 -1	Infinity
		Racially Or Religiou	usly Aggravated Assault Without Injury	1	1	0		-100.0%
		Threats To Kill		0	2	5		150.0%
				1396	1714	1655	-59	-3.4%
Crimes Against	Drugs: Possession Of Drugs	Controlled Drugs	Crosshills SNT	18	20	11	-9	-45.0%
Against Society			Grassington SNT	11	6	4	-2	-33.3%
,		(**************************************	Ingleton SNT	7	4	1	8 0 1 23 1 -1 3 -59 -9 -2 -3 0 5 0 -2 -1 -1 6 -1	-75.0%
			Settle SNT	2	5	5	0	0.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	48	21	26	8       8         4       0         9       1         37       23         1       1         0       -1         5       3         1655       -59         11       -9         4       -2         1       -3         5       0         26       5         4       0         0       -2         0       -1         0       -	23.8%
		Possession Of	Crosshills SNT	3	4	4		0.0%
		Controlled Drugs (excluding	Grassington SNT	1	2	0		-100.0%
		Cannabis)	Ingleton SNT	2	1	0		-100.0%
			Settle SNT	1	1	0		-100.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	16	4	10	6	150.0%
	Drugs: Trafficking Of	Trafficking In	Crosshills SNT	3	1	0	-1	-100.0%
	Drugs	Controlled Drugs	Grassington SNT	1	1	0	-1	-100.0%
			Ingleton SNT	2	1	1	0	0.0%
			Settle SNT	1	2	1	-1	-50.0%

Crimes Against Society	Drugs: Trafficking Of	Trafficking In	Skipton Town SNT	4	5	7	2	40.0%
	Misc Crimes Against	Dangerous Driving		8	3	8	5	166.7%
Cooloty	Society	Disclosure, Obstruc	tion, False Or Misleading Statements Etc	0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Forgery Or Use Of F	False Drug Prescription	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Fraud, Forgery Etc	Associated With Vehicle Or Driver Records	1	0	0	0	NaN
		Going Equipped For	r Stealing, Etc	2	2	2	0	0.0%
		Handling Stolen Go	ods	2	4	3	-1	-25.0%
		Making, Supplying (	Or Possessing Articles For Use In Frauds	2	3	0	-3	-100.0%
		Obscene Publication	ns Etc	12	9	14	5	55.6%
		Other Forgery		19	5	10	5	100.0%
		Other Notifiable Offe	ences	0	0	4	4	Infinity
		Perverting The Cou	rse Of Justice	2	1	3	2	200.0%
		Profiting From Or Co	oncealing Knowledge Of The Proceeds Of Crime	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Threat Or Possession	on With Intent To Commit Criminal Damage	1	2	4	2	100.0%
	Possession Of	Other Firearms Offe	ences	1	0	2	2	Infinity
	Weapons	Possession Of	Crosshills SNT	0	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Article With Blade Or Point	Grassington SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
			Ingleton SNT	3	0	0	0	NaN
			Settle SNT	0	0	1	1	Infinity
			Skipton Town SNT	4	0	4	4	Infinity
		Possession Of Firea	arms No Intent	1	0	5	5	Infinity
		Possession Of Firea	arms With Intent	0	0	1	1	Infinity
		Possession Of Othe	r Weapons	4	2	4	2	100.0%
	Public Order Offences	Other Offences Aga	inst The State Or Public Order	18	16	16	0	0.0%

Crimes	Or Distress  Grassington SNT  Ingleton SNT  Settle SNT  Skipton Town SNT  Racially Or Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress  Grassington SNT  Ingleton SNT  Ingleton SNT  Ingleton SNT	Crosshills SNT	2	4	4	0	0.0%	
Against Society		Or Distress	Grassington SNT	1	0	5	5	Infinity
Coolory			Ingleton SNT	3	1	2	1	100.0%
			Settle SNT	3	1	1	0	0.0%
			Skipton Town SNT	16	9	18	9	100.0%
		Religiously	Crosshills SNT	1	4	4	0	0.0%
			Grassington SNT	2	1	0	-1	-100.0%
		Fear, Alarm Or	Ingleton SNT	1	0	0	0	NaN
		Distress	Skipton Town SNT	7	3	3	0	0.0%
		Violent Disorder		1	1	0	-1	-100.0%
				237	152	190	0 -1 0	25.0%
Total				1633	1866	1845	-21	-1.1%

# Demand between 01/04/2016 and 01/03/2017 and comparisons to & % change from same period in previous years

NSIR Theme	Occ Type Desc	201	3/2014	20:	L4/2015	201	l5/2016	201	L6/2017	Trend
ASB	ASB Environmental	121	(0%)	120	-1 (-1%)	87	-33 (-28%)	89	2 (2%)	
	ASB Nuisance	820	(0%)	705	-115 (-14%)	669	-36 (-5%)	640	-29 (-4%)	
	ASB Personal	335	(0%)	300	-35 (-10%)	338	38 (13%)	333	-5 (-1%)	
	Total	1276	(0%)	1125	-151 (-12%)	1094	-31 (-3%)	1062	-32 (-3%)	
PSW	PSW Abandoned Call	166	(0%)	171	5 (3%)	197	26 (15%)	231	34 (17%)	
	PSW Absconder/AWOL/Wanted Persons/Police Court Orders/Bail	76	(0%)	82	6 (8%)	79	-3 (-4%)	83	4 (5%)	<b> </b>
	PSW Absent		(0%)	3	(0%)	45	42 (1400%)	47	2 (4%)	
	PSW Alarm	257	(0%)	291	34 (13%)	229	-62 (-21%)	208	-21 (-9%)	
	PSW Animals/Wildlife	113	(0%)	111	-2 (-2%)	118	7 (6%)	148	30 (25%)	
	PSW Civil Dispute	140	(0%)	139	-1 (-1%)	141	2 (1%)	140	-1 (-1%)	
	PSW Concern for Safety/Collapse/Injury/Illness/T rapped	889	(0%)	942	53 (6%)	950	8 (1%)	901	-49 (-5%)	
	PSW Domestic Incident	313	(0%)	236	-77 (-25%)	290	54 (23%)	216	-74 (-26%)	
	PSW DVDS		(0%)		(0%)		(0%)	4	(0%)	•
	PSW Firearms	14	(0%)	14	0 (0%)	18	4 (29%)	17	-1 (-6%)	

# Demand between 01/04/2016 and 01/03/2017 and comparisons to & % change from same period in previous years

NSIR Theme	Occ Type Desc	201	3/2014	201	14/2015	201	15/2016	201	6/2017	Trend
PSW	PSW Hoax Calls	57	(0%)	44	-13 (-23%)	83	39 (89%)	79	-4 (-5%)	
	PSW Immigration	1	(0%)		(0%)	2	(0%)	2	0 (0%)	
	PSW Industrial Incident/Accident	3	(0%)	4	1 (33%)	4	0 (0%)	6	2 (50%)	
	PSW Licensing	6	(0%)	2	-4 (-67%)		(0%)	5	(0%)	
	PSW MARAC		(0%)		(0%)	26	(0%)	27	1 (4%)	•
	PSW Missing Person	138	(0%)	117	-21 (-15%)	85	-32 (-27%)	85	0 (0%)	
	PSW Multi Agency Info Sharing		(0%)		(0%)	10	(0%)	29	19 (190%)	
	PSW Natural Disaster/Incident/Warning	17	(0%)	8	-9 (-53%)	88	80 (1000%)	11	-77 (-88%)	
	PSW Protest/Demonstration		(0%)	2	(0%)	1	-1 (-50%)	1	0 (0%)	
	PSW Safeguarding (Adults)		(0%)		(0%)	2	(0%)	11	9 (450%)	
	PSW Safeguarding (Children)		(0%)		(0%)	9	(0%)	44	35 (389%)	
	PSW Sudden Death	102	(0%)	152	50 (49%)	154	2 (1%)	166	12 (8%)	
	PSW Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicle	910	(0%)	1007	97 (11%)	1056	49 (5%)	1130	74 (7%)	
	PSW Suspicious Package/Object	3	(0%)	6	3 (100%)	4	-2 (-33%)	2	-2 (-50%)	
	Total	3205	(0%)	3331	126 (4%)	3591	260 (8%)	3593	2 (0%)	

