
MEETING	WESTFIELD WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	12 JULY 2017
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS HUNTER AND WALLER
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS JACKSON

1. **OPEN MEETING DROP IN 18:30 - 19:00**

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Cllr Waller welcomed all attendees to the meeting and stated that he would appreciate it if they signed in at the front desk. He let them know that they could also leave their email address if they wanted to be in on consultations. He advised that there would be some photography throughout the meeting and asked attendees to notify him if they do not wish to be photographed.

Roy Wallington, program director, stated that there would be a drop-in on Tuesday 18th July about the plans to develop the Lowfield School site. He stated that there would be information on the development that is currently being proposed based on consultation from the previous autumn and would be a chance for people to comment once more before the plans are formalised. He stated that it was also possible to comment online by searching the council site for Lowfield development.

3. **FORMAL MEETING PART 1 - DISCUSSION ON ACOMB FRONT STREET REGENERATION**

19:10 - Acomb Front Street Regeneration

Cllr Andrew Waller stated that there were currently efforts to bring together independent traders to talk up the area and that there had been discussions about developing the pavement/pedestrianisation. He recommended the book "Happy City" by Charles Montgomery, which contains discussions on how places can be developed as social hubs. Cllr Waller stated that a more family-friendly layout has been requested, and that there is also a need to recognise that there will be an increase in the amount of elderly accommodation in the city.

Neil Ferris, City of York Council's Corporate Director of Economy and Place, then presented an outline of the project. He stated that he was responsible for servicing and maintaining the physical environment and that as the community belonged to residents it is important to understand their current feelings. He stated that what is important is to understand the residents' aspirations and concerns for the place.

Neil Ferris stated that an executive has made the decision to invest £50,000, which is intended to start the process of articulating the vision for the regeneration and that envisioning that piece of work would begin

tonight. It will not be a case of overnight development, but successive years of budgets and developments.

A resident asked for clarification on what was meant by Front Street. Neil Ferris stated that it is about the retail part. He said that other councils such as Halifax and Huddersfield have been shrinking their city centres due to lack of demand and while York city centre remains a shopping destination, secondary shopping areas in York do not have the same pull. He stated that they would not define boundaries to the vision today as it would be too constraining.

A resident asked what kind of economic assessment evidence this would be based on. Cllr Waller stated that City Beautiful had previously had a disconnect with the public and there were opportunities missed. Neil Ferris stated that funding bodies do not have a formula that stacks up well and that the local authority is looking at a much broader social outcome in terms of revitalising the area.

19.20 – All attendees were invited to come over and put suggestions/their aspirations for the area on post-it notes on a map of the local area.

19.40 – Meeting reconvenes.

Cllr Waller stated that there were a few announcements to make.

Replacement recycling nets were available at the back of the room. He also wanted to check that everyone had received a copy of the Ward Ballot. These need to be returned by 24th July.

Neil Ferris stated that he will make sure that the comments collected at this meeting are available at the next.

At this moment Cllr Waller invited ward funding applicants present in the room to give short presentations about their projects.

The Chill In The Community gave a presentation on their work. Every Tuesday 12pm – 7pm people can attend and are free to pay what they like. Leftover food is donated to a food bank. The café also does sessions for those with additional needs. They would like word to spread as they are currently trying to raise money for an upstairs section of the café. There are also more people they are keen to engage with, in particular ex-servicemen who have been sleeping rough within the community. For more information see their website at: www.chillinthecommunity.co.uk

Cllr Hunter stated that the neighbourhood section of Yorkshire In Bloom is due to be judged on the afternoon of 18th July and that if anyone is available to help clean it is needed at 09:00 on Sunday and 12:00 on Monday. She asked if anyone has flower tubs on display to make sure that they look pretty. The Chill In The Community stated that they have been wanting to put an edible herb garden out on Front Street but have been told that they cannot put plants on Front Street. Cllr Hunter stated that she would follow that up for the café with Highways and Maintenance. A resident asked if they could put bunting up on 18th July and Cllr Hunter confirmed that they could.

4. FORMAL MEETING PART 2 - ONE PLANET YORK PRESENTATION

Paul McCabe, One Planet Strategic Manager, gave a presentation on One Planet York. He introduced it as a growing network of organisations supporting a vision of a more sustainable, resilient and collaborative “One Planet” City, meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

One Planet York is based around ten principles:

- Health and happiness
- Equity and local economy
- Culture and community
- Land use and wildlife
- Sustainable water
- Local and sustainable food
- Sustainable materials
- Sustainable transport
- Zero waste
- Zero carbon

One Planet York offered this framework to the council. CYC agreed to become a One Planet Council and got together with several local organisations to find out what people in the city were doing around the above themes. These include YourCafe supporting sustainable food and the York Minster’s Eco Church Award promoting zero carbon. Over 60 organisations are currently supporting One Planet York and the goal is for this to grow.

Paul McCabe stated that there are several ways for York residents to get involved:

- Become a “One Planet” neighbourhood
- Attendees were encouraged to collect a toolkit before leaving the meeting, or consult the One Planet York website for small practical actions they could do.
- Ask your organisation to support the One Planet York vision.
- Download the One Planet York app.
- Come to OPY Monthly Mingles.

It was noted that the Chill In The Community Café have expressed interest and are waiting to hear back about this.

Paul McCabe asked residents to help promote the OPY app. He stated that they are currently talking to an organisation looking to roll the app out nationally.

He stated that the Monthly Mingles generally have a particular theme (eg: the next one in September is about zero carbon) and there is food and drink.

He stated that York’s overall city performance is currently ranked at 48 out of 324 areas. This is based on economic, social and environmental measures. Cambridge and Oxford are currently at the top.

A resident stated that he is disappointed that new houses are not being built to eco standards, eg: the new houses at Hob Moor do not have solar panels. Paul McCabe replied that the Code for Sustainable Homes was dropped, like many regulations, at the national level and that developers

now work to what the market will stand. He stated that York has the world's first passive house plus, built by local architects. This is carbon neutral and puts energy back into the local system. Cllr Waller stated that Public Service Excellence have not abolished the Merton Rule.

A resident suggested that pressure could be put on local councillors to raise standards.

A resident stated that the living environment of parts of York, eg: Holgate, is in the bottom 20% nationally and suggested that One Planet York could do more about raising awareness, particularly about pollution levels. Paul McCabe stated that York has the second best air monitoring service in the UK and they are working on an urban living project that puts data on an urban platform. Another resident stated that Friends of the Earth will provide a free air monitoring pack upon request.

A resident asked if all big housing projects go through One Planet York. Paul McCabe stated that One Planet Council had developed a Better Decision Making Tool and that when any major development projects come forward, they would need to be assessed against this. Officers have to go through a self-assessment template and will be asked to consider the longer-term impact. Cllr Waller suggested that there was a lot of information on this in a report from August 2016 which could be found on the council website.

Cllr Waller reminded attendees that the Acomb Community Cinema runs on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 19:00, although it is not able to disclose in advance what it will be showing.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY

A resident stated that everybody at Askham Lane is dissatisfied with the Tenants' Choice Modernisation Scheme, as the amount of waste thrown in skips has been excessive and they have caused a lot of damage and disruption to people's homes. She said that a shower installed in her bathroom was put in poorly and will have to be reinstalled. She also said that the quality of customer care was poor as it was impossible to make a complaint. She said that she would have refused the service had she known in advance what it would be like.

Cllr Waller stated that he has previously been in dialogue about this but that it is useful to have the issues raised for the minutes. He stated that they are pursuing these items and asked for additional information to be passed on to himself or Cllr Hunter. He said that it would be gratefully received.

Cllr Waller stated that consultation on the Front Street project was very much ongoing and that residents would be kept posted.

The meeting was closed at 20:30.

