

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		DISTRIBUTION Yore Vision Management Grp + IS, VH, KD, GP, RM, PC
SUBJECT: YORE VISION MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING NO. 20 10 JANUARY 2008 BOROUGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY OFFICE	DATE: 7/02/08	
	REF: RM	

ACTION

PRESENT

Keith Ramsay (KR) - Chair
Jane Barber (JBa)
John Brooks (JB)
Elaine Dixon (ED)
Tim Evanson (TE)
Andrew Lawson-Tancred (ALT)
Barry McCallum (BM)
Keith Scott (KS)

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ian Stewart (IS)
Valerie Holland (VH)
Genevieve Parker (GP)
Rebecca Micallef (RM)

1 APOLOGIES

Geoff Craggs (GC)

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2007 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were accepted as a true record
Corrections noted - p.1 Harry Nellis, p.2 Cllr John Watson.

- a. JBa reported that the primary school are willing to hold the Yore Vision screening licence for the **Mobile Cinema**. Another possibility is also Coronation Hall. It has not yet been agreed who will pay for the licence.
- b. GP confirmed that she had emailed Brian Martin with regard to a possible contribution towards the **Interpretation and Signage** project. This was in early December and no response has been received to date.
- c. RM confirmed that offer letters had been sent to the two successful **Initiatives Fund** applicants. A cheque to the Chamber of Trade/Town Council for the Christmas Lights project is now being processed.

3 PROJECT UPDATES:

Group 2 – CORE

IS reported that the Rural Academy co-ordinator is now in post and a launch event was held in November. Margaret Stead at YF is now progressing this from a YF perspective, through has not yet been able to provide an update.

ED advised that she had spoken to Mike Troke before the launch, but confirmed that she had since received no further information.

ED agreed to make contact with Margaret Stead to discuss taking this forward and is happy to continue to champion the concept of CoRE on behalf of Yore Vision.

ED

KR noted that a meeting would be taking place in February to discuss LDF land allocations – this will include the Advance Power site.

Group 3 – Arts/Business Forum at Aldborough

ALT reported on two key meetings that have now taken place, the first with the local parish councils who expressed general support for the proposals, and the second with Chris Bailey, Dean for the Faculty of Arts and Society at Leeds Met. Professor Bailey has agreed to put his thoughts and views in writing which will help to determine the next steps.

ALT emphasised the need to increase local involvement and support for the project and recognised the need for concept plans or a model. Involvement of students from Leeds Met to prepare concept plans/models is being considered.

More work and research is also required into exactly what the project would be. KR suggested that it may be useful to discuss proposals with the Harrogate Cultural Partnership.

ALT

ALT also noted that The Northern Aldborough Festival is currently working with Boroughbridge Primary School and has secured funding to put on a production of “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. Links with other music festivals across the area are also being investigated.

Improving the Offer

RM provided an update on the key elements of this package of projects - comments on the draft PMF stage 3 application for YF funds have now been received and the final version will be submitted shortly. It is anticipated that the application will be considered by YF Panel in mid February.

Work is progressing well on the **Property Improvement Grant** Scheme in terms of finalising eligibility and selection criteria and prioritisation of expressions of interest received so far. Indeed, because of the tight timescale for project delivery (with all projects having to be

completed and spent by end March 2009) it is crucial that projects are ready to commence as soon as funding is secured. It is now anticipated that a specialist conservation surveyor/architect will also be brought on board to support the scheme. RM advised that she had been invited to talk about the grant scheme at the Chamber of Trade AGM on 18th January.

Detail of the customer care courses, run through the “**Welcome to Excellence**” programme, is being developed. The idea of carrying out a ‘mystery shopper’ exercise to identify any key gaps as well as to help emphasise the value of the courses to local businesses is also being considered.

Discussions with the Solicitor acting on behalf of the owners of **St James Square** are still ongoing. An initial specification for the re-cobbling works has been prepared and project costs estimated. The detailed specification will need to be agreed with the owners, Town Council and other interested parties.

Group 5 – Youth Sub Group

KR and ED reported on the proposal for a new community facility at Boroughbridge High School and reminded members that capital funding of £108,000 is currently available from Connexions, NYCC PCT and 4 Youth. Potential links with the Aldborough Gate project were highlighted.

ED confirmed that a meeting had been held with the Squash Club who were positive about the proposals as they felt that without considerable refurbishment, the squash courts would have to close within the next year or two anyway. All Town Councils and Parish Councils in the areas are also supportive of the proposals. However, Harrogate Borough Council are still concerned about the potential loss of existing facilities should the proposal go ahead and discussions are continuing.

RTF 07/08 – Interpretation and Signage

GP updated on the Rural Target Fund Ure Walks Through Time Project, explaining that Adrian Bury Associates had been contracted to undertake 7 interpretation panels and 7 leaflets (a leaflet for each walk). Six of which would be done by Easter week and there was still a possibility that the 7th one for Aldwark would be done too. Listed building consent was being sort for the panel to go on the BB Community Office.

