



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum (Western)

Venue:	Hillam and Monk Fryston Community Centre
Date:	Tuesday 8 December 2015
Time:	7.15pm (Market Place from 6.30pm)
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors David Buckle, Mel Hobson and Bob Packham. <u>Co-opted members</u> Andy Pound (Chair), Jenny Prescott, Rita Stephenson, and Stuart Wroe.
Apologies:	David Nicklin, Roy Wilson and Councillor John Mackman.
Officers present:	Sharon Fox (Highways Officer, North Yorkshire County Council), Chris Hailey-Norris (Association of Voluntary Service), Barbara Scargill (Community Officer, Selby District Council) and Daniel Maguire (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
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The forum was preceded by a 'market place' for residents and businesses. Information stalls and displays were provided by British Gas, Heritage Lottery Fund, Carers Count, Selby District Council (policy team), Sherburn Camera Club, Yorkshire Energy Doctor CIC, North Yorkshire County Council (Highways) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, and North Yorkshire Police.

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Forum held on 29 September 2015 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Forum held on 29 September 2015.

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

It was reported that Mrs Carol Mackman had recently passed away. Mrs Mackman had been a district councillor for the old Monk Fryston and South Milford ward until May 2015, and also a parish councillor for Monk Fryston. The Chair recognised her service to the community and offered condolences to her husband, Councillor John Mackman, and the family. The Selby District Council Officer was asked to write a letter of condolence to Councillor John Mackman on behalf of the CEF.

The Chair noted that this was the first Community Engagement Forum to be held at the new Hillam and Monk Fryston Community Centre, which was an excellent example of how the CEF could help deliver community projects in the area.

4. POLICE UPDATE

PCSO Tim McGreevy presented a crime report update. It was noted that vehicle crime was a particular priority this year and residents were urged to ensure that valuables were not left in unattended vehicles. It was also noted that the 'lock up, light up' campaign had started, which encouraged residents to leave lights on at home when leaving the property unattended.

Barbara Scargill, Community Officer, reported that there had been an increase in the instances of fly-tipping and that she would investigate the use of mobile CCTV to tackle this issue.

It was noted that there had been incidences of Christmas-related crime, such as sheep rustling and telephone scams. Residents were urged to be vigilant, particularly with regard to telephone scams. The Chair reported that the 'Rural Watch' initiative had been very successful in assisting to tackle rural crime.

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was reported that the Leisure Walk leaflets were being printed and would be available soon.

The Chair had attended a meeting to celebrate the first year anniversary of 'Rural Watch', which had provided 496 volunteer hours equivalent to 199 days. The volunteers covered the Western and Southern CEF areas, with an even split between each area.

6. FUTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was reported that questionnaires had been distributed throughout the Western CEF area, volunteers in Sherburn and Fairburn in particular had made a significant contribution to this. There was concern that the response rate was low, with only 57 questionnaires returned. It was noted that a more pro-active distribution method was required such as face to face contact.

A report was circulated highlighting the issues raised in the responses. It was noted that some issues were for other organisations to address, such as the District and Parish councils, but it was felt that it was useful for the CEF to be aware of these issues and ideas. The AVS officer advised that the CDP should be treated as a 'live' document that could be updated and amended as it progressed. A suggestion was made that future questionnaires include an option for those residents who thought that their communities did not need improving, as some residents may not have responded if this has been an option..

The meeting broke away into smaller groups to consider in more detail the suggestions received. Each group considered a number of suggestions and classified each one as; things that the CEF could do, things that other organisations can do, and things that were not likely to be achievable.

It was agreed that everyone present would continue to promote the questionnaire, and that further copies could be obtained from the SDC officer. Partnership Board members, in particular, would give further consideration to the suggestions received so far, in advance of the next meeting in January.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Partnership Board meeting would take place on Tuesday 12 January 2016 starting at 7pm at the Hillam and Monk Fryston Community Centre. The Funding Sub-Committee would meet at 6.30pm before the Partnership Board meeting on Tuesday 12 January 2016. The deadline for grant applications would be Monday 21 December 2015.

The next Forum would take place on Tuesday 1 March 2016 starting at 6.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm