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Feedback

Front Street, Acomb

12 July 2017

Comments	
<p>Varied Shops (not all Charity) Market good Older people helped but for years we have asked for better pavement (so bad)</p>	<p>Value Morrisons Don' drive and fab to have local supermarket! I agree! ☺</p>
<p>Cockling pavement slabs Uneven floor levels Traffic free zone</p>	<p>Utilise this space outside The Gateway Centre.</p>
<p>I would like to see local innovative businesses represented on Front Street.</p>	<p>To install the digital screen here for advertising local charitable projects as well as businesses and use to show cartoons to kids on later afternoon in summer. Fixed seats required here.</p>
<p>I would like evening dining and 'continental drinking' opportunities.</p>	<p>Pedestrianisation.</p>
<p>At the moment I navigate my way towards town and "Bishy Rd". I see it Acomb Front Street place dominated by chain stores and depressing. Same glimmers – chill cage would like to see more variation tackling vacant units. Think it has potential to be a more down to earth Bishy Road.</p>	<p>Fully pedestrianised so lowering of curbs and bit more seating enables greater fee – flow through for kids and older people and pushing prams.</p>
<p>A meeting point? To pedestrianise the area for: Use by cafes for outside seats Outdoor cinema with fixed seats and a digital screen.</p>	<p>How I see Front Street? Tatty – empty shops – dead at night. Aspirations: cafe / pub / good food / play space.</p>
<p>Aspirations – Some sort of village green centre.</p>	<p>How do I see Front Street? My home patch. Disappointingly drab.</p>
<p>Aspirations – Net positive environmental impact – trees / grass/ building that clean the air, clean the water generate electricity.</p>	<p>Visit for a coffee / barber shop but not to buy clothes.</p>
<p>Needs new stuff, new influences. "Surprise and Delight". Something different and bolder to city centre. Opportunity to bring out Acomb identity.</p>	<p>Teen project – Council buy a building for teens run by 2 schools as a work project.</p>
<p>Grey Broken – As is problems No "real" shops Play Area for kiddies Seating and big edible planters Bishy Road wanted so meet to encourage independent shops.</p>	<p>No lumpy bumpy pavements – thank you</p>

