

# North Yorkshire Council

## Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee held at Selby District Council Offices, Selby on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10am.

### Present:-

### Members:-

Councillors Karl Arthur, John Cattanach, Stephanie Duckett, Cliff Lunn, John McCartney, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Kirsty Poskitt, Jack Proud, Steve Shaw-Wright, and Arnold Warneken.

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mark Crane, Mike Jordan and Andrew Lee

### Officers:-

Daniel Harry (Manager Democratic Services), Steve Loach and Gina Muldering (Democratic Services),

There was one Member of the public present.

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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#### 14. **Appointment of Chair** **Resolved –**

That County Councillor Melanie Davis be appointed as Chairman of the Committee until the first meeting following the Annual Council meeting in May 2024.

#### 15. **Minutes**

A Member asked that updates on the delayed project to provide a Special School for the Selby Area, as outlined in Minute No.8, be made a standing item on future agendas for the meeting.

#### **Resolved -**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the amendment as outlined above and the request for the standing item on the Special School be agreed.

**16. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

**Resolved –**

That County Councillor John Cattanach be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee until the first meeting following the Annual Council meeting in May 2024.

**17. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

**18. Public Questions or Statements**

There were no public questions or statements.

**19. Area Constituency Committees in the new North Yorkshire Council**

The Manager of Democratic Services, Daniel Harry, presented a report on the Area Constituency Committees in the new North Yorkshire Council allowing Members to discuss a guide on Area Constituency Committees' ways of working for this next iteration of the committees.

He highlighted the following from the report:-

- The report was developed alongside the Executive Member for Corporate Services and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ACCs.
- Arrangements for Meetings – including ordinary meetings, special meetings, additional meetings and hybrid meetings.
- The introduction of Mid-Cycle briefings for Chair, Vice-Chair and Group Spokespersons – to be utilised for Work Programme and agenda setting but avoid using as an opportunity for an additional meeting.
- A Corporate Director has been assigned to each Committee to assist with any issues in relation to the provision of reports or the attendance of Officers – Karl Battersby has been assigned to Selby and Ainsty ACC.
- An essential part of the local agenda will be liaison with Parish and Town Councils, and the newly developed Community Partner Networks will assist in the development of that co-ordination.
- Liaison with Overview and Scrutiny would be an intrinsic part of the work of ACCs.
- Funding of £50k, held by the Corporate Director of Community Development, would be available to each ACC, with an appropriate framework for obtaining this being developed. The funding would be assigned to local projects following recommendations from the ACC.
- Details of potential areas of work for the ACCs were detailed in the report. This included identifying meaningful liaison with Community Safety organisations to ensure that there was a focus to the issues being considered, through the analysis of relevant data.

A discussion of the issues raised in the report was undertaken with Members of the Committee and the following issues and points were raised:-

- A Member suggested that it would be appropriate for a Police Officer to attend each meeting of the ACC, as it would be useful for two-way communication to be established, with issues arising at each meeting. It was suggested that for this to happen the representative of the Police would need to be well briefed, as recent attendees had not had the appropriate information available. It was

also suggested that there would need to be a focus on specific issues, identified at the Mid-Cycle briefings, for this to be effective. Generally Members considered that it would be useful for a representative of the Police to attend each meeting and supported the proposal.

- It was suggested that liaison with local Parish and Town Councils would be better undertaken via their representative bodies, rather than directly, as there were over 60 within the Constituency area and some Members would need to liaise with a large number of local Councils in relation to this. Members stated that they would raise liaison with the ACCs and local Councillors at forthcoming meetings of the representative bodies.
- Clarification was provided as to who could attend Mid-Cycle briefings and it was noted that this would be Chair, Vice-Chair and Group spokespersons. It was suggested that extending the attendance of Members should be avoided to prevent these from becoming additional meetings of the ACC.
- The role of the assigned Corporate Director was outlined, although it was emphasised that the ACC could contact the Corporate Director directly, to discuss the role.
- In respect of the £50k funding it was stated that, initially, this was considered appropriate for economic development and tourism projects, although it was for each ACC to determine the best local use of this. It was noted that each Member would also have an individual locality budget, but it was considered appropriate that the two funding streams should be combined. Further details of the framework for obtaining and utilising the funding would be brought back to the Committee in due course.
- The role of Community Partnerships was discussed. It was stated that liaison and co-ordination were required to ensure that the ACC and the Partnership worked effectively for the local community. The need to form good relationships with the Partnership and to have interrelated work streams was imperative. It was stated that the view of Community Partnerships would be of great benefit to the ACCs and networking with them could only be of benefit.