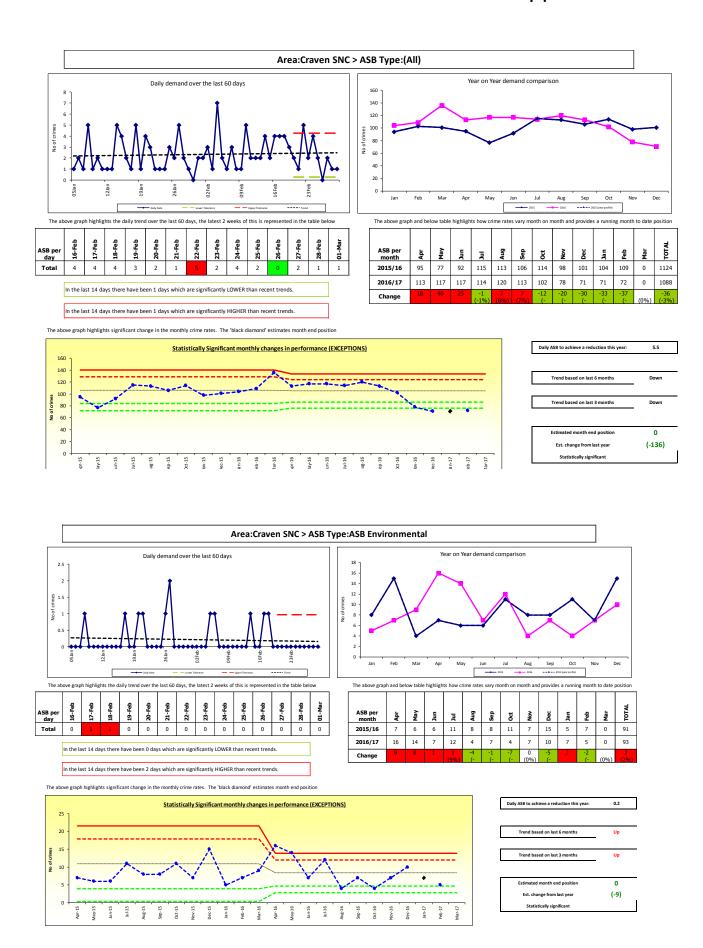
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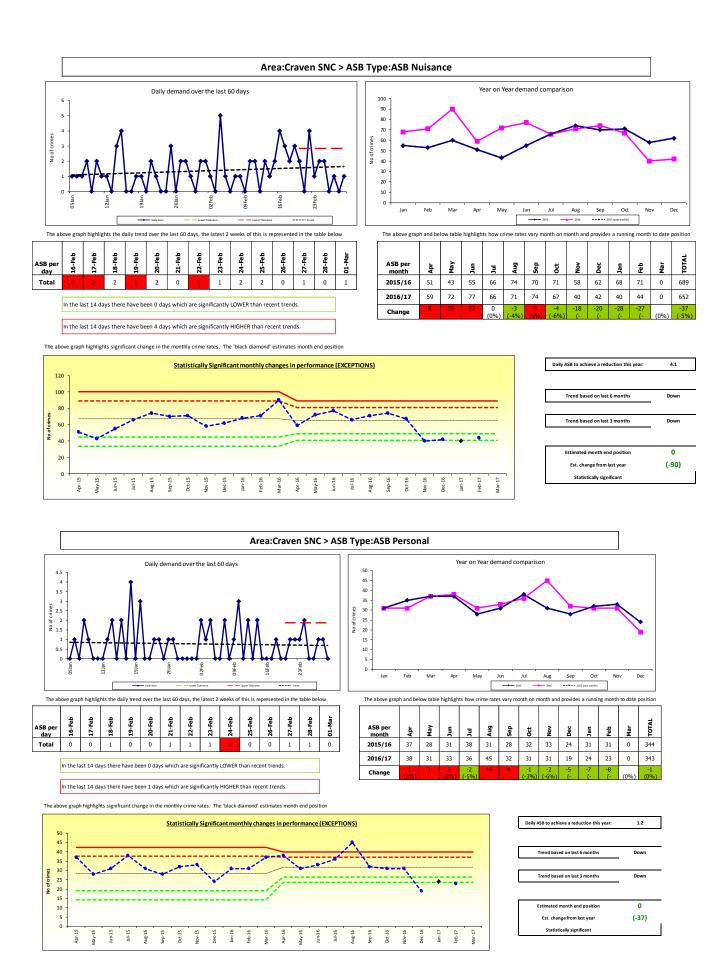
NSIR Theme	Occ Type Desc	201	.3/2014	201	14/2015	201	15/2016	201	.6/2 <b>017</b>	Trend
Road	Highway Disruption	704	(0%)	582	-122 (-17%)	691	109 (19%)	626	-65 (-9%)	
	Rail/Air/Marine Incident Not Recorded Elsewhere	5	(0%)	1	-4 (-80%)	6	5 (500%)	3	-3 (-50%)	
	Road Related Offence	847	(0%)	847	0 (0%)	865	18 (2%)	870	5 (1%)	
	RTC - Damage Only	455	(0%)	468	13 (3%)	474	6 (1%)	482	8 (2%)	
	RTC - Death/Injury	150	(0%)	179	29 (19%)	158	-21 (-12%)	162	4 (3%)	
	Total	2161	(0%)	2077	-84 (-4%)	2194	117 (6%)	2143	-51 (-2%)	

NB: This is based on closing code of occurrences (or "Occ Type") and may not reflect the most recent category of the occurrence. i.e. An occurrence may be closed as ASB however subsequent police work may reveal an offence of criminal damage, in this case a "stats class" page would be added on Niche but the Occ Type may not be updated.

If you need to look at the number of crimes it is recommended you use the ACC Dashboard or the 6 year trends,

## Appendix C





## **North Yorkshire County Council**

#### Craven Area Committee

#### 9 March 2017

Petition – Reduce the speed limit on Gargrave Road to 20mph to address the road traffic issues and to find sustainable solutions to school transport and parking.

## Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

## 1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To invite the Area Committee to hear from the organiser of this petition, debate the petition, and agree the appropriate course of action.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 Details regarding a petition containing 1,009 signatures (up to 17 February 2017) has been submitted to the County Council. The petition is titled:

'Reduce the speed limit on Gargrave Road to 20mph to address the road traffic issues and to find sustainable solutions to school transport and parking.'

A petition cover sheet summarising the circumstances which have given rise to the petition is attached at Appendix B and the link to the on-line petition is available at: https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/go20gargraveroad

## 3.0 Petitions Procedure

3.1 The County Council has a Petitions Scheme (Appendix A) which sets out the procedure for handling petitions. The Petitions Scheme requires that, if a petition contains signatures from 1% or more of the population of a District (ie 555 signatures in the case of Craven Area), and subject to compliance with other criteria within the Scheme, it will be referred to the relevant Area Committee for debate. (The Petitions Scheme provides that petitions containing 30,130 signatures will be debated at a meeting of the full County Council.)

#### 3.2 The Petitions Scheme states:-

"At the meeting the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The County Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide:

- to take the action the petition requests,
- not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate,

- to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.
- Where the issue is one on which the County Council Executive are required to make the final decision, the County Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision."
- 3.3 The petition organisers Jenn Plews Headteacher of Skipton Girls High School and/or Joanne Busfield Bursar of Skipton Girls High School, will present the petition to the Area Committee, under the terms of the County Council's Petition Scheme, and the issues raised will then be debated.
- 3.4 A relevant officer representative from the County Council James Malcolm Area Highways Manager will be in attendance at the meeting.

#### 4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to:-
  - invite the petition organiser/s to speak (5 minutes maximum) to present the petition;
  - debate the petition (15 minutes maximum);
  - decide:-
    - (i) to recommend that the Executive take the action the petition requests;

or

(ii) not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate

or

(iii) to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.

or

(iv) Where the issue is one on which the County Council Executive are required to make the final decision, the County Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) County Hall Northallerton

JO'D 1 March 2017

Background Documents: NYCC Petition Scheme



## **North Yorkshire County Council**

#### **Petitions Scheme**

The County Council welcomes petitions and recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let us know their concerns. Anyone who lives, works or studies in the County of North Yorkshire, including under 18's, can sign or organise a petition and trigger a response. All petitions sent or presented to the County Council will be acknowledged within 10 working days of receipt. This will set out what we plan to do with the petition. We will treat something as a petition if it is identified as being a petition, or if it seems to us that it is intended to be a petition.

