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MEETING	ACOMB WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	14 JUNE 2018
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS S BARNES AND K MYERS
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS

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**1. YORK CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC IMPACT APPROACH - YORK CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP TEAM**

David Warburton from York Central Partnership gave a presentation on the future development of the York Central site and in particular, the assessment methodology for predicting the impact of increased traffic in the Ward.

There had been a six-week exhibition on the project held at the National Railway Museum between March and April this year. A report on the proposed master plan goes to Executive next week when it would hopefully be passed for final approval. This is a huge development and it is planned that it will be a mixture of commercial property and housing. Information on the project is available online <http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&MId=10469&Ver=4>

In terms of car parking, there were currently around 2000 car parking spaces on the site and it is envisaged that as the development progresses there could be up to 400 more car spaces needed.

The planned numbers of housing and commercial properties and car parking spaces will be fed into a traffic model to identify the impact of traffic in the area. Initial results of the traffic impact produced from the model will be available by mid-July.

He said it was worth noting that these figures represented the development of the project over the next 10,15 and 20 years.

Cllr Barnes noted that the York Central Project would not be happening in isolation and that the British Sugar site was also being developed leading to a cumulative impact on the traffic on Boroughbridge Road. He asked whether it would be possible to think "more ambitiously", for example Park and Ride.

David replied that in November last year it had been resolved that traffic would be taken off by the link road which would become an alternative route for other traffic as well. Also that the proposals were ambitions in terms of promoting low car use with low levels of provision in car parking standards. He said his understanding was that all these options (other developments) would be fed into the model but that he would seek confirmation that they would be included in the model including the other development.

A resident queried whether people would be able to have a parking space even if the car was only used for leisure purposes. David said that hopefully, yes that would be the case. Cllr Myers thanked him for his presentation.

## **2. LOCAL AREA COORDINATION, HOW TO FIND SUPPORT IN YOUR COMMUNITY - PENNY HUTCHINSON**

Penny Hutchinson talked to residents about the Local Area Co-ordinator scheme. She said she had worked as a Local Area Co-ordinator (LAC) for the Westfield Ward and that the Council were now in the process of recruiting a Local Co-ordinator for the Acomb Ward who would work in the same way as the work being carried out in the Westfield Ward.

There were two LAC's apart from herself who were currently working in two other parts of the city and it was planned that eventually there would be seven areas of the city covered by the scheme.

The purpose of the LAC was to seek early interventions and prevention by working alongside individuals who may be isolated or vulnerable for a number of reasons, and hopefully reduce the demand on formal services such as the NHS, Social Services, Fire and Police. Their aim was to help individuals connect with support that was available in their local communities.

When she started in her role she said she has spent two months going out to see what was available in the Westfield Ward in terms of local resources and activities such as children's groups, churches, schools and cafes and recognise the wealth of resources within the community.

She had started to take introductions from people such as GPs, schools, police and community groups and also from family members to meet with individuals. She would meet up with them and talk to them about what their life was like at the moment, what was important to them, and what were the challenges they faced to see how their lives could be improved. She gave advice, information and simple sign-posting to services or groups. Alternatively, she was able to work with an individual on a long-term basis to help improve their life.

Cllr Barnes raised the work being carried out on Social Prescribing and whether she worked alongside this team. Penny confirmed that she did network with this and other teams working in Adult Social Care.

Finally, she said that the recruitment of a LAC for the Acomb Ward would be done by August but that the newly appointed LAC would need two months familiarising themselves with the Ward and they would probably be fully functioning in their post by early October.

## **3. WARD BUDGET - SHORT PRESENTATIONS FROM GROUPS AWARDED WITH A GRANT IN 2017-18, PLUS PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19**

### **WARD BUDGET PRESENTATION FROM GROUPS AWARDED GRANTS IN 2017/18**

#### The Island

Nigel Poulton, Mentoring Co-ordinator at the Island explained that they were a mentoring organisation working with vulnerable children. The grants they received helped the young people who were referred to them and the money made a real difference to their lives by improving their confidence and self-

esteem.

He provided some examples of the work that had been carried out with a number of young people facing extremely difficult times. Children were usually mentored for a year but did not necessarily end at this point dependent upon need. The Island currently had 50 mentoring relationships and there were another 60 children who were waiting to be mentored. There was a need for more volunteers.

#### Citizens Advice York (CAY)

Tom Adamski, Outreach Co-ordinator for CAY talked to residents about his work as an outreach co-ordinator. He had been in post for two months and delivered advice to 16 communities across the city. CAY is a totally independent organisation providing impartial and confidential advice. They helped people to resolve issues such as benefits, debt, housing, relationships, employment amongst other issues. CAY also campaigned for changes in the law where legislation is unfair or discriminatory. He said they were very appreciative of the ward funding to help them develop outreach sessions including the ones held at Lidgett Grove every Wednesday morning where people could engage in conversation with people in the Ward and discuss the issues that they were facing, providing advice and helping people resolve issues. They were also working with local groups to build awareness of the sessions and involve local people in the community café.

A resident asked where the funding came from to run CAY. Tom said that as a charity they bid for funding from lots of different sources. In terms of sustainability, funding from local Wards is more about set up costs. We have lots of volunteers who are trained to help people.

#### Older Citizens Advocacy York

Ruth Potter talked to residents about the work of Older Citizen's Advocacy (OCA) in York and about the way the Ward funding had been put to good use. She said they had received Ward funding in the last financial year. They were an Advocacy organisation working for people 50+ in the City of York. They were committed to providing an advocacy services which is free, independent and confidential and which put people first promoting equality, diversity and human rights.

The organisation had recently been delivering cards through people's door saying that they would be in the area and had delivered over 1000 leaflets in the past 12 months.

They were currently working with 47 individuals, 7 of which were open cases. They also held 4.00pm teas. They held a regular drop in session at Acomb Library. A person with an issue would be matched to an advocate with the skills to help advice/resolve the issue. They worked on an 1-1 basis. Some issues could be solved quickly whilst other took longer. Amongst the issues they dealt with were benefits advice, housing issues and access to services. They helped people to make complaints and provide general information on social care.

Should anyone be interested in volunteering to work with OCA the contact details could be found on the leaflets handed out at the meeting.

#### New Visuality – Time Traveller Project

Greg McGee talked to the residents about the Time Traveller Project that had

been undertaken and how the Ward funding had been utilised. They had run a week's worth of workshops for 20 young people on the history of Acomb where they had looked at the English Martyrs, time continuum of Acomb and the Pilgrimage of Faith. The young people responded to lots of stories and photographs. He had brought some of the children's artwork for residents to see.

### Chill in the Community CIC

Mary Passeri, from Chill in the Community talked to residents about the work of her organisation and how the Ward funding had helped their service. They had developed a community space which incorporated a kitchen to enable a number of community activities. They ran a free food bank comprised of donate food which was available six days a week including emergency family boxes. They supplied around 12500kg every month with an average of twenty people a day taking advantage, no questions asked. Pay it Forward was supplying around 15 people a week with meals alongside the food bank that was supporting between 60 & 100 people a week.

The space was used by many groups and it was also used to support people in need through cookery lessons, coaching for a better life and children's activities for all families but particularly those on a low income. The space was also used for teen activities and to support the homeless with clothing changes, food and support.

Other groups using the space range from Yorkey Dads and NCT to a home schooling group who she supported for craft and free play. They also ran a Craft and Chat group on a Wednesday afternoon supporting isolated people who had additional needs. They also ran a homework club to support children with new experiences in a relaxed environment.

The Group was currently aiding on average ten families a week with food and support such as coaching, budgeting and advocacy. They had supported 34 people with universal credit issues over the past six months ensuring the security of their homes and families which in turn has improved issues such as depression, anxiety and general mental wellbeing. They had also successfully supported nine people in the last six months with ESA and PIPs claims.

### **WARD FUNDING – PLANS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2018/19**

Cllr Myers said they were currently looking at applications for funding that have been made for 2018/19. He said that for the first time the Ward Grant funding was over-subscribed from organisation which were serving a social need.

They were endeavouring to make the best use of the money available to them.

Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Forum – this was a place to bring together ideas about issues in Acomb such as housing, green spaces, young people etc. Consulting and engaging with community to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that now the old Manor School had been demolished this Forum was a place to bring together ideas about green space availability in Acomb and in particular Acomb Park. It was noted that CYC was open to providing access and to designating it a public open space.

