



Minutes

Tadcaster & Villages Community Engagement Forum (Partnership Board)

Venue:	The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, Tadcaster LS24 9AQ.
Date:	Monday 16 January 2017
Time:	7pm
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors Donald Mackay (Chair) and Chris Metcalfe. <u>Co-opted members</u> Steve Cobb, Kirsty Perkins, Bea Rowntree and Avis Thomas (Vice-Chair).
Apologies:	Councillor Keith Ellis, Trevor Phillips and Councillor Richard Sweeting.
Officers present:	Chris Hailey-Norris (CEF Development Officer, Selby District AVS) and Daniel Maguire (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
Others present:	David Gluck (Tadcaster & Rural CIC).
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46. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Avis Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 54.5, 54.6 and 54.7 in relation to her being a Director of the Tadcaster and Rural Community Interest Company. She remained in the meeting during consideration of these items, but did not participate in the discussion or vote.

47. MINUTES

The Partnership Board considered the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016.

RESOLVED:

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Partnership Board meeting held on 14 November 2016.

48. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Board members and officers.

49. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

There were no nominations to fill the three vacancies.

50. UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS / DECISIONS

There were no updates.

51. CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR TADCASTER

The Board considered the report from DepArts Limited, which had been commissioned by the CEF. The report outlined a number of potential cultural events and projects. It was confirmed that the report had been shared with the Head of Communities, Partnerships and Customers at Selby District Council (SDC) and that the Board would await further information from SDC about possible collaborative working before making a decision to pursue any of the events identified.

RESOLVED:

To defer a decision on the Cultural Strategy pending the outcome of discussions with Selby District Council.

52. BRIDGE OPENING CELEBRATIONS

David Gluck (Tadcaster & Rural CIC) updated the Board on the day of celebrations to mark the reopening of the bridge over the River Wharfe in Tadcaster. It was confirmed that, due to uncertainty about the final date for reopening, the day of celebrations would be moved to Sunday 19 February 2017. The day would include a lantern parade across the bridge, a blessing by the Archbishop of York, and a firework display by the riverside. The Board were informed that sponsorship had been secured from the bridge contractors and Heineken.

The Board welcomed the update and recorded its thanks to the organising committee, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and all partners involved.

RESOLVED:

To note the update.

53. BUDGET UPDATE

The current financial statement had been circulated with the agenda pack, which confirmed an outstanding budget of £51,526.61.

RESOLVED:

To note the financial statement.

54. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

54.1 Selby Swans Gymnastics Academy – Meeting the Need

The Board considered the application which was for £1,000 to enable the expansion of the Selby Swans Gymnastics Academy. It was noted that the application had been made to multiple CEFs. The Board was concerned that the application failed to meet the funding framework criteria; specifically that it did not demonstrate how it would benefit the CEF area. However, the Board was supportive of the principal of engaging with community leisure providers and requested that a representative from Inspiring Health Lifestyles be invited to a future Partnership Board meeting to discuss community leisure provision.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To refuse the application due to it not meeting the funding framework criteria; and**
- (ii) To invite a representative from Inspiring Health Lifestyles to attend a future meeting of the Partnership Board to discuss community leisure projects.**

54.2 Age UK Selby District – Securing the Future

The Board considered the application which was for £5,000 towards the purchase of a property in Selby. It was noted that the application had been made to multiple CEFs. Although supportive of the organisation, the Board was concerned that the application failed to meet the funding framework criteria; specifically that it did not sufficiently demonstrate how it would benefit the Tadcaster & Villages CEF area.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application due to it not meeting the funding framework criteria.

54.3 Children's Reading Festival – Selby District Children's Reading Festival

The Board considered the application which was for £3,000 towards the cost of purchasing books for a reading festival. It was noted that the application had been made to multiple CEFs. The Board was concerned that the application failed to meet the funding framework criteria; specifically that it did not demonstrate how it would benefit the CEF area. The Board was also concerned that the festival may duplicate community services and projects already being delivered by groups such as the Friends of Tadcaster Library. However, the Board was supportive of the principal and suggested that the applicant worked with existing providers to identify opportunities for collaborative working.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application due to it not meeting the funding framework criteria.

54.4 Tadcaster Community Library – Community Hub

The Board considered the application which was for £8,000 towards the cost of staffing a community hub at the Tadcaster Library. The Board was concerned that the application did not demonstrate how the project could become self-sufficient, and that the CEF was not normally able to fund projects for successive years. However, the Board was supportive of the group and suggested that the Development Officer worked with the group to develop proposals for how the CEF could support the library.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application due to it not meeting the funding framework criteria.