Paper petitions of any size may be sent to:

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services)
North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 8AD

Alternatively scanned copies may be sent by email to:

democratic.services@northyorks.gov.uk

#### What are the guidelines for submitting a petition?

Petitions submitted must include:

- A clear and concise statement about the subject of the petition;
- A statement of what action the petitioners wish the County Council to take;
- The name and address (including postcode) and signature of any person supporting the petition.
- Contact details, including an address, for the petition organiser.
- A Fair Processing Notice is required by the Data Protection Act legislation, explaining to people that the personal details they provide in connection with the petition will only be shared with the petition organiser, the County Council. An example is suggested in the Data Protection section below.

We will contact the petition organiser(s) to explain how we will respond to the petition. The contact details of the petition organiser will not be placed on the website. If the petition does

not identify a petition organiser, we will contact signatories to the petition to agree who should act as the petition organiser.

The determination of whether a petition is vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate for a response, will be carried out by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Council.

In the period immediately before an election or referendum we may need to deal with a petition differently – if this is the case we will explain the reasons and discuss the revised timescale which will applies.

If a petition does not follow the guidelines set out above, the County Council may decide not to do anything further with it. In that case, we will write to you to explain the reasons.

### **Data Protection**

The use of individuals' personal data, including their addresses/email addresses, will be protected under the terms of the <u>Data Protection Act 1998</u> and will be held by us only for the purpose of corresponding in relation to the petition submitted. This information may be shared with the petition organiser, County Council officers, members of the County Council or service providers.

We advise that for paper petitions, the following Fair Processing Notice is included on each page of the petition that will contain signatures:

"North Yorkshire County Council (the Council) will become the data controller when the petition is deposited with the Council. The details you provide on this form will only be used for the purpose of this petition. Your information may be shared with the petition organiser, Council officers, members of the Council or service providers."

As with all Council held information, petition information will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act legislation and may be disclosed to the public if requested.

## What will the County Council do when it receives my petition?

An acknowledgement will be sent to the petition organiser(s) within 10 working days of receiving the petition. It will let them know what we plan to do with the petition and when they can expect to hear from us again. Its receipt will also be published on our website.

If we can do what the petition asks for, the acknowledgement may confirm that we have taken the action requested and the petition will be closed.

If the petition has enough signatures, it will trigger either:

- A debate either at the relevant Area Committee; or
- · A debate at County Council; or
- A senior officer giving evidence at a meeting of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The acknowledgment will confirm which is the appropriate course of action and tell you when and where, if appropriate, any meeting will take place. If the petition needs more investigation, we will tell you the steps we plan to take.

If the petition applies to a planning application, is a statutory petition (for example requesting a referendum on having an elected mayor), or is about a matter where there is already an existing right of appeal, other procedures will apply. Where a petition relates to a planning application, it will be treated as 'letters of representation' and be part of the 'letters of representation process'.

The County Council will not take action on any petition which we consider to be vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate and will explain the reasons for this in our acknowledgement of the petition.

To ensure that people know what we are doing in response to the petitions we receive, the details of all the petitions submitted to us will be published on our website, except in cases where this would be inappropriate. Whenever possible we will also publish all correspondence relating to the petition (all personal details will be removed).

## How will the County Council respond to petitions?

The response to a petition will depend on what a petition asks for and how many people have signed it, but may include one or more of the following:

- Taking the action requested in the petition;
- Considering the petition at a relevant Area Committee meeting;
- Considering the petition at County Council;
- Undertaking research into the matter options including meeting with lead petitioners, or holding a public meeting;
- Referring the petition for consideration by a County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee\*:
- Writing to the petition organiser setting out our views about the request in the petition.

\*Overview and Scrutiny Committees are committees of County Councillors who are responsible for scrutinising the work of the Council. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have the power to hold the County Council's decision makers to account.

In addition to these steps, the County Council will consider all the specific actions it can potentially take on the issues highlighted in a petition.

If the petition is about something over which the County Council has no direct control (for example the local railway or hospital) we will consider making representations on behalf of the community to the relevant body. The County Council works with a large number of local partners and where possible will work with these partners to respond to your petition. If we are not able to do this for any reason (for example if what the petition calls for, conflicts with County Council policy), then we will set out the reasons for this to you. You can find more information on the services for which the County Council is responsible here:

http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10835

If the petition is about something that a different council is responsible for, we will consider the best method for responding to it. This might consist of simply forwarding the petition to the relevant council, but it could involve other steps. In any event we will always notify you of the action we have taken.

#### **Debates**

Petitions supported by a significant proportion of people from a District Area or the County Council Area as a whole will be presented to a meeting of the relevant Area Committee or to the County Council for debate, depending upon the number of signatories, and whether it relates to a matter of concern to a particular locality or a matter of country-wide interest. If your petition contains signatures from 1% or more, of the District population, it will be scheduled for debate at the next meeting of the appropriate Area Committee. The number of signatures for each district area is as follows:

•	Craven	555
•	Hambleton	897
•	Harrogate	1586
•	Richmondshire	539
•	Ryedale	501
•	Yorkshire Coast & Moors	1086
•	Selby	841

If there is the equivalent of 5% (30,130) of the County wide population as signatories, the petition will be scheduled for a County Council debate.

Area Committees usually take place 4 times a year and County Council quarterly, dates and times may be found at

http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10509.

If a petition meets the threshold for debate at Area Committee and the petition organiser would like to introduce the petition at to the next meeting of relevant Area Committee, or County Council, or if the petition organiser would like the local County Councillor or someone else to present it on their behalf, contact should be made with Democratic Services on 01609 532591, at least 10 working days before the meeting and the process will be explained.

Following receipt, the County Council will endeavour to consider the petition at the next appropriate meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting.

At the meeting the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The County Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide:

• to take the action the petition requests,

- not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate,
- to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.
- Where the issue is one on which the County Council Executive are required to make the final decision, the County Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and this confirmation will also be published on our website.

#### Officer evidence

A petition may ask for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting about something for which the officer is responsible as part of their job. For example, a petition may ask a senior council officer to explain progress on an issue, or to explain the advice given to elected members to enable them to make a particular decision. If the petition contains signatures from 0.5% (2,996) or more, of the County's population, the officer will be asked to appear at the next meeting of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The senior officers concerned will be limited to Chief Officers and Statutory Officers. The senior officers who may be called to give evidence are:

- Chief Executive
- Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services
- Corporate Director Health and Adult Services
- Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service
- Corporate Director Strategic Resources
- Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)
- Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services)
- Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Petition organisers should be aware that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that it would be more appropriate for another officer to give evidence instead of any officer named in the petition – for instance if the named officer has changed jobs. The Committee may also decide to call the relevant County Councillor(s) to attend the meeting. Committee members will ask the questions at this meeting, but petition organisers are be able to suggest questions to the Chairman of the Committee by contacting the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) up to three working days before the meeting via democratic.services@northyorks.gov.uk

#### What can I do if I feel my petition has not been dealt with properly?

If a petition organiser feels that the County Council has not dealt with a petition properly, they have the right to request that the relevant County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the steps that the County Council has taken in response. It is helpful to everyone, and can improve the prospects for a review, if the petition organiser gives a short

explanation of the reasons why the County Council's response is not considered to be adequate. The Committee will endeavour to consider such request at their next meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible, and consideration will take place at the following meeting. Should the Committee determine that a petition has not been adequately dealt with, it may use any of its powers to deal with the matter. These powers include:

- Instigating an investigation,
- Making recommendations to the County Council's Executive or arranging for the matter to be considered at a meeting of the County Council.

Once the review has been considered the petition organiser will be informed of the results within 5 working days. The results of the review will also be published on the County Council's website.