#### **Resolved –**

That the report and issues raised be noted, and the action identified be undertaken accordingly.

**Members noted that Councillor McCartney had left very early after the commencement of the meeting and requested that his leaving be noted in the Minutes. It was stated that his attendance at the meeting would be recorded, but their request to note his departure would be adhered to.**

#### **20. Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The Chair and Clerk invited Members to make appointments to various Category 2 and 3 Outside Bodies. Category 2 appointments would be “to serve until the Council elections in 2027” whilst Category 3 outside bodies could also be appointed “until a replacement was appointed”.

#### **Resolved:-**

That the following appointments and follow up action be agreed:-

Category 2

Groundwork (North Yorkshire)

Cllrs Steve Shaw-Wright and  
Arnold Warneken

Humber Strategy Forum	Councillors John Cattanach and Bob Packham
Safer Selby Local Delivery Team	Cllr S Duckett – to be checked as to whether this body is still operational
Selby and District Housing Trust	Cllrs Melanie Davis and Stephanie Duckett – to be checked whether an additional representative should be appointed in line with previous level of representation
Selby and District Rail Users Group	Vacancy
Selby District Association for Voluntary Services	Cllr Karl Arthur (Cllr Cliff Lunn as substitute)

### Category 3

Cridling Stubbs Educational Charity	Cllr John McCartney
Edward Atkinson Charity	Cllr Mike Jordan
Kirkby Overblow Educational Foundation	Cllr Andy Paraskos
Mary Waud Foundation (Cliffe School Charity)	Cllr Karl Arthur
Oglethorpe and Dawson Educational Foundation	Cllr Kirsty Poskitt, Mrs J Marshall and Bea Rowntree
Wistow Church of England School Charity	Cllr John Cattanach

## 21. Local Bus Services – Update

The following update from Passenger Transport Services had been circulated to Members and was read out at the meeting:-

“The previously mentioned extra journeys on Service 42 (Selby – York) Saturdays have now started.

Transdev are planning some minor changes to Coastliner Service 840/843 (Leeds – Tadcaster – York – Scarborough / Whitby from July. This is to improve reliability and also to look at capacity as the £2 fare cap scheme has meant some journeys are very popular on the routes. Revised timetables will be publicised nearer to the change date.

We understand that there may be a closure of Bubwith Bridge later in the summer. Some temporary changes may be needed to Service 1 and 18 that may affect North Duffield, Skipwith, Cliffe, Hemingbrough etc.

The other piece of news is that Department for Transport have extended the £2 fare cap until 31 October 2023 and then there will be a new capped price of £2.50 per journey until November 2024.”

Members highlighted the following issues:-

- It was noted that Bubwith Bridge was likely to be closed for around 6 months which would be a major issue for local residents wishing to travel into Selby Town Centre or York.
- Services 1, 2 and 3 were now serving Selby College from Goole/Holme-on-Spalding Moor.
- A Member suggested that timetables at local bus stops required updating and upgrading to ensure that these were effective for those using bus services. In

relation to this another Member stated that he had become reliant on the internet and Apps for timetable information as those provided at local bus stops were inadequate. He considered that the bus companies should aim to provide the electronic information signs, similar to those provided in the City of York, as these not only provided up to date timetable information but gave details as to when the next bus would arrive. It was noted that additional funding had been provided for these signs to be provided in Tadcaster and it was suggested that this would be a good use of any additional funding that became available. It was suggested that the various bus service companies operating the area should be invited to attend a subsequent meeting of the ACC for discussions with the Committee on the operation of bus services in the area.

