



## Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Balne Parish Rooms.

Members present: J Vause (in the chair), E Beechey, B Crossdale, F Blackburn, K Ronksley, I Sewell, J Davie, K Walton, S Laurenson, N Andrews, H Bickerton, R Stephenson, S Ryder and G Ivey.

Apologies were received from A Pound, J Mitchell, M Skirrow, M Langan, M Whittles, S Gilbert, and R Dunning.

### **Item 1. Minutes of the last meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

### **Item 2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **Item 3. The Osgoldcross Forum's Youth Board**

The Chief Executive reported that the questionnaires for the Youth Survey had now been returned and that the Youth Workers were presently in the middle of the Special Project Based Consultation which involved the young people making a DVD of what they want in their villages. The report should be written up in August.

### **Item 4. The Osgoldcross Forum's Environment Board**

Frank Blackburn, as a member of the Environment Board, reported that the wind farms and ecotown situations were on the backburner but Members were still gathering information. Several Members had attended the Middle Aire Flood Defence consultation at Swillington and the Forum was to become a consultee of the Environment Agency. Members were examining proposals for multifuel burners at Ferrybridge and Pollington.

Gillian Ivey said that many planning applications for wind farms were being submitted to Selby DC and she was disappointed that the subject was on the backburner. She said she would be willing to attend the next Environment Board meeting and the Chair said that she would be welcome.

A Member asked if the proposed multifuel plant at Pollington would burn pelletised household waste. The Chair said it would as companies see a lot of money in stopping waste going to landfill by burning it.

Gillian Ivey said that she had attended a meeting at Ferrybridge where she had been told the proposed plant would burn waste-derived pellets i.e. waste that had already been through an incinerator.

A Member from Balne said that there was already a problem with dust from the wood pelletising plant at Pollington airfield.

#### **Item 5. The Osgoldcross Forum's Highways Board**

The Chair of the Highways Board, Eric Beechey told Members about the proposals to join villages in the south of the area by a cycle track. Members of the Highways Board had held meetings with Wakefield and Doncaster Councils and the local Beat Manager of South Yorkshire Police who were keen on the idea. Maps of the proposed route were now being drawn up to progress the project.

#### **Item 6. The Osgoldcross Forum's First Responder Scheme**

The Chief Executive reported that the First Responder scheme was progressing well although some responders had temporarily stood down due to health or personal reasons.

#### **Item 7. The Osgoldcross Forum's Police Volunteer Scheme**

The Chief Executive reported that five volunteers were now staffing the enquiry desk at Eggborough Local Police Station for a total of thirty hours per week. More volunteers were necessary to have longer opening times. Councillor Ivey asked for application forms.

#### **Item 8. Nominations of Members to the Osgoldcross Forum's Social Board**

After explaining the role of the Social Board, the Chair proposed writing to parish councils, asking for volunteers. Members agreed.

#### **Item 9. Payments**

Payments due were:

Hire of room (18/06/09) - £15.00

All agreed to pay.

#### **Item 10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

#### **Item 11. Date and venue of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.00 pm, at Hensall Methodist Chapel. (*since changed to Chapel Haddlesey Community Church Hall*)

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.