
MEETING	FISHERGATE WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	6 February 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR ANDY D'AGORNE COUNCILLOR MARK HILL
APOLOGIES	NONE
IN ATTENDANCE	18 Local Residents: Sgt Andy Haigh – Neighbourhood Police Officer Clair Bailey – CYC Street Environment Officer Steve Rouse – CYC Area Youth Worker Peter Callahan – Grantside Developers John Roberts – Assistant Development Officer Sarah Nicholson – CYC Neighbourhood Pride Officer Jonathan Tyler - Independent Chair

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2006 be approved as a correct record.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

A new Neighbourhood Policing structure was adopted on the 15 January. There is now a dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team – 1 sergeant and 2 officers. They solely deal with community issues and will be in the ward on foot and on bikes. PC Sam Bolland is the named officer for the ward. PCSO Steve Coultish is the named PCSO for the area and there are two other PCSO's for the area as well.

Residents were encouraged to let the police know where the problems are in the ward so they will be able to task resources to the area.

3. PLANS FOR THE TERRY'S SITE REDEVELOPMENT

Peter Callaghan brought display boards detailing the plans for the development of the Terry's site. Comments were encouraged. The Outline Planning application is in at the moment, but detailed planning approval is being applied for in March.

4. ASSESSMENT OF OPEN SPACE PROVISSION

An assessment of open space provision in the city is being undertaken by consultants for City of York Council. The aim is to find out whether the city's open spaces and playing pitches meet residents' needs, whether there are enough open spaces and pitches in York and if they are of high enough quality. This information will form part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework for the city. The consultation does not include indoor leisure facilities. The project has 5 phases:

1. gathering information from the Council
2. consulting with the public
3. assessing each open space site in the city

4. data analysis
5. developing the strategy for the city.

The methods of consultation were outlined which showed the diversity of people being consulted in different ways across the city. Methods included public meetings, exhibitions, questionnaires, email, mobile phone texts and post.

Residents were encouraged to fill in a questionnaire and return it free post to the consultants by 2 March. They want views on the quantity and quality of open space as well as the good and bad aspects to guide policy for the future.

5. **PLANNING PANEL REPORT**

Roger Moore gave a verbal report. A written report detailing the work of the planning panel was available and the following points were noted:

- Fishergate Planning panel has 14 members.
- The Planning Panel have asked the Council to look into the issue of extending the conservation area in Fishergate to protect green space.

Questions were taken from the floor and the following notes recorded:

- The Planning Panel are now being consulted on large developments such as the Terry's site.
- The panel want to work closely with other Planning panels on the boundaries. **Action:** Details of the Planning panel clerks in adjoining wards to be forwarded to Roger Moore.

6. **FREECYCLE**

Two per cent of York's population are involved in Freecycle. Freecycle is a group of people that pass on items that are "too good to throw out"... for free. They use the internet to communicate. It is a two way process, people can advertise and also ask for items. People can find the site and other information by visiting www.yorkrecycling.net

7. **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 07/08**

Residents were referred to the provisional list of local improvement schemes, for ward committee funding in 2007/2008, published in the Your Ward newsletter. Residents were asked for their comments:

- FS-07-24 & 25 – confirmation given on the costs given for the capital and revenue elements of installing and maintaining bins required. **Action:** Clarify capital and revenue costs for litter bins.
- FS-07-12 – goal posts were offered by the Melbourne Centre, the Parks and Open Spaces Officer has been notified.
- FS-07-28 – No precise location agreed, suggested near St Oswald's Road. **Action:** Consult with Friends of New Walk on the precise location.
- FS-07-22 – Reduced from £300 to £150 as the panel don't have to pay for venue hire, so budget flexible.

FS-07-27 – The budget figure has doubled as the scheme is suggesting the creation of a path, so it will probably cost a lot more than the original estimate, subject to consultation and feasibility.

RESOLVED:

- The schemes on the following list were agreed for funding next year subject to budget availability, feasibility and legality.
- If the budget is cut, Councillors will pare off money from the larger schemes, except Community Rangers, rather than lose small schemes.

Scheme Ref	Scheme Description	Est Cost
Revenue Schemes		
FS-07-01	Community Rangers to provide a responsive patrolling service to deal with anti-social behaviour in the ward	£4,500
FS-07-02	Grant to York University Student Union to extend the SSHH Campaign, to reduce noise in the ward	£200
FS-07-03	Grant to York & District Sports Federation to manage a 'funds for the gifted' project under which the wards' young sports persons are targeted – ages 18 years and under – who meet FFG criteria to help defray the training, travel and equipment costs associated with their chosen sport	£250
FS-07-04	Provision of a Youth Fund to support events and activities for young people in the ward	£3,000
FS-07-06	Plant low growing shrubs and spring bulbs on scruffy weed grass areas, on the right of the Keepers Cottage, Heslington Road	£100
FS-07-12	Grant to BAGNARA to pay for mini goalposts and dog notice at Fenby Field	£600
FS-07-14	Fund leaflet to promote recycling by students and subsidise free compost bins in the ward	£420
FS-07-15	Grant to Accessible Arts to purchase and fit some cycle racks at the Melbourne Centre, Escrick Street	£500
FS-07-16	Grant to modernise the Melbourne Centre to pay for some of the following: tables, chairs, a new large door and lockable storage cupboards for user groups	£1,500
FS-07-17	Repaint York Heraldic Shield on either side of Fishergate Bar	£1,000
FS-07-18	To fund a community outreach support worker to visit and support older residents identified as lonely and isolated	£4,575
FS-07-20	Fund a Planning Aid/Energy advice training session for the ward	£300
FS-07-21	Additional Your Ward pages	£230
FS-07-22	Funding support for expenses of the volunteer Planning Panel	£150
FS-07-24a	Maintenance for bins/emptying	£330
FS-07-25a	Maintenance for bins/emptying	£330
Capital Schemes		
FS-07-24b	Install litter bin near seats at traffic lights, Melrosegate crossroads	£550
FS-07-25b	Install litter bin near St Lawrence's School	£550
FS-07-26	Repair/replace bridges on Walmgate Stray and repair approaches to bridge with hardcore or similar material	£2,000
FS-07-27	Repair downhill path on the Heslington Road side of Walmgate Stray	£1,000
FS-07-28	2 Seats with back rests along cycle track, New Walk	£1,200
FS-07-29	Improve safety at Fishergate crossing by a decorative pedestrian barrier (similar to the station) to channel people on to the crossing	£1,350

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – 'HAVE YOUR SAY'

- Discus Bungalow Development Association thanked the ward committee for the £750 grant to fund an architect. They will be producing a report in the future.
- Resident thanked the councillors for their work.
- Residents encouraged to fill in the Neighbourhood Action Plan consultation document received with the last issue of Your Ward.

Jonathan Tyler, Independent Chair

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 9.10pm