



# Minutes

## Community Engagement Forum (Central)

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Venue: Portholme Church, Portholme Road, Selby

Date: Wednesday 20 April 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: District and County Councillors  
Councillors S Shaw-Wright (Chair), P Welch, I Chilvers, and J Chilvers.

Co-opted Members  
Michael Dyson and Craig Laskey.

Apologies: Councillors W Nichols and C Lunn.

Officers present: Paul Varney, Programme Manager (Groundwork), and Janine Jenkinson, Democratic Services Officer (Selby District Council).

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### 1. OPEN SESSION

The open session had consultation tables from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways, Heritage Lottery, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, Community Officer, Selby District Council (SDC), Better Together – Customer and Community Programme Officers (SDC).

### 2. FORUM MEETING – CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced, Katy Frost, Customer and Communities Programme Manager (SDC) and Paul Varney, Programme Manager (Groundwork).

### **3. FORUM FOCUS – DESIGNING FUTURE COUNCIL SERVICES FOR YOUR LOCAL AREA.**

Paul Varney addressed the Forum and explained that Groundwork was currently managing the Tesco 'Bags of Help' project. The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland was being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities. The second round of Bags of Help had opened for applications on 18th April 2016 with the closing date being 3rd June 2016. Further information about how to apply for a grant was available on the Groundwork website.

Katy Frost, Customer and Communities Programme Manager (SDC) addressed the Forum and explained that the Council was currently looking at customer related issues and ways of investing in digital improvements to enhance services and enable more on-line transactions, whilst also retaining provision for those customers that required face to face contact.

A short film explaining the issues and the remit of the project was shown to attendees.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair thanked the public attendees and Forum speakers for attending the meeting.

### **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next Central CEF Forum would be held on Wednesday 1 June 2016 and the next Partnership Board would be held on Wednesday 6 July 2016.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

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