
MEETING	GUILDHALL WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	3 APRIL 2014
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS

1. **7PM - INFORMAL SURGERY**
2. **7.30PM - FORMAL MEETING WELCOME AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Cllr Looker welcomed everyone to the meeting. She gave apologies for Cllr Watson who had been asked to attend a function at the last minute on behalf of the Lord Mayor. Cllr Looker also made an apology for the meeting not being advertised on the website and through our general advertising protocol. She will ensure this doesn't happen again. The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th April 2013 were approved as a true record of that meeting.

3. **TOUR DE FRANCE**

Gill Cooper updated residents upon the Tour de France arrangements for the city. The Tour de France is the third biggest sporting event in the world and the single biggest annual sporting event and will put York on the map as a host of large sporting events. The legacy from the race is expected to be threefold:

- cycling
- tourism with one billion people expected to watch the race from over 180 countries on the day,
- cultural legacy – there will be a 100 day cultural festival of activities showcasing the city. This has already begun.

Between 100,000 and 180,000 people expected in the city. The caravan will leave the Knavesmire at 9.00am and travel across the city centre and up Bootham. The caravan leaves at 9.00am and the cyclists will leave the Knavesmire at 11.00am.

There are agreed procedures for emergency vehicles. The race can be stopped in an emergency. There will be access for emergency vehicles despite the road closures. In terms of the care sector and carers we have ensured that we have the right resources in place. The roads will be open again at 12.00 noon with the exception of the A59 which will not be reopened until the race has reached

Knaresborough. The barriers will not be removed from Bishopthorpe Road as they are planning a street party

Q What arrangements have been made for stewarding on the day.

A The stewards will be a mixture of volunteers for pedestrian crossings and flag waving on the route. Crowd management has been contracted to a Crowd Management Company.

Q A resident said he had attended a meeting about two months ago in regard to painting the fences white. It had been agreed that the Council would provide the paint and that volunteers would do the painting. Not heard anything since.

A Gill said she would liaise with David Caswell.

Q The railings to Bootham Park Hospital are in poor condition and people leaning on them or climbing on them could be a health and safety issue. Could the Council do a safety inspection on them?

A Information to be passed on

4. ANNUAL PLAY DAY EVENT AT THE GROVES

A resident provided feedback on last years event and the plans for this year. The venue for last year's event was Door 84 and CYC had helped to secure a temporary road closure at the bottom half of Brownlow Street which created an exciting and interesting play area for children and families. A variety of organisations took part in the event which included Children's Centres, youth organisations, St Nicholas Fields among many others. There was also a physical theatre group and some residents of The Groves had 'open gardens'. This year the event will be held on 9th August and again the venue will be Door 84. We will also be trying to organise the event on the west side of the city at Acomb Out of School Club on West Bank. This will be run along similar lines to the event in The Grove and everyone will be welcome.

5. THE RETREAT

David Smith, Business Development Manager of The Retreat gave a talk its history and current work. He explained the history of The Retreat and its Quaker values which was set up by the York Quakers in 1790. Following the death in York Asylum of Hannah Mills, a York Quaker, William Tuke set about improving the way people with mental health problems were treated by developing an alternative

model of care. £3000 was raised to purchase an 11 acre site in Heslington and build The Retreat. His model was based around compassion, good living and recovery and focused on human relationships. The Retreat became the birthplace of what we now know as Occupational Therapy and his model changed the face of the treatment of mental illness which was replicated around the world.

The Retreat is a charity and was originally a private hospital for the wealthy but in the 1980's it started to undertake NHS work. The work of The Retreat is now more specialised and provides tertiary services outside of NHS services.

There are two different parts of the service, the hospital in Heslington Road which has 98 beds and takes older adults with quite complex and challenging mental health illness. It also provides end of life care.

There are three units

- One specialising in eating disorders for women
- One specialising in complex female personality disorders
- One unit which deals with people of working age treating early onset dementia, eating disorders, detox, and other mental health issues.

There is also a community based service at the Tuke Centre which delivers psychological therapies i.e. basic counselling, relationship counselling etc.

There is also to be a York Recovery College which is a new concept that runs recovery based courses. This has gone live this week.

Q Idea of development of emotional resilience for young adults

A Yes there is expertise from our clinicians to train young people to help other young people and provide peer support

Q Can you offer validated training facilities

A We have a new medical director who is making it a priority to make The Retreat a training provider and bring in junior doctors. There is already training in place for psychiatric nurses.

