

Howdenshire Forward Board Meeting

Tuesday 4th August 2009, 7.00pm - 9.30 pm

Attended: Hugh Roberts (Chairman), Nick Norris (Vice Chairman), Wendy Curtis, Iain Hasdell, Paul Varney (Partnership Skills Co-ordinator), Helen Hoult (Goole Renaissance Manager)

In Attendance: Leigh Johnson (Renaissance Co-ordinator)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Jane Crossley, Mark Crane, Ian Hodges, Gordon Shields, Paul Robinson, Mark Preston

2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes were agreed as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising:** No matters were arising.

5. Goole Renaissance (GR)

Helen provided an update on activities and events happening in Goole. LDA Design has been appointed to work on the Strategic Development Framework (SDF). The consultant firm were chosen from the Yorkshire Forward Consultant Framework having proven understanding and extensive experience of working in Port Towns. LDA are in the first phase of the SDF consulting one to one interviews.

An inception meeting took place on 12th June and things have progressed since with a 'See Goole In A New Light' event attracting over 65 people in July to take a virtual tour of the town. This saw the initial establishment of a Town Team, a process used by Yorkshire Forward, to develop discussions around structures, issues and become the working group for LDA to consult with to refine findings and put proposals forward. They will meet in September and connections between Howden will also be discussed in terms of heritage, employment, housing etc with a public even to be held in October.

Improvements to the urban realm along Paradise Place, home to 'Junction', Goole's new arts and culture venue, are being considered with links to the marina, and waterways encapsulating the unique role of Goole 'living on water'. Flood plains issues are currently being explored in relation to the SDF. Goole Renaissance Partnership is continuing to deliver the Prospectus outlining the regeneration strategy. The former Timms Mill site may be subject to a judicial review following an objection by the Oakgate group to a Morrison's supermarket being built on the land. An official response is awaited from Hull College regarding intentions to develop college facilities in Goole. Goole High School, formally known as Vermuyden, continues towards completion of phase three of the buildings enhancement. Handover of Junction to Goole Town Council will take place in October with opening scheduled for November. Plans for the Sports Village are ongoing with a 3D design being developed.

Helen explained the boundaries of GR initially cover Goole town centre but, as each new issue and development comes to the fore, other areas within Goole are encompassed such as west banks, and Old Goole. Working Groups will be established to cover specific themes but Goole has many organisations that have worked over several years to get to a position where they can take on direct projects so Goole doesn't need a lot of new working groups. Following the Goole & Howdenshire Business Premises Study an opportunity to submit an expression of interest for ERDF funding to take forwards the recommendations was submitted. The bid laid out the need for high quality business space with high technology, room for business growth and space according to need identified by local businesses, similar to a one stop shop service from call answering to business incubation units, letting office space for a day, an hour, business angel schemes etc.

Ian Hodges suggested that Goole and Howden ought to be packaged and promoted together due to their complimentary nature. Wendy said Goole had a disjointed feel and needed something to recreate the atmosphere it once had. Helen said the town could be marketed under the current banner of 'a town in green fields'. The second phase of development will begin in January 2010. Hugh asked if notice could be given in full advance to enable participation.

6. Howden Culture Group – developments

Hugh introduced the document outlining the current position. As a representative from Howden Minster could not attend it was **agreed to discuss recommendations at the next meeting in September**. Wendy commented that a landscape architect would have been of assistance and said the consultants had agreed with her. Leigh suggested this ought to have

been highlighted by either an Ashes representative or one of the Consultants and discussed at a working group meetings as it may have been possible at the time to bring in expertise. Leigh to feed this back to Ian Cook and Jane Crossley.

7. B1230 Wallingfen Way

Leigh updated on current work plan going exactly as anticipated. Market Town Award was good to win for the working group. Nick said the Project had been a springboard for real working between the three villages, especially with North Cave coming on board., and that the project clearly demonstrates real community consultation in action.

8. Public Spaces - Highbridge Junction / Pocket Park

Leigh to put together papers for the Chairman to discuss and approve at the next Howden Town Council meeting on plans for the Junction. Leigh will also talk to Steve Devey regarding the potential need for Howden Town Forum to seek planning consent to display the new murals, which have yet to be discussed by Howden Town Council. Members discussed the design of the Mural and agreed they seem out of character with the town, in particular for a conservation area.

9. LEADER:

i. Barnes Wallis Scoping Study / ii Howdenshire Heritage Study

Leigh explained the initial bid was unsuccessful but the LEADER decision making panel had asked for a resubmitted broader bid looking at Howdenshire Heritage, linked to the possibility of a community museum telling the story of Howden through interpretation boards, exhibitions and displays. The bid would also include scope to consider a community museum for Howden, if thought to be viable and appropriate.

10. Action Plan 2008 - 2009

Paul explained the purpose to the current work plan and outlined the specifics of the support available. Members discussed the success of previous work and the opportunities to enhance projects. Following discussion the board unanimously agreed to the work plan, which follows the priorities of the HF Action. Paul will be working closely with the Ashes Trust and also working with The Shire Hall trustees to enhance their capacity and ensure robust plans are in place for the development of both organisations. .

11. Date of Next Meetings:

Partnership Board Meeting, Monday 28th September, 7.00pm - 9.00pm Dates for October (Annual Review meeting) and November (AGM) to be agreed.

Wallingfen Way Working Group, Friday 11th September, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

12. Any Other Business

The chairman brought the issue of lighting to the attention of the board explaining that current replacements offered by ERYC were not in keeping with the character and style of Howden nor in keeping with the conservation area status. Hugh to email details to Leigh to discuss.