54.5 Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company – Tadcaster Today 2017

The Board considered the application which was for £4,400 towards the cost of producing and distributing the Tadcaster Today magazine for 2017. The Board confirmed that the application met the requirements of the funding framework, except that the CEF had supported the same project in the previous two years. Consequently, the Board confirmed that granting the application would require a deviation from the funding framework.

The Board agreed that the Tadcaster Today magazine was an essential part of the recovery of Tadcaster since the closure of the bridge over the River Wharfe and that if the magazine ceased production there would be no similar provision. The Board also agreed that the project would help maintain and extend links between the CEF and key stakeholders such as the Tadcaster Town Council, and that these reasons justified a deviation from the funding framework.

RESOLVED:

To approve the application.

54.6 Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company – Tadcaster Business Forums

The Board considered the application which was for £4,260 towards the cost of organising a series of business forums in Tadcaster during 2017. The Board confirmed that the application met the requirements of the funding framework, except that the CEF had supported the same project in the previous year. Consequently, the Board confirmed that granting the application would require a deviation from the funding framework.

The Board agreed that the business forums were an essential part of the recovery of Tadcaster since the closure of the bridge over the River Wharfe, and that this justified a deviation from the funding framework.

However, the Board was concerned that there had not been robust monitoring of the first year. The Board requested that the applicant put in place systems to monitor and measure the success of the second year and to provide a six-month update to the Board. The Board also requested that proposals be brought forward that would make the business forums self-sufficient for subsequent years.

RESOLVED:

To approve the application, subject to the condition that the applicant provides a six-month report on the success and outcomes of the project and a strategy for making the business forums self-sufficient.

54.7 Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company – Visit Tadcaster website

The Board considered the application which was for £3,322 to meet the cost of maintaining the 'Visit Tadcaster' website during 2017. The Board confirmed that the application met the requirements of the funding framework, except that the CEF had supported the same project in the previous two years. Consequently, the Board confirmed that granting the application would require a deviation from the funding framework.

The Board agreed that the 'Visit Tadcaster' website was an essential part of the recovery of Tadcaster since the closure of the bridge over the River Wharfe, and that this justified a deviation from the funding framework.

However, the Board requested that detailed analysis of the website's impact be provided throughout the year.

RESOLVED:

To approve the application, subject to the condition that the applicant provides detailed analysis of the website's impact during 2017.

55. UPDATE FROM THIRD SECTOR PARTNER AND NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2016-19

The Development Officer presented the revised Community Development Plan (CDP) for 2016-19. The Board welcomed the new CDP and thanked the Development Officer for his work. It was confirmed that the CDP was a 'living' document that could be adapted by the Board as the needs of the area changed. The Board asked that the Development Officer forward the CDP to the Head of Communities, Partnerships and Customers at Selby District Council (SDC) to enable her to identify themes where SDC may be able to work collaboratively with the CEF.

RESOLVED:

To approve the revised Community Development Plan.

56. PROPOSED CEF PROJECTS

56.1 'Give it a Go!' Event

The Board considered a proposal from the Development Officer to hold an event which would encourage local residents to try something new, such as a new sport, activity or volunteering. It was explained that a similar event had been run by the Eastern CEF and had been successful in engaging with local communities. The event would be held in Tadcaster and would involve a range of organisations. Attendees would be encouraged to visit each provider and prizes would be offered to encourage participation.

The Board was supportive of the project, and confirmed that it would meet a number of objectives of the Community Development Plan (CDP). The Board asked that processes be included to enable outcomes to be measured and reported back.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To approve the proposal for a 'Give it a Go!' event with a budget of £3,500; and**
- (ii) To authorise the Development Officer to make the necessary arrangements for the event.**

56.2 'Strictly Community' Event

The Board considered a proposal from the Development Officer to support a project that would encourage local groups and organisations to submit proposals for new community services and activities. A similar project was supported by the Southern CEF and had been successful. The Board was advised that the project would enable the CEF to identify long-term community projects and to reach all villages and communities within the CEF area.

The Board was supportive of the general aims of the project, but was concerned at the overall cost (£25,000). The Board suggested that the project be deferred, pending revised costs.

RESOLVED:

To defer a decision on the ‘Strictly Community’ event, pending revised options regarding the cost.

57. FUTURE FORUMS

The Board considered a report from the Development Officer which set out proposed themes and venues for future Forums:

- February 2017 – Eye to Eye, Maintaining Good Eye Health (Ulleskelf)
- June 2017 – A Village Revitalised (Bolton Percy)
- November 2017 – Addressing Your Transport Needs (Tadcaster)
- February 2018 – Caring for Carers (Tadcaster)

RESOLVED:

To agree the proposed themes and venues for future Forums.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm
