



Minutes

Tadcaster & Villages Community Engagement Forum (Partnership Board)

Venue:	The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster LS24 9AQ.
Date:	Thursday 27 October 2016
Time:	7pm
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors Don Mackay (Chair), Keith Ellis, Chris Metcalfe and Richard Sweeting.
	<u>Co-opted members</u> Steve Cobb, Kirsty Perkins, Trevor Philips and Bea Rowntree.
Apologies:	Avis Thomas.
Officers present:	Chris Hailey-Norris (Selby District AVS), Palbinder Mann (Democratic Services Manager, Selby District Council and Daniel Maguire (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
Others present:	David Gluck (Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company).
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34. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

35. NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNER

The Chair introduced Chris Hailey-Norris from Selby District Association of Voluntary Service (AVS), who would be the new Community Engagement Partner following the awarding of the contract to Selby District AVS.

36. NEW ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FRAMEWORK

The Democratic Services Manager presented the revised Funding Framework and Application Form, which had been developed following consultation with the Chair of each Community Engagement Forum and the Lead Councillor for Communities and Economic Development. The Board was advised of the key changes:

- Match funding would no longer be a requirement for securing funding from the CEF;
- All applications for funding from the CEF must be made in writing and comply with the Access to Information rules;
- The revised Funding Framework clarified which organisations can apply for grants (i.e. not Parish Councils);
- There was no restriction on which organisations can apply to the CEF for project funding, and the CEF could commission its own projects;
- It was confirmed that the CEF would not be able to pay grants towards the VAT element where a recipient was registered for VAT;
- A clear procedure for dealing with 'urgent' funding applications was provided to deal with applications received in between Partnership Board meetings where an urgent decision was required.
- A procedure for the organisation of 'funding events' was provided; and
- There was a simplified application form, with guidance provided separately.

It was confirmed that all relevant documents were available to view and download from the CEF pages on the Selby District Council website, and that the Community Engagement Partner would continue to review all applications prior to inclusion on agendas.

RESOLVED:

To note the revised Funding Framework.

37. POSSIBLE FUTURE STRATEGIC PROJECTS DELIVERED BY THE TADCASTER & RURAL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

Councillor Metcalfe introduced the report which outlined a number of projects that the CIC would be able to coordinate on behalf of the CEF and which would link into the Selby District Council strategic economic plan. It was explained that commissioning the CIC to deliver a comprehensive programme of projects and events in Tadcaster could allow funding opportunities from the Council's Programme for Growth.

David Gluck guided the Board through the report and confirmed that some projects were existing projects and that the CEF would need to consider if it wanted to provide further financial support. It was noted that other suggestions were new projects structured around key themes.

The Board considered the report, and noted that future projects needed to take into account the new Community Engagement Partner who would be able to contribute to the delivery and identify other funding sources. Concerns were also noted about potential overlap between the contractual obligations of the Community Engagement Partner and the CIC. The Board was also concerned that other groups and organisations in Tadcaster (such as Tadcaster Town Council) might have already considered taking ownership of some projects. It was confirmed that the CIC would be looking to work with other organisations, and would not want to take ownership of existing projects. The Board expressed its concern that the report did not include evidence of community engagement, and that community demand and support was important.

The Board was supportive of the aims of the report, but requested that further work be undertaken on demand, community engagement and cost, and requested that the CIC discussed the proposals with the Community Engagement Partner with a view to bringing a detailed project plan to a future Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

To ask the Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company to work with the Community Engagement Partner (AVS) to produce a detailed report that will set out costs and funding options for delivering the suggested projects.

38. NEXT FORUM – 28 NOVEMBER 2016

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Board that the Old Boy's Sunday School was not available for the public Forum on 28 November, and that Board members had suggested either the Church Fenton Village Hall or the Riley Smith Hall as suitable alternatives.

Councillor Metcalfe advised the Board that he expected a representative from North Yorkshire County Council to attend the Forum to provide an update on the bridge repair work, and that the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service would be attending with the new fire engine for Tadcaster.

RESOLVED:

To hold the Forum on 28 November 2016 at the Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster.

The meeting closed at 7.59pm