



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2008 at the Kellington Village Hall.

Members present: J Vause (in the chair), E Beechey, D Simpson, R Dunning, B Crossdale, K Ronksley, F Blackburn, K Westwood, S Laurenson, H Bickerton, L Amerigo, K Newton, R Stephenson, J Mitchell, L Hutchinson, K Walton, J Wilders, L Ruxton, S Gilbert, M Whittles, and M Shepherd.

Apologies were received from J Adams, M Skirrow, S Ryder, D White and S Gill.

Item 1. Minutes of the last meeting on 20th March 2008

Members agreed the minutes and they were signed by the Chair as a true record.

Item 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

K Westwood reported that following on from Item 13, the Northampton Scheme had been cancelled due to high costs. It had been found that each bin had to be weighed six times.

Item 3. The Osgoldcross Forum's Youth Board

The Chief Executive reported on the problems the Youth Board was having in obtaining the information the Selby Area Committee had insisted was already in the public domain. Information received from the Chair of that Committee was not proving to be the sort of information that a proposed feasibility study would provide.

In the absence of A Pound, the Chair of the Youth Board, the Chair of the Forum reported to members that the Youth Board have interviewed representatives of three organisations with the intention of carrying out a feasibility study of young people in the area to deduce what sort of youth facilities they wanted. A funding application to carry out this feasibility had been made to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and the result was expected soon. If this were unsuccessful, an application would be made to Awards for All.

A member asked if any one at the meeting would be able to use a youth worker. All members agreed that they would.

It was proposed and seconded to write to the Chair of the Area Committee, requesting the information that was suppose to be in the public domain.

Item 4. The Osgoldcross Forum's Environment Board

The Vice-chair of the Environment Board, D Simpson, gave members a summary of the first meeting of the Environment Board. Its members have decided that the Board should be neutral but give help to member associations when requested to do so.

Item 5. The Osgoldcross Forum's Highways Board

The Chair of the Highways Board, E Beechey, reported the joint meeting of Beal and Kellington Parish Councils to discuss the proposed "Quiet Lanes" project. Both parish councils had decided not to proceed. The Highways Board had therefore decided to attempt a road share scheme in Kirk Smeaton. E Beechey asked H Bickerton to describe the project. H Bickerton told members it was a scheme to give a more safe impression to cyclists and pedestrians and to make motorists slow down.

E Beechey said that the proposed scheme between Beal and Kellington had been attempted the wrong way – the scheme was designed by Highways North Yorkshire and then shown to the parish councils. The Kirk Smeaton project would be attempted in reverse – Kirk Smeaton Parish Council had asked for a scheme and a PowerPoint presentation would be shown to them before Highways North Yorkshire were approached.

E Beechey asked members for more potential projects in their own parishes.

The Chair told members that it was virtually impossible to obtain funding from private funders for highways projects as they see this as something the County Council should do. Funding is possible to obtain but in order to make this easier, the Forum needs to be a member of the Community Safety Partnership. On the advice of Philip Gwynne of the West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership, the Forum has contacted North Yorkshire County Council who said we should join the Community Safety Partnership. However, we have been refused permission to join.

A member asked what criteria is considered to obtain funding – are statistics needed to prove there is a problem?

The Chair told members that as the Forum is working with the Police and Highways, those statistics are available. The Forum has to prove the need.

L Ruxton of Eggborough Parish Council which was part of the original BEK Project asked what had happened to it. The Chief Executive told members that, as a result of the questionnaire completed by Eggborough, Beal and Kellington Parish Councils, Steve Burrell of the NY Police Traffic Division had devised the "Quiet Lanes" scheme which had been refused by Kellington and Beal Parish Councils.

A member asked if proposals were just for road schemes. The Chair told members that road safety and road improvement schemes would be considered.

Item 6. The Osgoldcross Forum's Social Board

The Chair told members that the remit of the Social Board was slowly evolving. Funding is available but schemes and projects are needed.

A member asked if the Social Board would include health. The Chair told members it would and was told that there are no Meals on Wheels schemes in the area.

A member said that the Forum needs lots of small schemes that would help a lot of residents.

A member said that a drop-in scheme had been set up at Beal Village Hall which was proving very popular and invited members to visit to see how it works.

A member said that many elderly residents are reluctant to claim benefits and fill in forms. The Chief Executive reported that the Citizens Advice Bureau help residents to do that and they had been invited to use Eggborough Police House as an out-reach centre.

The Chair told members that someone with expertise was needed to organise the Social Board. The Chief Executive was currently running the First Responder and Police Volunteer Schemes and they would come under the remit of the Social Board.

A member said that some Parish Councillors know certain information and others don't. They can help each other and that is why the Osgoldcross Forum is invaluable.

Item 7. Members' involvement in the Osgoldcross Form

The item had been covered in Item 7 of the AGM.

Item 8. Payments

Printer photoconductor - £31.99

Postage - £17.28

Paper - £4.76

The Chief Executive said that after these payments were paid, £750 would remain in the account.

All agreed to pay.

Item 9. Any Other Business

L Amerigo, a First Responder volunteer appealed to members to help obtain satellite navigation systems or even maps to help the project. Members thanked the First Responders.

K Ronksley of Balne Parish Council told members that the Smartwater scheme being promoted by North Yorkshire Police was very good and other parish councils should be encouraged to take part in the scheme.

Item 10. Date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 25th September 2008 at 7.00 pm, provisionally at the Surestart Building, Brotherton. *(This venue has since been changed to Fairburn Village Hall)*

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.