

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council's Ryedale Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Ganton Village Hall on 13 September 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:-

County Councillor Caroline Goodrick in the Chair. County Councillors Val Arnold, Lindsay Burr MBE, Keane Duncan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

Also in Attendance:-

County Councillor David Chance (Executive Member for Stronger Communities, Public Health and the Role of Area Committees).

Invited Officers in attendance: Danny Westmoreland and Marc Warren (North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service), Inspector Martin Dennison (North Yorkshire Police) and Simon Jones and Russell Mclean (Highways England).

Officers in attendance: James Malcolm (Area Manager Highways), Mary Davies, (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Sally Lacy (Business Support Administrators).

10 members of the public attended the meeting.

There were no apologies for absence received.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

16. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made:-

County Councillor Val Arnold referred to the Fire and Rescue Service Report and advised that she was the Member of the Fire Authority.

18. Public Questions or Statements

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

19. Area Committee Membership - Appointment of Co-opted Members

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Area Committee to formally appoint persons nominated to serve as Co-opted Members on the Area Committee.

Councillor Philip Chapman asked for his apologies to be given for this meeting.

Resolved -

That the following Co-opted Members be appointed to serve until the first meeting of the Area Committee following the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2018 and subject to each Co-opted Member continuing to be eligible to represent his/her nominating body:-

Parish Councillor Philip John Chapman

Community First Yorkshire - Leah Swain

20. Update on the A64 (Highways England)

Considered -

The report of Simon Jones, Highways England, updating on planned works on the A64 in the Ryedale Area and providing an update on items presented for the last meeting, and a general forward look regarding programmed work to the end of this current Financial Year and beyond.

Simon Jones introduced Russell Mclean, the Service Delivery Manager from the operational side of Highways England delivering schemes on the A64 including the forthcoming Barton Hill junction improvement.

Simon Jones updated the Committee on:

- Scheme Delivery in 2017/18.
- Barton Hill scheme was now fully funded for delivery this financial year. Members received an update from Russell Mclean to give an overview of the Barton Hill scheme. He said that the scheme's aim was to improve safety and the number of accidents. He handed out a plan of the scheme which showed changes to the existing staggered junction and would remove the conflict for right turners and improve visibility at the junction east bound. The scheme would also widen the central reservation. The Slingby/Hovingham Road would be closed and the bus stop moved east along the A64. Local residents would receive a letter and leaflets outlining the scheme. Work was expected to begin in early November 2017 until April 2018. There was presently no traffic management plan, however work was expected to begin on the northern side of the carriageway. The road to Castle Howard would be kept open for as long as possible. Traffic management would be 24/7, with night and day working. An update would be brought to the November meeting.
- Scotchman Lane. Following a Road Safety Audit Stage 3, the identified bollards would be removed following some visibility concerns. This was anticipated to be completed before December 2017.
- 38 schemes in development for 2017/18. The programme had not currently been completely set for 2018/19.
- Customer/Stakeholder Engagement.

Members made the following comments on the Barton Hill Scheme:

- The need to keep disruption to a minimum for tourists, especially to Castle Howard.
- Referring to the overview of the Barton Hill scheme, the residents of Barton-le-Willows would have to cross 4 carriageways.

- Would there be any changes for pedestrians and cyclists. Russell Mclean advised existing footpaths would not be affected.
- Disappointment that local Members had not been fully briefed on the scheme. Russell Mclean explained that the scheme had been partially designed when funding had been agreed previously, with funding then being withdrawn for the scheme. At the point that funding was secured for delivery in this financial year, the design was completed without public consultation. The scheme is now in the public domain.

Members made the following comments:

- Pleased to see, following the Road Safety Audit, removal of the bollards at Scotchman Lane; however, when turning right when another vehicle was alongside it was difficult to see oncoming traffic.
- Whether the Hopgrove to Barton-le-Willow duelling is going to happen. Simon Jones advised wording in his report is exact and had not changed from previous reports. Duelling is an option, Highways England have to go through the due diligence of a project business case process before an actual preference is made.
- Thanked for the work taking place on the drains in Sherburn and the positive meeting which had taken place. Could this be extended to Rillington and Staxton Willerby; the Member considered that some of the issues could be sorted out very quickly.
- The Pedestrian Islands at Rillington Fields and Staxton Willerby were terrifying with 60 mph traffic both sides. Concerns for children crossing the road and being in the middle of the carriageway.

Simon Jones asked, now that the new technical drawings and report had been produced for the Hopgrove Scheme, whether the Committee would find it helpful to invite the Major Projects Manager for the Hopgrove Improvement Scheme to the November meeting to go through options. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, agreed to this.

The Chairman thanked Simon Jones and Russell Mclean for attending the meeting and presenting the report.

Resolved -

That the report and update be noted.

21. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update - Ryedale

Considered -

The report of Danny Westmoreland advising of Community Safety Activities involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service that have occurred between 1st April 2017 and 1st September 2017 and providing an update regarding other issue from within the Ryedale District. Key issues covered were:-

- Service Delivery.
- District Update.
- The Malton Tactical Response Vehicle (TRV) is now on the road, the transition had been successful and training had been completed. The TRV has currently attended 3 incidents and debriefing had been completed after each incident.
- 25 safe and well home risk assessments has been completed.
- Response Activity. Danny Westmoreland advised that the Responder Scheme would finish at the end of the year.
- Incidents of note.

Danny Westmoreland updated on the Police and Crime Commissioners business case to replace responsibility of the Fire Authority.

Danny Westmoreland introduced Marc Warren to the Committee who would be his replacement following his retirement from the Fire and Rescue Service.

Members made the following comments:

- Incidents involving animal rescues and are the costs reclaimed. Danny Westmoreland said that the Service used to however that arrangements to recover costs was higher than the cost of the incident. He advised of the system in place, animal rescue are now assessed and sometimes treated as low priority and that we attended following the request from the RSPCA.
- That it was still early days on the Tactical Response Vehicle (TRV) and concern with the downturn in staff and any further changes. Danny Westmoreland advised of the processes and procedures being put in place to support the introduction of TRV's across the service and gather evidence with 3 crew on the TRV's and the need to maintain specialisms at Malton Fire Station, currently there are no further proposals to reduce the numbers further. He confirmed that Malton Fire Station still operated 2 whole time shifts and that the numbers on each shift had reduced from 6 to 5 staff. Danny Westmoreland also advised on the current retained duty system staffing at Malton and that there are currently 6 new applicants who wish to join.
- Did the Fire Service fit CO alarms? Danny Westmoreland explained that these alarms are issued to certain risks and the Fire Service did give general advice.
- Had the Responder Scheme finished? Danny Westmoreland said that there are groups who respond with the Ambulance Service but the Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Responder Scheme was stopping.

County Councillor Val Arnold, who was a member of the Fire Authority, thanked Danny Westmoreland for his attendance and presentations to the Committee.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee wished Danny a long and happy retirement and gave the Committee's thanks for his attendance over the last few years which was very much appreciated. She welcomed Marc Warren and hoped he would be able to attend each meeting of the Committee.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

22. North Yorkshire Police - Current Issues

Considered -

The report of Inspector Martin Dennison updating on initiatives currently being undertaken within the Ryedale District area by North Yorkshire Police. Key issues covered were:-

Crime. The crime figures represented a comparison of the 2nd financial quarter covering the period 13th June to 29th August 2017 from the previous three years: Increase of 2 crimes representing a 0.6% increase; Increase of violent crime with injury, a rise of 27% - the majority were domestic related; Violent crime without injury had fallen 9.1%.; Burglary Dwelling had fallen 21.6%; 19 sexual offences, 8 of which alleged rape – a reduction of 25 crimes; 2 reports of sexual grooming; 1 incident of images being sent between parties; Increase of 57% in cycle thefts; Downward trend for general shoplifting; 91% increase in vehicle crime from 12 to 23; 7 licence plate

thefts; Increase in crimes against society including possession and trafficking of drugs, possession of offensive weapons and public order offences. Inspector Dennison advised these offences were being recorded as a direct result of positive, pro-activity taken by Officers and staff of Ryedale Police and also with the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Ryedale through targeted proactive policing and patrols; 20% reduction in criminal damage.

Proactivity. The Safer Neighbourhood Police Team have ensured a high visibility attendance at Malton, Ryedale and Thorton le Dale to Farndale County Shows whilst recognising the impact of national terrorist incidents through increased visibility at public events; The Safer Neighbourhood Police Team will be focussing patrols with the Norton and Malton areas responding to local issues around drug and alcohol misuse in public areas; there will also be additional patrols focussed around Pickering for licensing checks; Southern and northern rural areas of Ryedale will see anti-poaching patrols; Increase in the number of rural community surgeries and engagement events; Continued monitoring of the Kirby Misperton area with additional resources and infrastructure in place.

Staff. Changes to the Safer neighbourhood Policing Team was explained.

Members made the following comments:

- Were the rural community surgeries well published? Inspector Dennison advised that apart from on the internet, there was information in the local Gazette and posters and leaflets in the weeks preceding the surgeries.
- In reply to a question on car sales on the highway, Inspector Dennison said this was a priority for Ryedale District Council and the local Community Team, it was an issue throughout the Ryedale area.
- That it would be useful for residents of Kirby Misperton to understand the Police presence, were there any Police cameras to help local residents? Inspector Dennison advised that the Police had deployed a number of resources to the area which he was unable to divulge.
- Speeding in smaller villages and the presence of Traffic Officers. A Member was aware of 40 visits to one village whilst other villages had no visits. Inspector Dennison said he would take this back with him. He explained the rationale behind approving a site and he said that checks can take up to 6 months before a van is sited. He explained that there needed to be a minimum of 6 recruited speed watch volunteers in villages who are equipped to take speed checks. There had been a lot of interest but some villages were finding it difficult to find 6 volunteers.
- A Member considered speed vans could do a lot of damage to Police reputations, he asked whether the monies raised in speeding fines were about safety on the road and not a way of raising funds. Inspector Dennison said that it was his understanding that speed vans are there to ensure safety on the roads and not for raising money.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Dennison for his presentation to the Committee.

Resolved -

That the report and updates be noted.

23. Community First Yorkshire

Considered -

The presentation by Leah Swain (Chief Executive of Community First Yorkshire) introducing and outlining the work of Community First Yorkshire. (A copy of the

presentation slides has been placed in the Minute Book and published on the County Council's website.)

Leah Swain thanked the Committee for the opportunity to be a co-opted member of the Committee and looked forward to working with Members. Leah Swain explained that Community First Yorkshire was an independent charity formed in April 2017 from the merger of two well established charities, Rural Action Yorkshire and North Yorkshire and York Forum and it worked across North, South and West Yorkshire to inspire and support positive, local action. Community First Yorkshire had successfully tendered to secure a grant from North Yorkshire County Council and NHS North Yorkshire to provide a county wide service to provide support: Capacity and capability support for social enterprises, voluntary and community organisations and volunteering support for individuals and volunteer involving organisations.

Examples of the support which Community First Yorkshire could provide were:-

- Representation, collaboration and sharing good practice
- Information and intelligence
- Service for the whole sector – from registered charities to individuals with a great idea and everything in between
- Marketing and communications
- Funding, fund-raising and income generation
- Service delivery and improvements to services
- Volunteer recruitment and/or volunteer management
- Governance including leadership support, policy development, support for Trustees
- Strategy – planning including business, parish or emergency plans
- Outcomes, impact monitoring, evaluations and quality
- Workforce development and employment advice
- Finances and legal compliances e.g. data protection, safeguarding
- Community engagement and consultation
- Training on a wide range of topics

Leah Swain gave information on the Community Support North Yorkshire Team and their roles and on other services available; she also advised on ways to contact Community First Yorkshire, by emailing them using Communitysupport@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk or telephoning 01904 704177.