## PETITION TO NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (cover sheet)

PETITION SUBJECT	Reduce the speed limit on Gargrave Road to 20mph limits and to address the road traffic issues AND to find sustainable Solutions to school transport and parking.			
PETITION ORGANISER	Name: Jenn Plews (Headteacher)	Joanne Busfield (Bursar)		
	Address: Skipton Girls High School Gargrave Road Skipton N Yorks	Address: Skipton Girls High School Gargrave Road Skipton N Yorks		
	Postcode: BD23 1QL	Postcode: BD23 1QL		
	Email:	Email:		
	Daytime telephone number:			
ACTION REQUESTED	Brief statement of the action petitioners wish the County Council to take:			
	Academy to the end of Gargrave Road and Water Streemaking it safer for students, families, staff, residents and this we also want to address the road traffic issues ANI over 40 buses at the start and end of the school day bridgening off students. This is making the whole road verified.	20mph, from the top of Gargrave Road near Craven College and Skipton et where Water Street Primary and St Stephens' Primary schools are d commuters all safer whilst walking and commuting to school. As part of D to find sustainable solutions to school transport and parking. There are inging students to all the schools, as well as minibuses, taxis and vehicles ery congested whilst this happens outside of each of the schools/college. Deed off in a bus/vehicle pull in area where they are not stopping the traffic bound parked vehicles.		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION	(Detail concisely any relevant background information to the petition. For example, what has happened to prompt the petition? Has there been any previous contact with the County Council on this matter and what was the outcome?)			
	Gargrave Road has become one of the busiest roads in Skipton with approximately 3000 children and young people using the road Monday to Friday. Since I arrived in Skipton as Headteacher of SGHS, I have become increasingly concerned about the congestion and volume of traffic; parents parking dangerously outside school to drop off and pick up children and the conflict on the road and neighbouring streets which, sadly at times has been incredibly disrespectful to local residents. Students all along the road are having daily near misses due to drivers pulling in where road markings clearly say they should not, causing problems for other motorists and pedestrians.			
	Skipton Girls' High School have launched an Urban 20 Campaign through the organisation BRAKE. Working with the community; Julian Smith MP and local and County Councillors to implement GO 20 and 20mph limits for Gargrave Road and to address the road traffic issues AND to find sustainable solutions to school transport and parking. $40$			

	Everyone – adults and children – should be able to walk and cycle in their communities, for their health and enjoyment, and as a sustainable way to get about, without being put in danger. It's a fundamental right. At Skipton Girls' we feel passionate about keeping our children and young people safe on their journey to and from school and in supporting them with road safety and driver awareness.
TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES	1009 to date with the petition continuing.
DATE PETITION SUBMITTED TO NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Friday, 17 February 2017
DATE PETITON RECEIVED (OFFICE USE ONLY)	Petition cover sheet advising of the petition was received on Friday, 17 February 2017 – the petition itself is expected to be presented to Craven Area Committee 9 March 2017.

## **North Yorkshire County Council**

#### **Craven Area Committee**

### 9th March 2017

## **Stronger Communities Progress Report**

## 1 Purpose of this report

1.1 To update Craven Area Committee on Stronger Communities progress.

## 2 Introduction

2.1 Since December 2016, a further 2 funded projects have been developed and supported in Craven, along with non grant funded activity. The Stronger Communities Delivery Manager (SCDM) continues to support the transition of 4 libraries into community ownership.

## 3 Library Transition Programme

- 3.1 **South Craven**: Volunteer training has progressed well with an adequate number of volunteers in place and volunteer scheduling in hand. Two additional trustees have recently been recruited making the group more robust. The group has successfully gained funding from local parish councils, and Cross Hills PC has precepted £3,000 in 2017/18 budget. The group proposes creating a Library Friends group with a small membership fee. The group plan to take over the library on 1st April, with some support from library staff. The Lease and Service Level Agreement are in hand.
- 3.2 **Settle**: Settle Library Group is now a registered charity. The lease and SLA are in hand. There have been an excellent number of volunteers come forward and training is progressing well. Volunteer scheduling is in hand. The group will take ownership of the library from April 1<sup>st</sup> with some support from library staff. Settle Town Council and several Parish Councils have made grants to the group. A Library Friends group is to be created. A productive meeting occurred with Giggleswick School leading to offers of pupil and / or project assistance and possible venue/room hire
- 3.3 **Ingleton**: The Parish Council will assume responsibility for the library from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Volunteer training has been delivered and volunteers are regularly shadowing staff in the library. As the library opening hours are already extended due to the excellent knowledge of the Community Centre manager this should be a seamless transition.
- 3.4 **Bentham**: Library to move into Pioneer Projects Looking Well building early May due to building works and fitting out. In the interim Friends of Bentham Library will open the library for 10 hours p/w at key times with some support from library staff. Monthly meetings are scheduled to facilitate a smooth transition to Pioneer Projects. A revised Business Plan will be considered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Volunteer training is being scheduled.

## 4. Stronger Communities Projects

## 4.1 Grants Awarded since December 2016

- Craven Dementia Action Alliance Part time Co-ordinator to be employed for a year
  to enable the development of an infrastructure to support a Craven Dementia Action
  Alliance. Also creation of a local support group for people living with dementia and
  their family carers and dementia friends training.
- Exclusively Inclusive for the development of a Craven Gazette run by people with learning difficulties (formerly duke St Gazette). First edition attached. They have done an excellent job!
- Pioneer Projects capital grant for building works

## 4.2 **Projects in Development**

A number of projects are currently being developed with a range of voluntary & community sector groups across the area, covering all four priorities. Some require a period of development and assistance prior to submission of a formal application for funding. They cover areas such as:

- Support for farmers
- Rebound trampolining therapy for youngsters with physical and / or learning disabilities
- Village Hall support

## 4.3 Community Development

- The SCDM is planning a Discovery Day for North West Craven in partnership with South Lakes CCG for June. An initial planning meeting is being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March with community organisations.
- The Craven SCDM has attended, facilitated and/or presented at:
- South Skipton Health & Wellbeing Task and Finish Group (Chair)
- Community Learning Partnership
- o Craven Mental Health Forum
- Craven Disability Forum
- NYCC Prevention Services Review

### 5 Recommendation

5.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee notes the contents of this report.

Marion Tweed-Rycroft Stronger Communities Delivery Manager (Craven)

# CRAVEN GAZETTE

Covering matters from across Craven because Craven matters!

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## **New horizons for the Gazette**

Edition one

Welcome to the first edition of the 'Craven Gazette'. For many years a popular, community newsletter has been produced by a number of people who attended Duke Street Resource Centre in Settle. Following the closure of the centre it was feared the Gazette would be lost. After a some head scratching, a few conversations and a little financial help from North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities fund, here is the new look Craven Gazette under the umbrella of Exclusively Inclusive.





## **Introducing Amy**

My Name is Amy Davies and I am 21 years old, I live in Settle I have a part time job as a kitchen assistant. I volunteer for the National Trust at Malham Tarn and Settle Library at Limestone view.

I enjoy running at weekends and I'm training for the Cartmel Lakeland Trails in March, I will be doing 10km race.

I love going to the Rendezvous group every Friday, its a lovely group to go to and to be with friends as well. We meet up at different places to do different events. I am looking forward to helping produce the Craven Gazette.

http://www.lakelandtrails.org/cartmel/



## **Exclusively Inclusive Community Group**



Exclusively Inclusive are a voluntary community group based in Sutton in Craven. They welcome all members of the community around Craven to develop regular and ad

hoc events and opportunities. They believe in asset based community development or ABCD as its known which is all about using our gifts and talents to make good things happen in our communities. Some events are adults only such as the Club ViVA 52 disco night which is held each month at Herriots Hotel in Skipton!



https://www.facebook.com/exclusivelyinclusivecraven/



## **Introducing Liam**

My name is Liam David Adams. I am a very charismatic guy and showstopper wherever I go!

I love bodybuilding which I do in my flat and I am going to start going back to the gym to train. I also love photography and can take a mean photo.

Im very sociable and like to perform. My ambition is to train to be a wrestler.

I'm pleased to be working on the Craven Gazette and looking forward to doing some filming for it to present online.

Pon't let someone dim your light simply because it's shining in their eyes!

# Craven Community Champions Awards Ceremony 2016

## **By Christopher Porter**

The Craven Community Champion Awards were held at Coniston Hotel Country Estate on Thursday 12th January 2017. The Award Ceremony celebrated all the incredible work being done by individuals and groups in the community, these were the fifth annual awards. The award evening started with champagne and we all got a program of the evening and we got seated at tables and there was buffet.