- It was noted that, currently, Tadcaster was facing a unique problem since the introduction of the £2 maximum fare, resulting in busses often travelling straight through the town full, preventing those wishing to use the service from doing so. This issue should be included with the discussions with the bus operators.

**Resolved –**

That the update, and issues raised, be noted, and any action be undertaken, accordingly.

**22. Local Transport Plan - Consultation**

The Clerk highlighted an invitation from Transport Services for Members to provide an appropriate date in late June/early-mid July to take part in a virtual meeting with representatives of Transport Services as part of the consultation of the latest Local Transport Plan.

The Clerk stated that he would contact Members outside of the meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

**Resolved –**

That this be noted.

**23. Report of Local Constituency MP, Nigel Adams**

It was noted that following the recent resignation of the local MP, Nigel Adams, there would be no update report to consider. Mr Adams had provided an email in respect of his resignation, which would be circulated to Members at the conclusion of the meeting.

Concern was raised that, currently, issues relevant to the MP were being directed to local Councillors to deal with. It was stated that the issue would be taken up with the former assistant of the MP to determine where these requests should be directed and the information would be circulated to Members.

**Resolved –**

That the issues raised be noted.

**24. Work Programme**

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing a Work Programme for Members to consider, develop and adapt. It was stated that the latest revision of the ACCs provided an ideal opportunity to revise the work programme and determine an appropriate way forward for future meetings, including additional on-line meetings, task and finish group opportunities and mid-cycle briefings.

Members discussed the following issues:-

- There were a number of subjects that required carrying forward from the existing work programme, a number of which could be the subject of single issue additional meetings, including bus service provision and the proposed new SEND school in the Selby area.
- Further consideration would be given to additional meetings, themed meetings, special meetings, task and finish groups and virtual meetings to discuss issues pertinent to the local Constituency.
- The mid-cycle briefings would be established and utilised to develop ACC meetings and the work programme, going forward.
- It was suggested that further consideration be given to discussions on the relationship between the Police, highways, enforcement and local communities to ensure that there was better communication and interaction between them, particularly as the discussion on this issue at the previous meeting had been ineffective. Other Members agreed that the discussion at the previous meeting had been disappointing as the appropriate knowledge was not available and further consideration was required. Issues in respect of enforcement, particularly in respect of current the policy of not having fixed speed cameras in the County, had been highlighted by the Committee and it was hoped that the Council's Executive would look to explore this issue further.
- A Member noted that the Police would no longer be assisting with road closures in Selby for Remembrance Day services and suggested that this issue should be discussed further with them.

**Resolved –**

- (i) That the issues highlighted above be included in the future work programme, the work programme be adapted accordingly, and consideration be given to the use of a variety of meetings to assist with delivery of the programme;
- (ii) That a review of the Work Programme be undertaken in line with the issues raised above.

## **25. Next Meeting**

**Resolved -**

That the next meeting of the Committee be held at 2.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at Selby Civic Centre.

## **26. Urgent Business**

The Chair accepted the following item as urgent business in view of the need to address the issues raised as quickly as possible.

**Statement from “Up for Yorkshire” formerly Selby AVS.**

A statement in response to issues raised at the previous meeting had been submitted by Up for Yorkshire had been provided the day before this meeting and had been circulated to Members.

Members highlighted the following in relation to the statement:

- A Member raised concern in respect of the statement issued, emphasising that the AVS had received substantial funding from the Local Authority. He considered it appropriate that their representatives attend a subsequent meeting of the ACC to discuss the concerns of Members. Other Members agreed, particularly as a number of local communities were disappointed with the level of supported that had been provided for community transport schemes. It was further suggested that the appropriate Executive Member be informed of the Committee's concerns.

**Resolved –**

That the issues raised be noted and the action highlighted be undertaken accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am.

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