Cllr Barnes said that he was currently trying to improve the percentage of Affordable Housing to be built on the British Sugar site. It was currently 3% but he felt it should be at least 20%. He also felt that there needed to be a more

radical approach to traffic on Boroughbridge Road.

A meeting was planned for 25<sup>th</sup> June, 5.00 to 7.00pm, at Lidgett Grove where this could be discussed further, and people could voice their ideas.

Groups with applications in for Ward Funding in 2018/19 are as follows:

- Vocal Flourish Community Choir applied for **£3,039** towards the project.
- Acomb Explore applied for **£490** towards summer children's activities.
- Acomb and Westfield Neighbourhood Forum applied for **£900** towards the Forum setting up costs.
- YO1 Radio applied for **£1000** towards the Oasis Project.
- We Run York applied for **£13,270** towards the running group start-up costs. The applicant will be approaching Holgate and Micklegate as well as Acomb wards to jointly fund this venture.
- York Carers Centre applied for **£880** towards the taxi transport element of Young Carers Project.
- Friends of Fishponds Wood and Beech Grove applied for **£462,47** towards display boards, folding tables and insurance.
- Polarized Youth Group applied for **£6,448** towards youth workers, instructors and rent.
- Chill in the Community CIC applied for **£8,425** towards the holiday kid's activities and community development project.

#### **4. UPDATE FROM TALK TALK ABOUT ROLL OUT OF ULTRA FIBRE OPTIC IN THE AREA**

Paul Crane, Head Of Ultrafast Engagement/Rollout at Talk Talk gave a presentation on the upcoming roll out of Ultrafast Broadband in the area. He said that they were in partnership with City of York Council and they were transforming the broadband coverage in York. People were streaming more and more and broadband speeds needed to keep pace with this. They had started their work on a trial basis to 1300 properties in Rawcliffe to ensure that the service could be provided financially and how many people would take it up. This trial proved to be very successful and it has now been rolled out in Huntingdon, New Earswick, Rawcliffe and Clifton Without, Clifton and The Groves (North).

Since the end of May 2018 20K homes passed and 14K live. There was a further 34K homes where building was in progress. They had received excellent feedback on their product, services and process with 100% uptime since the launch.

He said that they were trying different methods of installing the broadband, as an alternative to digging up verges for example using poles

They put leaflets through doors two weeks before work was due to start and again 48 hours before so that residents would be aware of the work starting. The leaflet explains what they were planning to do and what could be expected when they start working in the area. They also had a shop at York Railway Station.

In July a further 5K homes will be going live in Dringhouses, Woodthorpe and Foxwood. Acomb was currently under construction. Engineering trials will be starting in early July. Talk Talk could be contacted on 0800 542 8073 from 8am to 8pm or [ufo-help@talktalkplc.com](mailto:ufo-help@talktalkplc.com).

They would be available to speak to residents at Talking Point from 9.30 to 11.30 at Lidgett Grove.

## 5. HAVE YOUR SAY

Q A resident raised the issue of the bus gate on Lower Poppleton Lane. The sign says "bus lane in 200 yards" but it is not clear where the bus lane starts. This is causing uncertainty and was there anything that could be done to make this clearer.

A Cllr Myers said he would look into this matter.

Q A resident mentioned that one of the workmen involved in demolishing the old Manor School had said there was going to be a road built?

A Cllr Myers said he did not know anything about such a road, but he would ask the question.

Q A resident raised the issue of anti-social behaviour issues in Sovereign Park and said it had been going on for a long time with no resolution. She felt it needed a multi-agency approach to deal with these issues.

A Cllr Myers said he wanted a meeting with Residents Associations, Police and Community Officers. The problem was communication. He said that the latest update was that he had held meetings with Community Officers and Police and had asked whether there could be a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) put in place. He had also looked at CCTV, Dringhouses had this in certain parts of their Ward but it was very expensive. Also, in the play park there should be new signs saying "no alcohol" "no ballgames" and asking people to respect the facility.

Q The issue of the 9 bin stores was raised.

A Cllr Myers said he had asked the Police to look at this issue and make sure they were secure.

Cllr Barnes said there was a need to look at more creative ways to solve the problem as young people have nowhere to go.

The meeting closed at 21.15.

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