Paul Shevlin who is the Chief Executive for Craven District Council hosted the evening by introducing the evening event.

I was especially interested in the best community group award which recognises a voluntary group that has made a significant contribution to their community or in the district in general. This award was sponsored by Keelham Farm Shop and was presented by Victoria Robertshaw. She showed the audience a film of the three shortlisted groups. Exclusively Inclusive was shortlisted for this award but they didn't get the award this year. The winner was Clapham Community Shop.

## Congratulations to them and everyone!

See photos on page 6 and in the links below.

The full write up of the evening is available from CDC website

http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/article/5811/2016-Craven-Community-Champions

They have also published an album of photographs from the event <a href="https://goo.gl/photos/5TUP9mwZYcJBVzvg7">https://goo.gl/photos/5TUP9mwZYcJBVzvg7</a>

All of the videos from event can now be watched on youtube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?</a> <a href="list=PLNJ6R4xHLniicEDt\_1u53UXqF0XP2c8HC">list=PLNJ6R4xHLniicEDt\_1u53UXqF0XP2c8HC</a>



## **Introducing Amber**

My Name is Amber Firth. I am 22 years old and live in Sutton-in-Craven. I study Sociology at The University of Bradford. When not at uni I like building Lego models, drawing cartoons, listening to music and watching movies. I have a fluffy tabby and white cat called Bella. I love baking and helping people. I also volunteer to help people with disabilities in Sutton- in-Craven which is a job I love.

1 in 100 people in the UK are on the autism spectrum - That's around 700,000 people!

There is no "cure" for autism but the right support can make a huge difference.

help doesn't
always need to come from
social services and could be in
any form such as supportive
friends and family or just a
friendly face and a
listening ear.

# **Spotlight on Autism**

## **By Amber Firth**

I am going to be writing about autism and how it affects people as well as using examples from my own experiences of having autism. I was diagnosed with Aspergers, which is a type of autism, in my early teens and it affects me in lots of different ways.

Autism is a developmental disability and although it can be diagnosed at any time during a person's life it is present from birth. It is a spectrum condition which means that each person with autism can experience autism differently but everyone with autism share the same traits even if they experience them in a different way. The key traits of autism are difficulties with social interaction and communication, repetitive behaviours and interests and sensory difficulties.

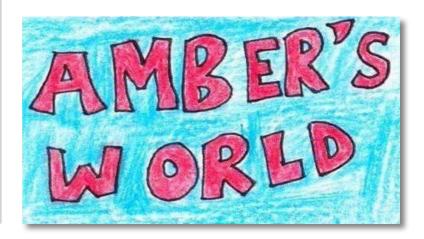
Here is how each aspect of autism can affect people:

#### Social communication and interaction

People with autism can find it hard to read body language, facial expressions and tone of voice. This can make it very hard to understand and interact with others as people with autism cannot always recognise people's feelings and intentions. Because autistic people struggle with social cues and interactions it can often mean that they find it hard to make friends.

## Repetitive behaviours and interests

The world can be unpredictable and confusing for people with autism which often means they like to follow routines or have some aspect of repetition in their daily lives which can help make them feel more comfortable in the world.





## **Introducing Chris**

My name is Christopher Porter and I live in Crosshills. I am 30 years old. In my spare time I enjoy listening to music and reading. I have been involved in the Gazette (now to be called the Craven Gazette) since it started in 2007 at 30 Duke Street in Settle. I have various voluntary jobs and have a paid job with North Yorkshire County Council. I am member of the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board where I speak out on behalf of people with a Learning Disability and its groups. I am also a member of the Craven Consulting group. I am looking forward to the future of the Craven Gazette.



Many people with autism have highly focussed interests, sometimes called "special interests", which are intense interests in a particular area. This can be anything from music to computers to types of transport.

My special interests are The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy in all its various forms and Sociology, which I am currently doing a degree in.

A lot of people with autism channel their special interests into study or work which provides them with a sense of meaning and can be fundamental to their wellbeing.

## **Sensory difficulties**

The majority of people with autism will experience over- or under-sensitivity to one or more of the following senses such as: sound, touch, taste, smell, light, colour, temperatures or pain.

I personally experience over-sensitivity to lights, sounds and smells but under-sensitivity to touch

Everyone with autism is different though and can experience any combination of sensory difficulties for example part of my under-sensitivity to touch means that I love hugs but for someone with an oversensitivity to touch hugs can be unbearable.

I hope you found this article informative . If you are interested in some of my other work you can find my cartoons I have drawn about my experiences of having autism on my Facebook page Amber's World - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a> Ambers World Cartoon

#### Some useful links:

The National Autistic Society - www.autism.org.uk

Joanna Kingsley Publishers - <a href="http://www.jkp.com/uk/autism-and-related-conditions.html">http://www.jkp.com/uk/autism-and-related-conditions.html</a> - for books about autism and related conditions

#### Some useful links cont:

Agony Autie: A Blog for Autistic People - www.facebook.com/agonyautie/

### Some autism support in the area:

Specialist Autism Services - www.specialistautismservices.org/bradford

Leeds Autism Aim - www.facebook.com/leedsautismaim



## **Introducing Matthew**

I am Matthew Lambert. I am 32 years old going on 33. I live in a small hamlet, a little village with no shops, called Selside. It is about 9 miles out of Settle heading towards Ribblehead, where the viaduct is. I have lived there all my life. I live on a farm with my Mum, Dad, 3 sisters and my brother. I have been working on the Gazette for years now, it's great and it makes me feel good.



#### **VOLUNTEERING IN STYLE**

## By Matthew Lambert

Up until recently I used to spend my days at Settle Resource centre in Settle. It was a day centre for people run by NYCC. The day centre was closed the Thursday before Christmas.

I wasn't happy and I was a little bit scared and worried about what I was going to do. I started to look for different things to do. Someone suggested a volunteer job. So I went out and found myself a volunteer job at Settle Parish Church.

I started my volunteer job on Tuesday the 10th of January. At the church on a Tuesday lots of ladies and gentlemen who are all volunteers, make and sell lots of lovely food to people in the community. It is like a cafe. My role is to clear tables and make sure they are neat and tidy. I fill up milk jugs. I put all the dirty pots and plates into the kitchen to be washed up and then I take all the clean and dry ones back out to use again. I do lots of jobs, even some sweeping up when it is quiet.

I really like being part of the volunteer group at the church. I have been made to feel very welcome. Everyone talks to me and I like talking to them.

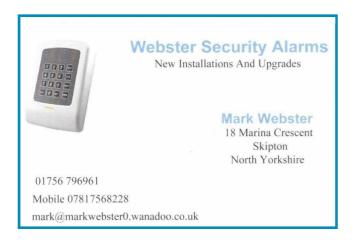
Being a volunteer makes me feel proud of myself. I am helping people and raising money for the church. It is great to be part of the community. I really love it and I smile all day

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Photographs below from the Community Champion Awards Ceremony Exclusively Inclusive (runners up) on the left and on the right all the winners (continued from full article on page 3)







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## **Introducing Sam**

My name is Sam Woodhouse. I am 23 years old and live in Ingleton which is in North Yorkshire. I have helped with the Gazette when I have been at Duke Street.

I have worked at Country Harvest as a café assistant since July and really enjoy my job.

I work with Janet, Harriet and Joanne who are always there to help me. Everyone is friendly.

My main tasks are in the kitchen, loading the dishwasher, serving food and clearing tables.

My favourite job is taking food out to the customers. I listen for the bell which tells me that the food is ready to take out.

I really enjoy working at Country Harvest and tell all my friends and family about my work.



## What's on

Each edition we will try to feature some of the regular and ad hoc events that have caught our eye from around Craven

## Come Dine with Us!

First Thursday in the month at Sutton Community Centre on North Street. An opportunity to meet people, make new friends and socialise. Help prepare a simple meal and dine together. £5 per person for three courses 4-7pm

Contact Katie 07545 546 738 or exclusivelyinclusive@gmail.com

## Club ViVa 52

An inclusive, friendly Club night held at Herriots Hotel, Skipton - all over 18's welcome. £4 in. Bar and "Stay up late" philosophy. Usually third Thursday of the month but subject to change due to Hotel commitments. Check facebook for posters and notices.