A Member asked whether there would be any duplication working with the Stronger Communities Team at County Hall and in regard to NYPACT. Leah Swain replied that there were currently a few grey areas but no duplication as the work of the Stronger Communities Team and Community First Yorkshire was complementary and the teams planned to have regular shared meetings. NYPACT was supported by Community First Yorkshire but the work of NYPACT was set and monitored by an independent committee of volunteers.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Area Committee, thanked Leah Swain for her presentation and she advised that Members looked forward to working with and supporting Community First Yorkshire.

Resolved -

That the presentation be noted.

24. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Area Committee to make appointments, on behalf of the County Council, to various outside bodies.

Members asked, following a brief debate, that a decision be deferred to a future meeting concerning the appointments to:

Amotherby Educational Foundation,
Christopher Wharton Educational Foundation,
Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation (Pickering)
Old Meeting House Trust, Helmsley
Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth Education Foundation
Poad's Educational Foundation (Newton upon Rawcliffe)
Rev James Graves' Foundation at Thorpe Bassett

Members asked the Clerk to contact each of the above Outside Bodies and ask them to contact the relevant County Councillor to explain the function of the Outside Body.

Resolved -

That Mr M Dickinson and Mrs Julia Bretnam, be appointed to the John Stockton Education Foundation (Kirbymoorside) and Mrs M Gamble to replace Mrs E Capstick, each to serve until a replacement is appointed.

That a decision be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee concerning the appointment to the following:

Amotherby Educational Foundation

Christopher Wharton Educational
Foundation

Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation
(Pickering)

Old Meeting House Trust, Helmsley

Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth Education
Foundation

Poad's Educational Foundation (Newton
upon Rawcliffe)

Rev James Graves' Foundation at Thorpe
Bassett

25. Stronger Communities Progress Report

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships updating on the work of the Stronger Communities programme.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

26. Communications with NYCC Ryedale Highways Office - Update

Considered -

The verbal update of James Malcolm, Business and Environmental Services.

- This summer season in the Ryedale Area 250,000 square metres of surface dressing had been carried out at a cost of £1 Million.
- The 2017/2018 Winter Service/Maintenance period will commence in October. The highway contract with Ringway allows for the provision of the replacement of the gritter fleet dependant on age, therefore this season there will be 10 new gritters countywide replaced.
- Tour de Yorkshire will be over 4 days next year. The Richmond to Scarborough stage on the Saturday will go through the Ryedale area.
- Melanie Farnham's position has been advertised internally and there have been 8 internal applicants for consideration received for the post of Improvement Manager at Kirby Misperton.
- Project engineer post vacancy.
- Our consultants WSP are working on the Norton Level Crossing HGV ban and have been asked to carry out a re-design of some of the proposed signage in relation to the HGV order coming into place. Currently the Authority are looking at how the exception permits will be introduced and enforced. It is imperative to get it right first time to ensure the effectiveness of the experimental HGV ban.
- Our consultants WSP are working on the Kirkham Bridge signs design and liaising with Highways England on the specific A64 signage. A report will have to be taken to BES Executive in relation to the single outstanding objection.

Members made the following comments:

- The Scrutiny Report and concern for rural area roads being overlooked. James Malcolm advised that Senior Managers were aware of concerns on this category of network and it is being considered and looked at in line with all categories of roads.
- The need for a more strategic overview with the cameras set up at Thornton-le-Dale over the winter period. The problems were mostly in the summer months. James Malcolm agreed to take this information and comments to colleagues at Network Strategy.
- Buttercram Bridge will experience even more traffic issues as a consequence of future housing development. A large number of new homes on the outskirts of the Ryedale Area was subject to planning consideration from an adjacent Authority. It was discussed whether a traffic lights system was needed on the bridge. The Member considered this should be flagged up as a major issue. James Malcolm noted that housing development would be outside the boundary of North Yorkshire County Council and traffic signals are not always the best solution in terms of queuing traffic with delays and the associated air pollution.

Resolved -

That the update be noted.

27. 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.

The Committee noted at the November meeting a briefing to Members on the rising of the November meeting concerning the Seamer Horse Fair.

Resolved -

That the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.11 p.m.

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