



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum (Central)

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| Venue: | Selby Town Hall, Selby |
| Date: | Thursday 4 February 2016 |
| Time: | 6.30 p.m. |
| Present: | <u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors P Welch (Chair), M Crane and J Shaw-Wright. <u>Co-opted Members</u> Anthony Wray |
| Apologies: | Councillors S Shaw-Wright, I Chilvers, J Chilvers, C Lunn, and co-opted members M Davis and F Matthews. |
| Officers present: | Paul Varney, Programme Manager (Groundwork), and Janine Jenkinson, Democratic Services Officer (Selby District Council). |
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1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor P Welsh was proposed as Chair for the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P Welsh be elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Central Forum meeting held on 2 December 2015 were considered.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Central Forum meeting held on 2 December 2015.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. OPEN SESSION

The open session had consultation tables from Community Officers (Selby District Council), Groundwork, Green Doctor and Heritage Lottery Fund.

5. FORUM MEETING – CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced, Katrine Bay Madsen, (Green Doctor).

Some concern was raised about the lack of public attendees at Central Forum meetings, in response the Programme Manager (Groundwork) reported that he would be presenting a marketing strategy to the next Central CEF Partnership Board meeting.

The strategy would be aimed at promoting awareness of the Central CEF and engaging the community. The Programme Manager also informed the Forum that he would be presenting the updated Community Development Plan to a number of parish councils in the Central CEF area.

6. FORUM FOCUS – ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Katrine Bay Madsen, provided the Forum with a summary of the work carried out by the Green Doctor organisation. She explained that the Green Doctor service provided home visits and advice to help households use less energy, keep warm and save money. The Green Doctor home visits usually took an hour and provided information as well as installing small energy efficiency measures.

The Green Doctor organisation provided information and advice on the following:

- Switching suppliers
- Applying for the Warm Homes Discount
- Grants for insulation and central heating
- Energy bills and fuel debt
- Behavioural changes to reduce costs
- Managing heating control

The Green Doctor organisation also installed simple energy-saving measures including:

- Energy-efficient light bulbs
- Draught excluders
- Reflective radiator panels

- Pipe lagging
- Hot water tank jackets
- Water saving devices

7. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

In response to a question regarding eligibility, the Ms Madsen advised that the service was free of charge however subject to eligibility criteria. In general, those eligible were people on lower incomes, older people, and people with medical health issues. People could contact the Green Doctor service directly or make referrals on behalf of others. The Green Doctor service also provided free advice over the telephone to people not eligible for a free home visit.

In response to a question about how the service was promoted, the Forum was informed that the Green Doctor service had operated in Leeds for over eight years and had recently expanded to the Selby area. Additionally, it was explained that the service had been working with a number of community groups to promote their services.

The Chair thanked Ms Madsen for the presentation.

RESOLVED:

To note the presentation.

8. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Forum that the next Central CEF Partnership Board meeting would be held on Wednesday 30 March 2016 and the next Forum meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.20 p.m.