## **Sports for All**

Organised by Together Skipton. "Superstrikers" bowling league third Wednesday of the month at Matrix and indoor sports at Sandylands in Skipton contact Maureen 07795388807 for more info of how to join in.

## **Craven Mosaic and Crafts**

Meet Thursdays 12.30-3pm at The Cricket Pavilion, Royd Hall, Sutton-in-Craven. BD20 7AJ

The session fee is £2 which includes all materials and tea, coffee and biscuits and cakes.

For all enquiries please see the website

http://www.cravenmosaicandcrafts.co.uk/

## **Snowdrop walk**

Woodland snowdrop walk and sculpture trail. Light refreshments and plant sales. Noon to 4pm. £4 (children free) 015242 51794

Austwick Hall, Austwick, Near Settle, North Yorkshire LA2 8BS Sun 12 Feb, Mon 13 Feb, Sun 19 Feb, Mon 20 Feb, Wed 22 Feb, Sun 26 Feb, Mon 27 Feb



## **Introducing Nicola**

My name is Nicola and I live in Skipton with my mum and dad I am new to to the Gazette. I am a member of two groups one is called Rendezvous and the other is Exclusively Inclusive . I enjoy these as you make friends and I enjoy going out with them. We go shopping, do cooking and baking, walking crafts and have having lunch out. I have recently joined a Thursday afternoon mosaic class which I enjoy. I also do voluntary work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Oxfam and the Parish church cafe in Skipton.



£3 per session!

## Did you know?

There is a Direct Payment User Peer Support Group in Craven. This year meetings will be held at 1 Belle Vue Square, Skipton and dates for 2017 are: March 1st 1pm – 3:30pm June 7th 1pm – 3:30pm September 7th 1pm – 3:30pm December 6th 1pm – 3:30pm

All DP users and their Personal Assistants (PA's) are most welcome! There will be informative talks, refreshments and time for a friendly chat!

There is a recently formed Facebook group to keep in touch between meetings - so if this appeals check out Craven Direct Payment User Peer Support Group and ask to join! Contact 07545 546 738 for more info on the group.

## Did you know?

# Garden Gang! Be Friends, Get Active, Have Fun!



At a community allotment in Skipton! Whether you are green-fingered and like to get stuck in or you prefer to cheer on from the sidelines we want you! We are hoping to get up and running with a regular meet up day this Spring!

Let us know by contacting the Craven Gazette what day would work best for you!

## Did you know?

There is a community choir open to all in Skipton...

Meet Skipton Baptist Church 2-330 every two weeks.

No auditions necessary, ramped access and accessible loo! All song sheets provided and its only

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## **Introducing Charlie**

My name is Charlie Barker I live in Knaresborough. I have four brothers and live at home with my mum two brothers my dog Lilly and my cat Tyson.

I am a member of the Rendezvous group and also Exclusively Inclusive. I belong to 'interact' a performing arts group in Harrogate we perform two shows a year.

During the week I do volunteering work at the Scope shop in Knaresborough. I enjoy music especially live bands, the theatre, eating out and socialising. I am really looking forward to being a part of the "Craven Gazette" team.



## Did you know?

Open Future Learning offers excellent "side by side" training for self advocates and their supporters.

Here is a powerful message from them!

The people you support do not live in your workplace, you work in their home.



openfuturelearning.org

http://www.openfuturelearning.org

## Did you know?

There is a new free app called JAM that has been released which allows people with communication barriers such as learning disabilities / difficulties, autism, Asperger's or a brain injury to alert staff in retail outlets, public transport and other areas of public life that the card-holder needs Just A Minute of patience and time when interacting with them. It was the idea of people who use the services of Now Group. It's definitely worth checking out!

https://www.nowgroup.org/jamcard



Just a minute



PLEASE BE PATIENT.
I HAVE A
COMMUNICATION
BARRIER.



## **Introducing Joanne**

My name is Joanne Pemberton. I am 31 years old and live in Sutton in Craven. I have a cheeky cat called Harry, short for Harriet, I love to watch her jump and play. My dog is called Billy. I love to spend time outdoors and enjoy the beach, parks and countryside. I meet up with the Rendezvous group most Fridays and look forward to the club nights. My PAs will help me write reports for the Craven Gazette about community spaces we find that are accessible for wheelchair users.



## **Just for fun... Yum! Yum!!**

Delicious tried and tested recipe from Julie Davies

## **Vegan Chocolate Mousse**



1 can of coconut milk2-3 tbsp cocoa powder1tbsp maple syrup or agave nectar

1/4 tsp vanilla extract

pistachio nuts for topping

Place coconut milk tin in fridge for a few hours to chill

Open can and scoop out hardened cream (don't use liquid)

Using hand blender on low speed start to whip up coconut cream, then gradually add cocoa, maple syrup or agave nectar and vanilla.

Put blender on higher speed until all combined.

Put mixture into small individual ramekin dishes or small pots and top with crushed pistachio nuts and place back in fridge to chill. Enjoy!

## Inclusion is...



Each edition of the Craven Gazette we hope to share what "Inclusion is..." to various people. In this first edition we share the thoughts of Lynn Evans, Cindy Faulkner, Andy Williams and Vicki Pascall who are

Partners in Policymaking Graduates from Derby

Inclusion is... Not just having the facilities for inclusion but feeling safe and wanted!

For more info on Partners in Policymaking check out:

http://www.in-control.org.uk/what-we-do/partners-in-policymaking.aspx

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Top Marks!

# Community spaces, our favourite places!





Our Craven Gazette team have joined forces with the Rendezvous group to meet up and work on this newsletter. We have met at a cafe in Skipton called **Caffe Capo**. We would like to say how much we like Caffe Capo and how welcoming the staff there are.

The cafe is spacious, wheelchair accessible and serves really yummy food! They offer a loyalty scheme so when you buy 9 hot drinks you get the 10th absolutely free! There is free wifi at Caffe Capo and this makes it an ideal place for meeting up for business as well as pleasure.

We think you should try it and when you do you will love it!



We hope you enjoy our newsletter and look forward to the next edition which will be out in April.

Please contact us by email if you have any compliments, suggestions, ideas, want to get involved, would like to advertise with us or subscribe to us by email. Our email address is <a href="mailto:cravengazette@gmail.com">cravengazette@gmail.com</a> We would love to hear from you!

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Until our next edition best wishes from the Craven Gazette team.

## **North Yorkshire County Council**

# Craven Area Committee Thursday 9 March 2017

## Annual Report of the Older People's Champion

#### A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

- 1. This will be my seventeenth and last report to North Yorkshire County Council on my activities as your Older People's Champion. It all began in the mid-nineties when North Yorkshire bid for funding from the Government of the day, with the idea of developing a means of engaging actively with older people across the whole County so that we could consult with older people when we developed new services for them. Our bid was one of 28 across the country which was successful.
- 2. A forum was set up in each district and one representative from each district came together on a regular basis and formed the North Yorkshire Forum for Older People. The Project Manager was someone who is now working with Age UK in North Craven, Sue Bradley and Micky Johnson was our designated older person. Micky still works for the older people in North Yorkshire and more recently took part in the thorough review of our bus and community bus services.
- Our first strategy was called "Our Future Lives" and when we consulted on this strategy, we soon learned that the last thing an older person wanted, was to go into a residential or nursing home at the end of their lives. The policy of changing our 29 residential homes into extra care facilities was developed following the publication of our first strategy.
- 4. I chaired Social Services (children and adults) at the time and in 1997 because the Government could not think of a better title, the notion of appointing Older People's Champions was born. It was believed that a member of the Executive should hold that post to give it the high profile it deserved.
- 5. A national review was held after 12 months and I presented at the Queen Elizabeth's Conference Hall in London. The conclusions of myself and the Director of Social Services was that my most useful role was that of a conduit between older people and the County Council and Government and essentially in that role I should develop a good network at regional and national level. The review also suggested that an executive/cabinet member did not have the time to develop the role as it should be developed. When I stepped down as Executive member of Social Services and became the executive member for Community Services and Safer Communities it gave me the opportunity to develop my role.
- 6. My aim was to champion opportunities for older people, ensure they were well informed so that they could make the right choices, which would improve the quality of their lives in their later years. This meant that I needed to take every opportunity to raise older people's interests and attend Seminars, Conferences so that I was up to date with Government thinking, at the same time I was a Non-Executive Director of North Yorkshire Health Authority. The County Council had ten years working with a

Health Authority which was coterminous with our own boundaries.

