

PICKERING TOWN TEAM MINUTES

Meeting: 8th December 2009, Pickering Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Present: William Oxley, Pat Oxley, Tim Thornton, Judy Dixon, Eden Blyth, Sam Borman, Bill Breakell, Jane Johnson, Gordon Clitheroe, Cath Oliver, Hilary Jolliffe, Phil Bustard, Mark Sissons, Hilda Sissons, Anita Horner

Apologies: John Thompson, Chris Thompson, Claire Bowes, Brian Johnson, Chris Newsam, Joy Andrews

1. Heritage Lottery Fund

Their response has been circulated and is thought to be positive and encouraging. We now need to progress to the formal application. It was suggested we consult professionals and that the YF funding would cover the costs of this. NYMR would like to assist and link in with the application, increasing partnership and town involvement. We must move quickly in order to retain this year's funding. Bill Breakell will make initial contact with PLB to hopefully arrange a pre-Christmas meeting.

2. Outdoor Activity re Mountain Bike Championship

The Duchy have confirmed their desire to have the land behind the castle used and maintained and are giving their support to our plans. Yorkshire Forward is also offering positive support and would like to leave a legacy for both leisure and business in Pickering through this scheme. The mountain bike trail could eventually extend into a community facility with some adventure sports sites, but also concentrating on provisions for wildlife and walkers. The cycle route could well be extended in time, places such as Cropton Forest are keen to encourage non-motorised access.

Representatives of all areas of interest for the land must meet to ensure all needs are met. Tim Thornton will begin discussions leading up to an official expression of interest to Yorkshire Forward.

3. Interpretation Boards

The initial design has been circulated and is a popular principle but with some reservations and thoughts for improvements. An accurate leaflet map would be desirable to run alongside this idea. Further consultation on this idea is needed and it will be looked at in association with the Heritage Trail plans.

4. Seats and Cycle Parks

It is agreed that more of each are needed in the town. Ideas for placements of seating, quantity and styles were discussed and will go forward to the Town Council for approval.

Eden Blyth is to further research the requirements of cyclists before any plans are made for bike parks.

5. Administrative Issues

- Wendy Borman has offered to re-write the Town Team constitution in the New Year.
- William Oxley has made arrangements with Peter Lovering to complete the handover of the bank documentation.

6. Any Other Business

- Phil Bustard would like to see regulated signing at the town boundaries for advertising local events etc. This could include notices about the Monday market and may be eligible for RDC funding. William Oxley will present this to the Town Council.
- Judy Dixon would like to see 'What's on' leaflets including *all* local events. Jane Johnson will enquire whether the TIC already covers this. A web-site may be more appropriate.

7. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th January 2010, Pickering Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Further meeting dates will be Tuesday 9th February, Tuesday 9th March and Tuesday 13th April, all at Pickering Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Thanks for attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.