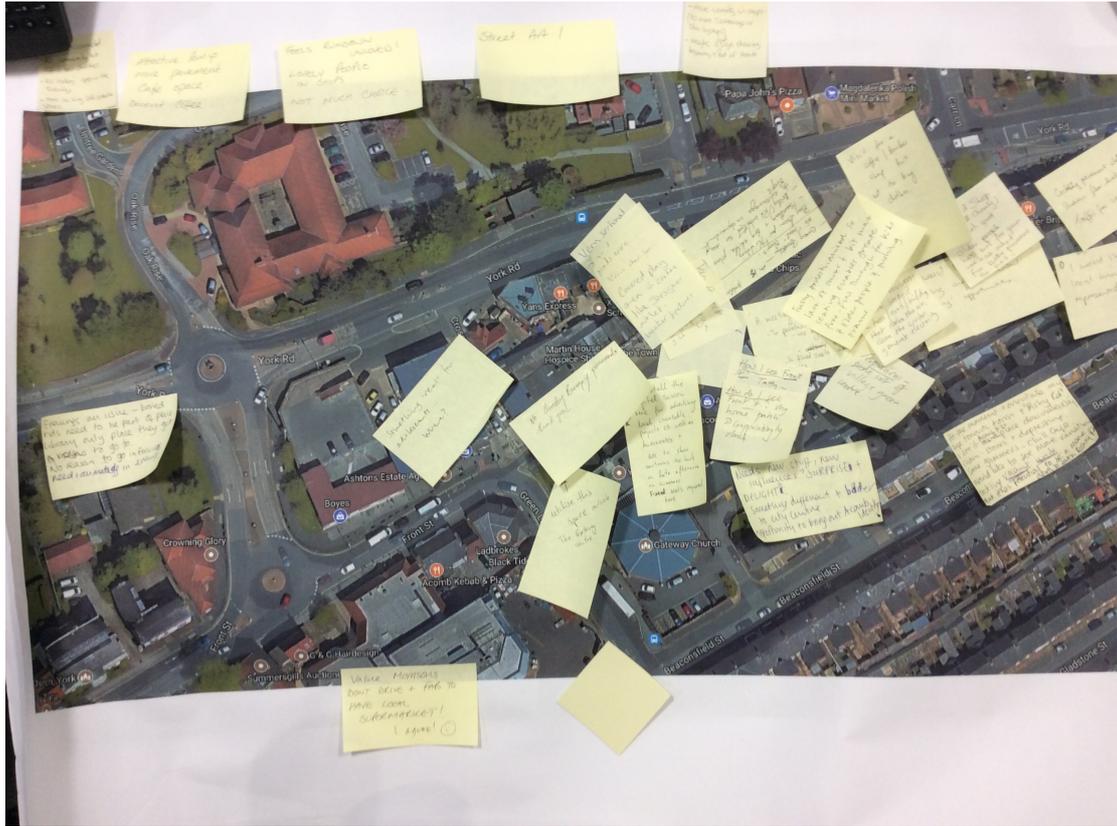
Comments	
Something 'real' for adolescents ... Where ?	Very sectional Different age groups at diff times Nothing for kids or teens
More variety in shops – (no more Takeaways or charity shops) Maybe a road sign showing beginning and end of Acomb	Feels disconnected No community hub apart from churches No 'eatery' open in the evenings More inviting cafe outside spaces
Attractive parking More pavement Cafe space Decent coffee	Evenings an issue – bored kids need to be part of place. Library only place they get to go to. No reason to go in Evenings. Needs animating in evening!
Feels rundown unloved! Lovely people in shops. Not much choice.	Street Art!
Covered play area in centre like Designer Outlet. Water features Very poor for disabled people's pushchairs. Needs more green and stuff for kids in streets. More cosmopolitan. Dead on a night except takeaways and teens on bikes.	No more Charity Shops!
Paving that doesn't come loose. Gutter outside Card Factory etc is dangerous. Block paving like in city centre.	More Banks
If Morrisons went Acomb/Front Street would die!	Scruffy pavements
Churches and Traders both have a role to play in the community – work together!	Discourage people from parking near York Road (Acomb Shops) bus stop. There are yellow lines – enforce them!
Events space Market	Dropped kerbs charged – worn out Pavements – v. Badly repaired again and again. Course discomfort for those in chairs and pushchairs and on walking areas.
Messy area blocking off shops Difficult parking	Value the Bank Halifax Wifi Market
Level footpaths Pedestrian Street (Front Street) to be fully uniformed no distinction between Road and Path.	Roundabout difficult for pedestrians.

Comments	
The Working Mens Club looks very drab!	Home, Village History / architecture stories Community – green, Parish Hall, Gateway, Methodist Shops Play Area and green space for everyone Cafe / Pub / Gateway
Village vs Suburb feel ... Library end of Front Street feels more village-y, other end more 'run-down' suburban ... how to create an identity?	Useful to think of connection between green, Library and retail area.
Keep village structure and green spaces and historic buildings and features.	Green could be used more for social events.
Green could host more community activities,	