## FUTURE YEARS THE YORKSHIRE & HUMBER FORUM ON AGEING

7. I was elected by the older people of North Yorkshire to represent them on the new Regional Forum on Ageing. I became chair of that organisation which I had helped develop with Age Concern. A position I have held for 11 years and it is through this group I have been able to develop my national interests for older people. I have held 14 workshops to raise awareness of Loneliness across Yorkshire and the Humber. Two of them in North Yorkshire at Scarborough and Harrogate.

## AGE ACTION ALLIANCE

8. Five years ago, the Age Action Alliance was developed jointly by Age UK and Government its work is done through a number of working groups and Future Years joined the Isolation and Loneliness Working Group. I became a member of the Campaign to End Loneliness in the months following. I now find myself totally committed to reducing isolation and loneliness at every opportunity and this has been my objective in everything I have done as a county councillor and Campaign Ambassador during this last year.

#### THE PREVENTION STRATEGY

- 9. I was delighted when the County Council set up its Living Well Team, headed by Cath Simms, more information on which is outlined in the Appendix. Over the last 2/3 years I have worked very closely with the County Council and the villages of Gargrave, Embsay and Grassington to ensure they were able to set up their own Community libraries. The biggest percentage of the volunteers are older people and all three have become social hubs.
- 10. I have particularly but not exclusively, supported applications for funding from my locality budget from Village Hall Management Committees for building repairs and maintenance using it for this purpose means that whole communities have benefitted. Without a village hall where would local people meet and get together in such isolated villages? Where would community libraries find a home?
- 11. The Venturer, the Community timetabled bus service has been a huge success. Faced with no bus service of any description north and east of Grassington the villagers got together. I organised public meetings to discuss the situation and two villagers came forward and developed a business case for a timetabled bus service. I organised many meetings in the early stages with officers from County Hall. The targets for income have been exceeded and the service has carried many full fare paying passengers. In the height of Summer, we left people at the roadside. Definitely not one of our aims!
- 12. In Craven the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) gave funding for a pilot to develop Village Agents. I chaired the Steering Group, with the end of funding from Health we successfully applied for funding from Age UK £40,000, this enabled further work to be done by those village agents still in post.
- 13. Embsay particularly benefitted from the Village Agent's work and as a result a Steering Group was formed to develop **Embsay and Eastby Good Neighbours**. I

- co chair this group with the Vicar of Embsay Church. This is now working well but the most asked for service is transport to hospital or the GP Practice. With the help of County (Marion Tweed Rycroft) we applied for funding from Stronger Communities to augment the funding received initially from Rural Action Yorkshire.
- 14. Added to this we applied to "Awards for All" to develop a **Befriending Scheme** for Embsay and Eastby residents. The funding will provide for a co-ordinator for twelve months to continue the development of this scheme begun by our Village Agent.
- 15. At Buckden Parish Council meeting last month they were discussing having a village 'champion' who called on older people living alone to ensure all is well. I introduced them to Marion Tweed-Rycroft via email and I am confident something will be develop from this link and with a small grant to build a **'resilient community.**" I shall be well pleased.

#### FROM A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE - THE CAMPAIGN TO END LONELINESS

- 16. I am now designated an Ambassador for the Campaign to End Loneliness. Following the successful recruitment for ambassadors who can give talks on the subject, I attended a training event in York and was asked to help with the training.
- 17. I was invited to speak at the launch of Leeds Beckett University and the publication of the findings from the project "Together for Health" funded by the DH. Some really good and sound evidence was produced for this project and a tool to measure the improvement of a person's wellbeing was used after connecting the person to a social activity. Knaresborough Age UK was a participant in this research. I was on the steering group for North Yorkshire when the project was being set up.
- 18. I spoke at the Annual Conference of 'Minding the Gap', held in Sheffield last year. I used the latest powerpoint presentation and the emphasis was on identifying those in the community who may be suffering from the effects of loneliness this was based on the publication of the 'Missing Millions', an excellent publication. The outcome of the conference was a call for the use of social prescriptions nationally.
- 19. I was invited to attend the Strategy meeting of the Campaign, planning for the next five years and attended the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Campaign in June where the document **'The Missing Millions** was officially launched.
- 20. I spoke for the Campaign at a Hub event in Brighton organised by the Brighton and Hove Local Authority and at a Scrutiny meeting of Harrogate BC as an ambassador.
- 21. There is an increase in the number of invitations to advise and speak on the subject of loneliness. The Campaign ensures I am invited to most of the events where the publication of research on the matter of loneliness is being launched. The latest was the launch of the findings from the research done by the Red Cross and The Co-op in partnership
- 22. This piece of work **'Trapped in a Bubble'** concentrated on getting to a better understanding of the triggers for loneliness. The partners are setting some targets e.g. Bringing social connection to 12,500 people in England. They are to use their members to act as befrienders and to date they have raised £4m for the Campaign.

- 23. I have accepted an invitation to be a trustee of a soon to be launched charity 'Linking Lives UK'. Jeremy Sharpe who has successfully launched the Link Visiting Scheme in the South of England, feels it is time to widen the opportunities for churches to bring people of all ages together across the whole of the country. Local Churches provide unique opportunities due to the number of older and single people who attend church. How can your church reach and support isolated older people?
- 24. The Bishop of Ripon invited me to be a member of a group who are active in their faith to come together to identify the local issues of isolation. Some work has been carried out by the Diocesan Rural Officer he has developed some social activitie using the 'Men in Sheds' ideas. There is a growing number of single older men who are committing suicide and this needs to be addressed.
- 25. Current work in progress is the setting up of a project through my own GP Practice Manager with a local pharmacy and the Living Well officer for Craven, to identify those who may be lonely in the locality of the practice.
- 26. I have enjoyed my work with older people, beginning when I used to teach retired people luncheon cookery. Becoming Chair of Social Services was a turning point in my life. It was in this role that I fully recognised the great need 'out there' in North Yorkshire.
- 27. I must thank officers in North Yorkshire who have worked with me to achieve that which local residents in my division wanted. Libraries, Community Transport, HAS particularly in the prevention work, Highways, most recently constructed a dropped kerb to make it easy for someone with an electric wheelchair to get to her 'local shop' and lastly Education who were so supportive of me when I chaired the Governing Board of Upper Wharfedale School, with one exception, when I was not supported in my idea to federate the primary Schools in Upper Wharfedale with the UWS to develop a hub and spoke federation with one headteacher. Officers have unstintingly given of their time. No one achieves anything on their own, so having the right partners round one table is a 'given'.

## 28. I shall continue with:

- my national work and involvement in the Campaign to End Loneliness.(It is the only working Group of the AAA where my travel expenses are reimbursed by the DH.)
- My work with the older people in North Yorkshire, through the Yorkshire & Humber Advisory Forum.

Councillor Shelagh Marshall OBE Older People's Champion NYCC 2017

## **Living well in North Yorkshire**

Working with people who are lonely or socially isolated, the Living Well team is helping people to become more connected to their communities and helping people to prevent or resolve issues before they become a crisis. By the end of December 2016, the team had responded to nearly 2000 referrals since its launch in October 2015.

The predominant reason for referral is loneliness and isolation, although most people present with several reasons, including bereavement and loss of confidence. Living Well coordinators work with individuals over an average period of 7 weeks, providing face to face information advice and guidance, support to build self-confidence, help to access community activities and practical support, for example ways of maximising a person's income.

Success is dependent on people increasing their confidence, skills and motivation to find their own solutions to improve health and well-being. The team works alongside the council's Stronger Communities team to ensure that there are a range of good quality community options in place.

The Living Well Team recently won the council's people's choice award for innovation, in recognition that the team is already making a huge contribution to the targeted prevention agenda in North Yorkshire. It is a radical, innovative approach which maximises benefits from partnerships and uses creative approaches to support individuals and achieve positive individual outcomes.

