



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2010 at the Fairburn Community Centre.

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

Apologies were received from S Gilbert, M Whittles, S Ryder, R Dunning, J Clarkson, D Simpson, Margaret Smith and Mike Bray.

Item 1. Minutes of the last meeting on 21st June 2010

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

Item 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Concern was expressed that information for the Community Development Plan will not be as full as it could be from the Eggborough Ward. A Member asked how information from the parishes could be disseminated. A CEF Board Member stated that funding was available from the CEF.

Item 3. The Osgoldcross Forum's Youth Board

The Chief Executive reported that the second round funding application to the Big Lottery was to be completed by 25th November. Clair Mason was working on this in conjunction with the Youth Board Members and Jon Coates of Selby 4Youth.

Item 4. The Osgoldcross Forum's Environment Board

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair, Frank Blackburn updated Members. He reported that an anemometer had now been erected at Darrington Quarries and an application for a wind farm was expected in December. The outcome of other wind farm applications to Selby District Council was awaited.

The application for a multi-fuel burning generating plant at Ferrybridge had been accepted by Wakefield Council and was now being considered by the Secretary of State.

The Chief Executive reported that he had received an update from the Chair that Nigel Adams MP had arranged for Members of A.I.R.E. to meet the Secretary of State to discuss this proposal.

A Member stated that the proposals at Pollington Airfield appear to have been accepted.

A Member asked if there was any news on proposals for the Arbre wood-burning plant at Eggborough. Members did not know of any new proposals.

Item 5. The Osgoldcross Forum's Highways Board

Eric Beechey, the Chair of the Highways Board, told Members that a meeting had now been held with an officer of Doncaster Council to push the cycle track project forward and that she seemed happy with the proposals. Board Members were now waiting for a meeting with officers of Wakefield Council as the local Councillor seemed happy.

Councillor Beechey thought that the Board may have to concentrate on other matters such as road safety as the proposed cycle track seemed to be taking up all the Board's time.

Members stated that they did not think the Board was wasting its time. A Member stated that the South Selby CEF was doing some work on hand-held speed devices to be used by volunteers. A Member stated that he thought the Police and Fire and Rescue Service seemed to have an air of negativity and that it was a battle to get anything done. Members could not support the actions against speeding being taken by the Police and Fire and Rescue Service at the moment.

Item 6. The Osgoldcross Forum's First Responder Scheme

The Chief Executive reported that 15 responders were covering the 5 schemes. The schemes were very quiet at the moment, not just in the Forum's areas. He was finding it very difficult to encourage new volunteers to come forward.

Item 7. The Osgoldcross Forum's Police Volunteer Scheme

The Chief Executive reported 9 volunteers were now working in the enquiry office at Eggborough Police Station. North Yorkshire Police was very happy with the work being carried out by the volunteers who were now sending out Ringmaster messages and carrying out an audit on the Ringmaster System. A Member said that the Ringmaster messages she received from one person were very quiet. The Chief Executive said he would correct this.

Item 8. Forming a Company Limited by Guarantee

The Chair told Members he would be writing to all Members of the Forum's member associations asking if anyone was interested in becoming a director of the limited company.

Item 9. Payments

The Chief Executive reported there was £840 in the current account.

Payments due were

Toner - £17.92

Room hire (27/09/10) - £30

All agreed to pay.

Item 10. Any Other Business

The Chief Executive had been requested by a Member to ask if parish councils send minutes and agendas to their District and County Councillors and do they attend the meetings. District Councillor Ivey told Members it would be useful to her if the parish clerks would send her a reminder before each meeting. Some Members reported that their clerks usually invite their District and County Councillors.

Rita Stephenson told Members there was a potential flooding problem between Allerton Bywater and Ferrybridge. Work is being carried out at Swillington to provide a reservoir in case of flooding but there are no pumps to pump the water back into the river after the floods to make space for the next flood. If it does flood again, water will travel down the river and cause flooding elsewhere e.g. Fairburn, Brotherton, Ferrybridge, Beal, Kellington and Hensall.

Councillor Stephenson told Members Fairburn Parish Council had arranged a meeting with Sue O'Neill of the Environment Agency at 6.30pm on 20th October and thought that other parish councillors from the area ought to attend. The Chair said that the Forum would email all member associations to explain the problem and invite them to the meeting.

The Chair reported that the community garden project at Barker and Stonehouse again looked promising. He had been to visit a similar but much larger project run by Pennine Camphill at Newmillerdam. This was another reason to set up the Social Board.

Councillor Ivey told Members that something that will probably come out of the Community Development Plan will be the problem of community transport in the area. The Chair told Members that a minibus would be needed for the youth project. This could be put to other uses during the day for other travel needs.

Item 13. Date and venue of next meeting.

The Chief Executive reported that Nigel Adams MP had accepted the invitation to speak and answer questions at the next meeting. Therefore, the next meeting of the Forum will take place on Friday 10th December 2010 at 7.00 pm at Eggborough Sports and Social Club (*since changed to Eggborough Village Hall*). It will be open to all parish councillors and clerks from the area. Questions for Mr Adams are to be submitted in writing in advance. Christmas refreshments will be provided.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.