

# HOWDENSHERE FORWARD

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 7 September at 7 pm in the LOIDB boardroom, Bridgeway, Howden.

Present: Mark Birtles, Liz Charnock (Secretary), Jane Crossley (ERYC), Daphne D'Ark, Theresa Fearnley, Mark Preston, Hugh Roberts, Paul Robinson, Anne Shaw (MBED), Lorraine Vant, Roger Watkins,

Apologies: Christine Burton, Kevin Crean, Cora Heptonstall, Helen Holloway, Liz Jordan (YF), Tessa Kay, James Little, Ingrid Ridley, Hugh Roberts (Chair), Ros Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Keith Tinkler, Andrew Williams

## 1. Resignation of Chairman

A letter of resignation as Chairman of Howdenshire Forward, and his intention to withdraw from the group, was received from John Pole. Jane Crossley reported that the resignation had been received with regret by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and Hugh Roberts had been asked to act as Chairman until the AGM. Hugh Roberts proposed a vote of thanks to John for his work. Jane Crossley proposed that a letter of thanks should be sent to John for his efforts in developing the partnership and the strategy from the beginning. It was agreed that the issues raised in the letter should be discussed at the next meeting when it was hoped more members would be present.

## 2. Notes of last meeting

The notes of the meeting of 3 August were received. After discussion it was agreed that they be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following:

- 2.1 That new note 2.2.1 should read: "to thank Anne and Paul for their work on the paper;" and that the subsequent points be renumbered; and
- 2.2 That the fourth working group should be called 'Young People and Sport'.

## 3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Jane reported that the ERYC would prefer to work together with Howdenshire Forward over the next six months so as to be in a position to adopt the partnership agreement in full within a shorter timescale than originally proposed.
- 3.2 Jane reported that the Renaissance Co-ordinator had been appointed and Stuart Younger was expected to take up post on 30 October. His role was dedicated to the delivery of the Howdenshire RMT plan but his role was part of a team of expertise which was available to the partnership, and it was expected that he would be based in Howden for approximately three and a half days a week. The appointment was welcomed.

## 4. MBED registration of members

Anne discussed MBED's role and the partnership skills programme, explaining that her own role as Facilitator was to enable the town team to access the wide range of partnership skills development that was available to them. There was a standing programme, or 'bespoke' programmes could be devised, and a team of people drawn from a wide spectrum of expertise were available to come and work with town teams. Events were organised, such as the Great Towns event in York earlier in the year, where teams from the various partnerships had the opportunity to meet and share experiences and hear from others; the next such event was to be in Harrogate in November. It was also possible to organise events locally to draw new members in to the group, and resources were available for such events.

Members agreed that it was important to work on consultation and communication skills, and in particular in the context of engaging with young people, and Anne agreed to bring some proposals on this to the next meeting. She asked members to give consideration before then to other skills training needs.

Anne asked members present to register formally as Town Team members as part of the Partnership Skills Programme, through a pro-forma. Liz Charnock would circulate the

proforma to members who were not at the meeting to complete before the next meeting. It was expected that training workshops could start in late October.

5. Park and ride scheme

Mark Birtles discussed a recent meeting held at the Press Association to consider an alternative, larger, site for their park and ride scheme. The Town Council had brokered the meeting which was also attended by ERYC parking and traffic officers, and Jane Crossley and Liz Charnock, and raised the question whether it might be extended to offer a service to other businesses in the town and, possibly, rail users unable to park at the station because of limited space there. Cllr Preston understood that Hull Trains were seeking to extend the car park there by 40 spaces. Jane reported that planning officers were concerned about the impact on traffic. She had been in touch with the Community Rail Partnership who might get involved. It was noted that talks were ongoing and a further report would be made, and that this would be an appropriate matter for consideration by the transport working group.

6. Young people and sport

A discussion document prepared by Paul Robinson had been circulated, and it was agreed that this should be referred to the next meeting when it was hoped more members would be present. It was noted that the intention of the working group was to consider a broad range of opportunities for young people including sport, and opportunities for sport for all ages.

7. Membership of working groups

Hugh asked that members who wished to should return their forms expressing interest in their preferred working groups. Only a small number had yet been received.

Paul reported, as outlined in his paper, that he had been in touch with interested parties and had the beginning of the working group on Young People and Sport. Jane offered to provide the names of officers at ERYC who would be able to help the group. Mark Birtles pointed out that the outcome of extensive consultation amongst young people recently undertaken by the Local Delivery Group would provide useful information. Anne asked that the local learning partnership be contacted, as well as the school, and she herself could offer MBED input.

It was hoped that like-minded members would get together to initiate the other working groups. Jane suggested that the Arts Development Officer of ERYC be contacted to help the Arts, Heritage and Tourism group, and Hugh expressed interest in this also. Mark Birtles offered to be involved in the Transport group.

It was agreed that the lack of formal terms of reference should not prevent initial meetings taking place, and that this could be formalised at the next meeting.

8. Preparation for AGM

It was agreed that this should be further discussed once the Renaissance Co-ordinator was in post, and that the meeting could be expected to take place towards the end of the year.

9. Any other business

Jane reported on a forthcoming series of one-day events organised by the Local Criminal Justice Board and partners, aimed at 'bringing together local organisations and communities to challenge the mindsets leading to a greater understanding of the importance of embracing diversity and social inclusion.' The one-day course would run weekdays from 2 October to 18 October in Hull and on 19 and 20 October in Grimsby. Members wishing to attend should contact Jane.

10. Items for next agenda

To include: issues raised in John Pole's letter of resignation; establishment of working groups; partnership skills programme.

11. Date of next meeting

To take place on either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.