For Edna, who lives alone and felt isolated in her home after the loss of a loved one, she valued the way that Living Well took the time to get to know what was important to her and helped her to get her life back. Edna says 'I now know that there really is life after 80'

### **North Yorkshire County Council**

#### **Craven Area Committee**

#### 09 March 2017

### A59 Kex Gill Realignment - Development Update

## Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services

## 1.0 Purpose Of Report

1.1 To provide an overview and progress report on the A59 Kex Gill Realignment.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The A59 is a key Trans Pennine route between Skipton and Harrogate. There is a long history of land instability and movement of the land above the A59 to the west of Blubberhouses at Kex Gill.
- 2.2 This movement has caused a number of landslips, the most recent of which occurred in January 2016 and led to a closure of the A59 for 8 weeks.
- 2.3 As a result of the on-going slope instability, there remains a high risk that there will be further landslips in the future, which could potentially result in long term closures of the route, severely impacting on connectivity between Skipton and Harrogate.
- 2.4 Whilst short to medium term 'management' measures are being undertaken, the County Council recognises that in the longer term there is a need to develop proposals for a permanent solution. This is likely to be a major realignment of the route. As such improvements to the A59 at Kex Gill are identified within the County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP), Strategic Transport Prospectus and also within the York North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnerships (YNYERLEP), Strategic Economic Plan.
- 2.5 Improvements to the A59 also form part of a wider long term package of interventions aimed at improving east west connectivity between the East Coast & Humber Ports to Lancashire. These improvements will help to improve journey time reliability and safety across this important corridor.
- 2.6 In Autumn 2016 the County Council commissioned Mouchel to investigate potential options for the realignment of the A59 at Kex Gill and to develop a business case to enable the County Council to submit a bid for funding from the Department of Transport (DfT) for the delivery of a realigned route.
- 2.7 A Steering Group has been established to provide strategic direction and support the scheme development process. This is chaired by Barrie Mason, Assistant Director Highways and Transportation, and includes officer representatives from the County Council, Craven District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Mouchel and Department for Transport. The local County Councillor John Fort and Harrogate Borough Councillor Christine Ryder also provide Member representation on the Steering Group.

## 3.0 Current Progress

- 3.1 The first stage in developing the business case is to identify key objectives that any proposed scheme should seek to address. For the A59 Kex Gill realignment these have been identified as follows:
  - Improve the resilience of the A59 route between Skipton and Harrogate;
  - Improve safety of road users on the A59
  - Support the case for east west connectivity;
  - Improve journey time reliability
  - Maintain the landscape, ecological and historical value of surrounding area;
  - Reduce impact and cost of scheduled maintenance on the A59;
- 3.2 Mouchel are currently in the process of preparing the Options Assessment Report (OAR), this is due for completion in April 2017. Once completed it will allow the most appropriate option / options to be selected and Mouchel will then prepare an Outline Business Case.
- 3.3 Options being considered include alignments
  - within the Kex Gill valley close to the existing alignment of the A59
  - to the north of the Kex Gill valley
  - to the south of the Kex Gill Valley
- 3.4 One of the key issues to be considered is that all options need to ensure that the western end of the scheme includes the realignment of the Kex Gill Bridge. This has been identified as a local pinch point and potential accident location.
- 3.5 Additionally any options that tie into the existing network to the west of Blubberhouses junction should also consider the inclusion of an eastbound climbing lane to the Hopper House Hotel, to aid flow of traffic heading towards Harrogate. Incorporating this climbing lane, would also help to deliver another of the proposed interventions contained within the Strategic Transport prospectus.

## 4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Now that all the options have been identified an initial sift of the options will take place. The options will be sifted using the Department for Transport's Early Assessment and Sifting Tool (EAST), assessing them on various criteria including environmental considerations, economic and financial as well as deliverability. Following this assessment the options will then be either progressed or discarded. A full overview of the EAST process will be presented as part of the OAR.
- 4.2 The area of Kex Gill and its surroundings is considered to be of extremely high landscape and environmental importance. Given the fact that all of the potential options run either through or close to land with environmental designations it is important that all environmental impacts are fully considered. As part of the process discussions are on-going with key environmental stakeholders, including Natural England, Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 4.3 Mouchel are due to complete the OAR in April 2017. Following the completion of the OAR local public consultation will be undertaken together with further reports to Business and Environmental Services (BES) Executive Members and both the Craven and Harrogate Area Committees. Following this it is anticipated that either one or a small number of options will be identified for further development and consideration as part of the Outline Business Case (OBC). The development of the OBC will enable the County Council to be in a position to bid for funding from the Department of Transport (DfT).

## 5.0 Discussions with the Department for Transport

- 5.1 Officers have recently been liaising with DfT officials to help identify potential funding sources and opportunities. Initial discussions have been extremely positive with the DfT indicating that they recognise the high risk of the potential landslip and its significant impact on the A59 as an important part of both the local and regional transport network. They have indicated that they are supportive in principle of the scheme and further have suggested that the scheme development process be accelerated.
- 5.2 Members should however note that the normal development time for a scheme of this nature would be in excess of five years, especially given the environmental designations of land in the area. It should therefore be noted that to compress this development timeframe will be extremely challenging.

## 6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 The scheme development work is being funded from existing approved budgets. As the business case and discussion with DfT develops the financial implications for the delivery of the scheme will become apparent and a latest update will be provided at your meeting.

## 7.0 Equalities Implications

7.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. It is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have an adverse impact on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010. However, it is worth noting that the scheme will require a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

#### 8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 At present no legal implications have been identified. As the scheme development process continues, detailed discussions will take place with the County Council's legal department with respect of the legal implications of options identified for inclusion within the OBC.

#### 9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 It is recommended that Members of the Craven Area Committee
  - i) note the content of the report,

#### **DAVID BOWE**

Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Authors of Report: Sam Raine/James Gilroy

**Background Documents: None** 

## **North Yorkshire County Council**

## **Craven Area Committee**

## 9 March 2017

## **Programme of Work for Future Meetings**

## 1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To advise of the present work programme for the Area Committee and to invite Members to consider any amendments and/or additional items for future meetings, also to determine the venue for the next meeting.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 In line with other Area Committees a programme of work for future meeting of the Craven Area Committee operates. Members may wish to amend the issues identified within the report, and/or suggest additional items to be placed on the programme of work.

## 3.0 Programme of Work

3.1 The following business is scheduled to be included on forthcoming agendas for the Area Committee:-

## **Usual business for every Area Committee Meeting:-**

- Declaration Interests
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Public questions or statements
- Policing Issues
- Highways verbal update
- Stronger Communities update
- Programme of work for future meetings

## Periodic updates historically requested

- Youth Service
- Adult Learning Service include reference to the work of the University of the Third Age (U3A)
- Valuing People Modernisation of Learning Disability Services
- Traffic Management Priority Scheme
- Commissioning Strategy for Adult Care
- A6068, A56/A59 Corridor/ Lancashire County Council: M65 to Yorkshire Corridor Study
- Community Planning Update/ Community Safety Update
- Superfast Broadband
- Consultation reports as they arise

## Other updates requested by Members:-

- Details of Bus Use/Complementary Bus and Train Services/Accessibility for Disabled People – in the Craven Area
- Skipton/Craven Youth Councils
- Community Transport: local provision and county wide policy; strategy for the allocation of funding in Craven area – addressed via regular Stronger Communities updates

## Annual updates:-

- Fire Authority Integrated Management Plan
- Annual Report of the Older People's Champion
- Road Casualties NY annual report

## Twice yearly updates (alternate meetings):-

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue - performance/activity report

## Next meeting -Thursday 8 June 2017, at a venue to be agreed:-

- Appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Co-opted Members, and representatives on outside bodies
- North Yorkshire Police performance report and current issues
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue performance/activity report
- Stronger Communities progress report
- Bradford Districts CCG Mental Health provision in Craven
- Update regarding CCG Changes effecting Craven
- Highways verbal update
- Any other issues Members would like to be considered

#### 4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are invited to identify any amendments and/or additional items for inclusion within the programme of work.
- 4.3 Members are asked to determine the venue for the next meeting.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) County Hall Northallerton

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#### **Background Documents**

None