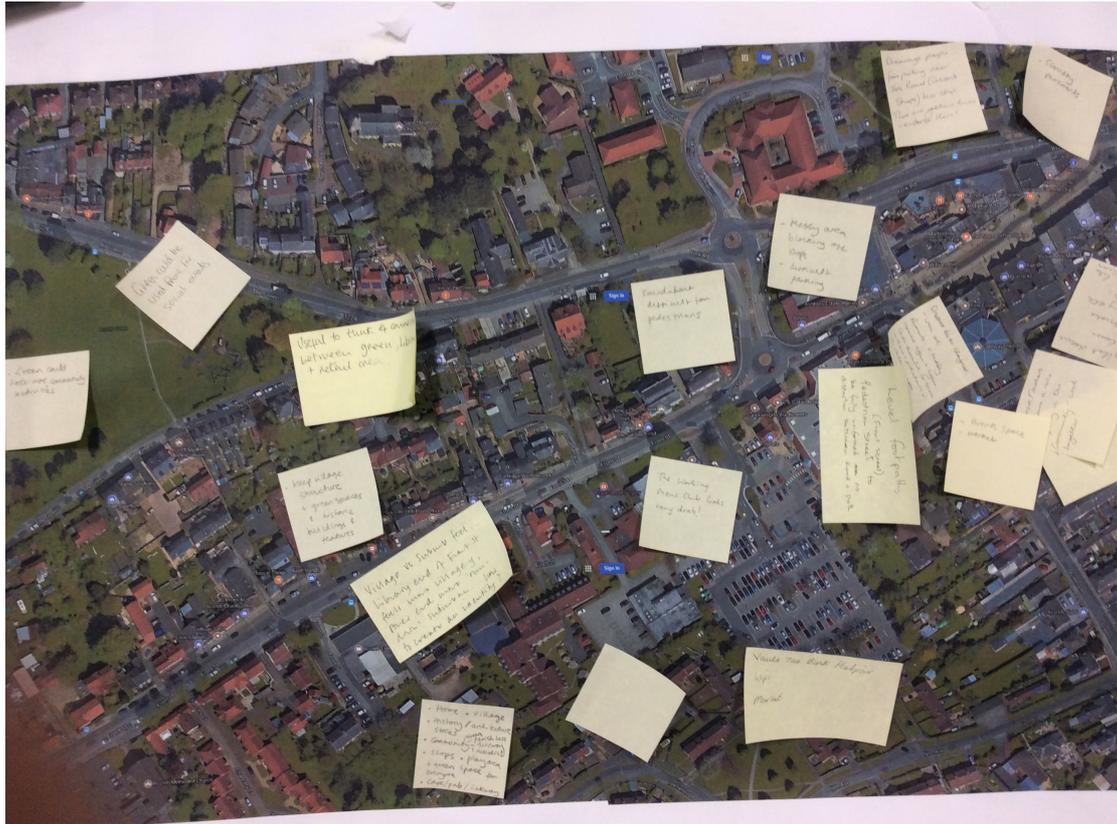
Front Street Resident Comments Chapelfields Community Association - bingo session

Comments	
Another Clothes shop like Bon Marche shop	Less Charity shops
DIY shop	Pound Shop
Seating at Bus Stop near Chinese	A nice covered seating area
Court area	

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Westfield Ward Committee

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City Screen supports One Planet York

What is One Planet York

- A growing network of organisations supporting the vision of a *more sustainable, resilient and collaborative 'One Planet' city.*
- One simple message:



- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs

Vibrant inclusive economy / Strong community

Healthy environment

The One Planet York framework

- 10 principles:

Health and happiness

Equity and local economy

Culture and community

Land use and wildlife

Sustainable water

Local and sustainable food

Sustainable materials

Sustainable transport

Zero waste

Zero carbon

What sort of things are people doing?

- **Sustainable food** – YourCafe
- **Inclusive economy** - JRF living wage
- **Zero waste** – York Repair Cafe
- **Health and wellbeing** – York Health Walks
- **Zero carbon** – York Minster’s Eco Church award
- **Sustainable transport** – York Bike Belles / Electric buses
- **Land use and nature** – Holgate Carriage Gardens



One Planet Council

Strong city leadership:

- Using water and energy more efficiently e.g. Rainwater harvesting
- Better Decision Making tool - Getting staff on board
- Buying and commissioning to support the 10 principles
- Yorwellbeing services
- Waste and recycling services

A city pulling together

One Planet York



Delivering practical action towards a more sustainable, resilient and collaborative 'One Planet' city



What can you do

- 1,000s of small practical actions can make a big difference (see toolkit)
- Become a 'One Planet' neighbourhood
- Ask your organisation to support the One Planet York vision
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- Come to the OPY Monthly Mingles



York: A liveable city?

Rank out of 324 local authority areas

Cambridge	1
Oxford	2
Bath	23
Warwick	28
York	48
Bristol	56
Harrogate	67
Leeds	72

One Planet York city scorecard

York's overall rank across economic, social and environmental measures is 48 out of 324 areas

Source: Grant Thornton Vibrant Economy Index Nov 2016



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