GP also explained that the Project Group would ideally like to have more signs and leaflets done for a further 3 walks. Adrian Bury had outlined this would cost a further £8,300. GP noted that the Awards for All Application had been returned as £10,000 had been applied for by Yore Vision, but Yore Vison had already received £3,000 for the Mobile

Cinema project, therefore they were only eligible for a further £7,000 over the next two years. It was agreed that an application for £7,000 would be made by Yore Vision to Awards for All.

GP/PC

GP noted that on each of the Panels there was going to be information about Yore Vision and the website. GP noted JBa was going to upload electronic copies of each of the Interpretation Panels onto Yore Vision's website, JBa agreed that this would be done and it was noted that Yore Vision's website would need to be up and running by Easter ready for when the panels would be erected.

4 RMT RURAL TARGET FUND 2008/09

Following discussions at the last meeting, no further project ideas were brought forward and so an expression of interest has now been submitted for Great Ouseburn Village Hall Club Room – “Raise the Roof”. Details of the Planning Consent for this project can be viewed at http://publicaccess.harrogate.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=JG8KDDHY64000. Approval of the Expression of Interest and issue of the full application form is expected soon.

RM and KS agreed to meet to complete the full application, the deadline for which is 28th February.

KS&RM

IS noted that some towns had not yet submitted their Expression of Interest for the 08/09 RTF and should they fail to do so, there may be a small amount of additional funds available for capital projects. ED was interested in the potential of such funds. IS to keep RM informed of any additional funds and RM to thereafter liaise with ED.

IS

5 COMMUNICATIONS: YORE VISION NEWSLETTER

PC has been working on the Yore Vision Newsletter and a draft version was circulated. It was agreed that all comments (on layout, content, distribution etc) should be sent to PC by 17th January and that the newsletter would be finalised by 31st January. It was agreed that the finalised Newsletter should be sent to all contacts on the Yore Vision database as well as being made available in public places.

All

PC

A 'checklist' of different publicity tools was circulated. PC had put this useful contact list together to assist all members when considering ways to promote projects etc. JBa again emphasised the need to send any updates and promotional materials to her for inclusion on the Yore Vision website.

JBa suggested that a Yore Vision DVD would be a very useful marketing tool. TE agreed to look into possibilities for using volunteers to help to produce this. VH offered to take this forward through her contacts at MBED/CIDA should TE have no success.

TE
VH

6 ADMIN SUPPORT

TE reported that a skills audit had been carried out through Boroughbridge Community Care and suggested that a volunteer could be brought on board, initially on a 2 hour per week basis, to carry out basic admin duties on behalf of Yore Vision. Additional skills training would be available through the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations. Extended hours and a paid role would be considered following this initial period. All members agreed that this was a good idea. KR and TE to progress.

TE&KR

JBa suggested that it would be useful for Yore Vision to have a laptop and offered to find out what happened to a laptop that the Chamber of Trade received but don't appear to use.

JBa

7 AWAY DAY

VH again highlighted the key action points that were raised at the Away Day and considered how to take these forward. In line with the issues and suggestions raised, it was agreed that Yore Vision should carry out an audit of what has been achieved as well as revisit the original plans. It was agreed that this should be done before the AGM. It was agreed that this would be discussed and taken forward at an extended management committee meeting on 8th May.

All to note

VH also noted that better communication had been something that was highlighted as important by attendees at the Away Day - the fact that the first newsletter will be sent out in the next few weeks is therefore excellent progress.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. KR raised the issue of the **Mineral & Waste Strategy** and confirmed that letters/e-mails to oppose current proposals had been sent.
- b. KR updated the meeting on the key points raised at a recent **SRIP Steering Group Meeting**:
 - the next AMT Convention will be taking place in Skipton.
 - YF's Corporate Plan is undergoing consultation (copy available on the YF website) – any comments should be sent to KR by the end of January and he will compile a response from Yore Vision.
 - the chairs of the 4 community partnerships in Harrogate District have been invited to meet with HBC's Corporate Management Team and the Leader on a quarterly basis
 - The LEADER bid which covers the Western part of the district has been put forward to the next stage.
- c. VH reminded members about the **Space-Shaper** events and agreed to report back following her attendance at the taster session.

All
KR

VH

- d. RM reminded members about the **study tour to Richmond** taking place on 29th January. KR, BM and JB due to attend.
- e. KR and JBa will be attending the YF/Mbed **study tour to Holland** at the end of February on behalf of Yore Vision.

9 DATES OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday **21st February 2008** at Boroughbridge Community Office.

The following meetings were also agreed:

27th March

8th May (extended meeting to discuss audit of what has been achieved)

5th June (AGM)

10th July