



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2007 at Kellington Village Hall.

Members present: Councillors M Shepherd (in the Chair), B Crossdale, J Adams, J Vause, R Dunning, R Stephenson, F Blackburn, J Mitchell, K Westwood, S Gilbert, M Whittles, H Bickerton, J Cooper, L Amerigo, D Pointon and D Simpson.

Apologies were received from Councillors S Ryder, D White, G Ivey, K Walton, A Neto-Claringbold J Clarkson and K Ronksley.

Item 1. Minutes of the last meeting

Passed as a true record.

Item 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Jenny Adams proposed that instead of herself standing for election to the Selby Area Committee as decided by Cridling Stubbs Parish Council, it should be Mick Shepherd.

It was decided that Rita Stephenson should be nominated by Fairburn and Mick Shepherd by Cridling Stubbs in the hope of being elected as deputy to Rita.

John Vause proposed and it was agreed that the Secretary should write to John Marsden, Chief Executive of NYCC, stating that the Forum is prepared to work closely with a new unitary authority should the Government decide that was the way forward.

Item 3. Neighbourhood Policing

Laura Walton, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Eggborough was present to explain the neighbourhood policing system. She said that the dedicated team, consisting of an inspector, sergeant and about 5 police constables, was based at Tadcaster. The team's general work was to deal with minor infringements such as anti-social behaviour. It works 6 shifts on and 4 shifts off. Laura explained that at the start of her shift pattern she prioritises her work, as she has to justify to her superiors what she is going to do for the next 6 shifts.

Laura said that the best way to contact her was via email. It is totally confidential. She will always ring you back if you telephone her and leave a message.

A member asked Laura what could be done about abandoned vehicles? She replied that they should be reported to herself or Selby District Council and they should be removed within 7 days.

A member asked about problems with traffic parking at a particular business in her parish. Laura advised her to report it at the next JAG meeting.

A member commented that it was good that police officers are now going into schools. Laura said that Inspector Barrie Smith was pushing forward this initiative.

Laura was asked if she could act if she was given the registration number of a car whose driver was acting suspiciously? She replied that she would need as much information as possible but would then act on it.

The Chair thanked Laura for attending the meeting.

Item 4. Payments

Gift voucher - £20

Stationery - £10.98

Postage - £8.16

Room hire (14/06/07) – Approx. £30.00

Telephone line rental (funded from RSCP) - £40.80

All agreed to pay.

Item 5. Any Other Business

John Vause asked members if he could give a presentation on the formation of sub-committees within the Forum's structure as set out by the Executive Committee. Members agreed.

John explained that members of the Executive Forum had started a partnership with North Yorkshire Police to man Eggborough Police House and a partnership with the Traffic Division to work on road safety projects. This could result in accessing £20,000 from the Challenge Fund.

A meeting has also been held with Youth Clubs North Yorkshire, as work needs to be carried out to improve youth provision.

When the Forum applies for funding, some applications require the internal structure for decision-making to be stated. Sub-committees need to be formed.

John then showed members a PowerPoint presentation and distributed handouts of the slides. He then asked members for their views.

One member asked how many persons would sit on each sub-committee. John suggested 8 as there might be two members sending their apologies. He also suggested that a substitute system could be used.

A member stated that the substitute system was the same as NYCC and that if we were to work with them that should be the format to adopt.

It was proposed that a substitute system be set up and then advertise for members of the sub-committees using a standard advert. This was seconded and agreed.

Item 6. Date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 4th October 2007 at 7.00 pm in Fairburn Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.