6. GUILDHALL PLANNING PANEL

Chris Edghill, clerk to the Guildhall planning panel updated the meeting on the work of the panel this year. The panel had supported the following large projects:

- A submission by First York in James Street to transform it for the new electric buses
- Hillary House: This project has now been given the 'go ahead' apart from the additional storey on top of the building
- The Hiscock Building

The panel meets in West Offices every three weeks starting at 4.00pm through to 6.00/700pm.

The whole of the current panel are standing for re-election with the exception of Gwen Swinburn who has resigned.

Discussion took place regarding the election of Christine Low of Huntington Road who would like to be considered for the panel. It was felt that the panel was currently big enough so Roger Pierce offered to give her his place on the panel.

Cllr Look suggested that the panel have this discussion between themselves at their next meeting and it would be good to have new people joining the panel. The twelve names set out below were accepted subject to the panel reviewing the way it works and come up with a solution.

Chris Edghill
Roger Pierce
Alan Filby
Ann Petherick
Vivien Irish
Louise Elliot

Gill Pratt
Tony Martin
Dr David Medio
Joana Ingerson
Andrew Finch
Christine Low

7. FEEDBACK ON WARD FUNDING

There is a ward budget for community groups based within the ward to apply to for projects. If projects cover more than one ward then there is a pot of money for such projects and people interested should contact Cindy.

The budget for 2014-215 is £2760 with a further £2200 to be awarded to community groups in the ward to run projects which support our ward priorities.

The current ward priorities are:

- Create a user friendly city centre for residents and businesses
- Create a cleaner, greener, safer city centre
- Create more inclusive city centre communities.

Cllr Looker said that she would like to take the opportunity to ask residents what they thought about these priorities, whether they should be changed and what they saw as priorities for the ward, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Last year three awards where made:

Door 84: alterations to toilets and kitchen access to improve use for all users to the centre	£760.00
Door 84: inner city partnership – a partnership project in the city centre to address issues raised by residents and to improve the image and welcome for young people in the city centre.	£3,350.00
Groves RA: gentle exercise classed aimed at older people held in the local area to improve health and well being for older residents and reduce isolation.	£850.00
Total:	£4,960.00

8. WARD FUNDING

Any groups interested in applying for funding for a project in the Guildhall Ward to apply sooner rather than later as money is allocated on a first come first served basis.

Cllr Looker said she was conscious that recently not a lot of money had been put into the Navigation Road area. A resident said that the Jack Lyons Association was doing some work with young people in this area.

Information booklets are available and any help you may need can be given by the community involvement officer.

9. HAVE YOUR SAY

Q There are traffic regulations in favour of pedestrians but the police do not seem willing to take action for example unregistered vehicles parking on Goodramgate and behaviour of cyclists. We have noticed the reduction in policing in the city centre. As regards cyclists can they be stopped from chaining their bikes to downpipes

A These offences take place usually outside of Council hours when there are traffic wardens on duty.

Q Could the police have a day of action once a year

A We have raised this issue with the police. It would be a good idea to have a special meeting with the police so that they can share residents concerns. We will look at setting a date for this meeting which will focus on enforcement issues.

Q It has been noticed that the grounds of park road school are being used for local children to play football

A The headmaster is happy for people to use the facilities and has never locked the gates.

Q Perhaps we need to think about how we use the money in a different way.

A We would like to commit ourselves to supporting community activities in our local area. Perhaps we could give them a smaller amount to get something going in their area. Support community funding.

The ward priorities perhaps need to be more specific, people are asked to think about them and feedback their thoughts.

It was agreed that this should be put on the website and residents asked to feedback their thoughts on the ward priorities to their neighbourhood team.

Q The new seats in the city centre are excellent and make it much easier to get around.

Q Can the cycle racks in Parliament Street be relocated

A This is being looked at

Q Could the fair stalls be positioned back to back

A I will pass on these comments

Q Can we have someone come and talk about the market

There is a Guildhall Community Conversation Public Meeting planned for Monday 16th June where residents can come and have their say. This will take place at the Friends Meeting House commencing with a drop in session at 6.00pm and question time at

7.00pm This meeting will be attended by Cllr James Alexander, Cllr J Looker and Cllr B Watson.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and finished at 9.00pm

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[The meeting started at Time Not Specified and finished at Time Not Specified].