

Howdenshire Forward

1 March 2007. Wellington Hotel, Bridgegate, Howden.

MINUTES

Present:

Hugh Roberts – Howden Town Council (**Chair**)
Reid Wilford – Howden Town Forum
Charlotte Hursey – Resident
Elaine Ward – Howden Town Forum
Daphne D’Ark – Howden Town Council
Jane Crossley – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Wendy Curtis – Ashes Playing Field Trust
Rob Jarred – Howden Civic Society
Stuart Younger – East Riding of Yorkshire Council

1. Apologies:

Ingrid Ridley – Howden Town Council
Anne Shaw – Partnership Skills Programme Co-ordinator
Paul Robinson – Gilberdyke Parish Council
Cllr Mark Preston – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Lorraine Vant – Howden Civic Society
Cllr Doreen Engall – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Theresa Fearnley – Resident
Leonie Dykes – Howden Show Committee
Christine Burton – Howden Town Council

1.1 Rachel Jones, the interim Yorkshire Forward representative working with the Partnership sent apologies. Liz Jordan has now retired from the organisation and until this post is filled, Rachel will be temporarily the Yorkshire Forward representative. In this covering capacity however, Rachel will be unable to attend the Partnership meetings.

1.2 Roz and Jonathan Taylor have now stepped down from the full Partnership meeting group, but remain keen to support the Action Groups.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting with just one amendment – that Theresa Fearnley was attending as a Resident not as a representative of the Civic Society.

2.2 To update on a matter arising under section 3.1 of the previous minutes, it was reported that Howden School had considered whether it would be appropriate for them to

have a place on the Partnership Board, however that they felt it would be more appropriate for them to be involved at Action Group level.

3. Update Paper on the set-up of the Partnership Board, the AGM and Exhibition and Timescales :

3.1 The paper was discussed and approved, agreeing the following:

- That the number of hinterland parish representatives would be set initially at two places
- That the AGM be put back to late June / July to allow all Board members to be in place and have equal opportunity to stand for Chairship
- That the Exhibition event go ahead on 28 April 2007 and be used as an engagement and consultative event
- That the timescales set out in the paper for set up of the Partnership Board, Producing the Strategic Action Plan, Signing off the Partnership Agreement and developing the Partnership Communications work were appropriate.

4. 2007-08 Strategic Action Plan – Consultation Document and plan for consultation:

4.1 The draft plan was discussed and a number of minor amendments agreed. Subject to a one week opportunity for partners to highlight any further minor amendments, the plan was approved to be sent out for consultation.

5. Funding Update:

5.1 An update was given on the Rural Target Fund 2006-07, confirming that the projects discussed at the previous meetings were all going ahead. Thus the £10,000 allocation for this financial year had be divided:

- £5,000 to the Minster Sculpture Project
- £3,000 to the Ings View Field Access improvements, Gilberdyke
- £2,000 to the Howden Marsh improvements project

5.2 An update was given on the Howdenshire Forward Funding. It was announced that of the £5,000 pot allocated to the partnership in January 2006, made up of contributions from Yorkshire Forward, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Howden Town Council, £3,000 had been spent to date, which had primarily been on administrative costs, room bookings and events.

6. Partnership Skills Programme Update:

6.1 It was highlighted that the report of the Great Messages workshop had now been circulated to all partners.

6.2 Further training opportunities were highlighted at the meeting including a planning for non planners event, and a town centre managers forum event. It was agreed that the Partnership Co-ordinator would e-mail details out to partners regarding these opportunities.

7. Any Other Business:

7.1 It was agreed that as the formal Board will not be fully in place until June, that the final meeting of this wider Partnership group would take place in April to continue to move the partnership forward in the interim period until the Board is in place.

Date of Next Meetings:

Thursday 19 April 2007, 7pm, Venue to be confirmed

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