

MEETING	Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake Ward Committee
DATE	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2006
PRESENT	CLLR Christian Vassie (Chair) CLLR David Livesley
IN ATTENDANCE	40 Residents Carol Johnson - CYC, Neighbourhood Pride Officer Simon Town - Funding Officer CYC Clare Bailey – Street Environment officer Racheal Buxton – Waste Strategy Derek Gauld – City Development & Transport Peter Callaghan and Andy Gardner - Terry's factory Development Representatives

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## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 meeting were agreed as a true record.

**Apologies.** No apologies were received

### **2. Funding Community Schemes**

Simon Town – funding officer from CYC gave an informative talk on the following:

- Some of the grants available
- Data bases containing information on grants
- Assistance with draft applications
- Explanation of the types of assistance he can offer groups

Simon gave out an information sheet explaining many of the above items. Attached was a Grant finder project search form for groups to use and contact details of Simon.

### **3. Bishopthorpe Cross Roads Project update**

Steve White – spokesperson for the group gave a brief update to the meeting about the groups work. He announced the first phase of the project was nearly complete – Sensory garden next to the library and an ‘opening event’ was planned for later in the month.

### **4. Crockey Hill Update**

Cllr Vassie covered this topic and explained to the meeting about the plans for the changes to the junction. A number of questions and comments were raised and Carol Johnson took note of them to pass on the Graham Kelly. Christian made it clear that the general view of the people of Wheldrake was that they wanted to see the junction controlled by traffic lights.

- Intelligent lighting - explore saving energy and costs
  - turn off during early hours of morning
  - reduced lighting early hours of morning

- if above measures are agreed and carried out across the city it could reduce lighting costs by 30% - can this be done?
- concern about lack of consideration for cyclists at junction. Would like to see a partial cycle lane at junction to make it easier for cyclists to make a right turn out of junction onto A19 or from A19 towards Wheldrake.
- Need to get the time and distance right approaching lights - chance to give the traffic enough safe time to slow down. Margin small so must be sure of the distances. Would also like to see count down markers. Do not give priority to wagons/heavy goods vehicles.
- Hope lessons were learned from the Copmanthorpe tragedies when new traffic lights were installed there.
- A19 heading north just after junction concern over closeness of entrance to The Forge to junction. Could the entrance be moved further north to make it safer?

## **5. Waste Strategy Unit – Composting.**

Racheal Buxton from the waste strategy unit gave an informative talk about composting. What to compost and how to use it.

She also talked about the eco depot, green waste and kerbside collections.

Residents asked a number of questions about recycling and composting. One resident asked what happens to the recycled collections. Racheal agreed to write an article outlining this in the next newsletter.

## **6. Terry's Factory Development**

Andy Gardener and Peter Callaghan from Grantside Developments gave a talk about the development. Site purchased in April, consultation with local Residents started in July 2006. They showed a plan of the site and explained it included employment opportunities, hotel, residential and community facilities. There would also be a private health club which would include a swimming pool.

They said they were happy to share information and were speaking at a number of Ward committee meetings.

One resident asked about medical provision on the site. It was hoped there would be a medical centre which would include a dentist and doctors surgery.

Cllr Vassie spoke to the meeting about future plans for a public swimming pool on the south side of the city at the university site Cllr Livesley also agreed with the need for this facility.

The Terry's site development is planned to be completed in 4 years. It is anticipated that the development will bring around 2000 jobs to the site and they were considering a mix of high density accommodation including affordable housing in the form of town houses and apartments – 300 to 400 homes. It is envisaged that the employment will come from light industry, retail, hotel and community facilities.

They explained that there would be another access road onto the site. There are discussions with Knavesmire school to expand to take the extra children.

## **7. 2007/8 Suggestions**

Cllr Vassie informed the meeting that he wanted to add another suggestion to the list: Ward funded play schemes over the summer holiday period 2007. 16 people supported proposal – none against.

BW-07-05 against proposal – need to change the angles of the bumps. I resident stated that he was affected by the bumps as they were just outside his property. He stated he wanted them taken out completely. Other residents stated the bumps were there to safeguard the children at the school close by.

It was generally felt that the Ward committee budget should not be used to pay for road resurfacing.

Mike Pickerton representing the Sports Federation spoke in support of their bid.

Sally Walker asked for possible extending of footpath between the north bound bus stop and Howden lane to enable residents on Howden Lane to reach the bus stop safely.

## **4. Any other business**

Cllr Vassie opened discussion on the proposed extension to Wheldrake School. He explained where the project was up to and invited residents to speak on the subject.

Cllr Livesley took over the chair for this agenda item.

Cllr. Livesley explained that a letter had been received from the York Diocesan Board stating that the board's Social Responsibilities Committee and the board's environment officer had been asked by the Bishop of Whitby to draw up an Environmental Policy that which would cover issues such as those at the school and provide an agreed framework within which decisions could be made. Cllr. Vassie welcomed this and answered questions as to why Wheldrake School was not benefiting from sustainability as were other schools in York. He explained that he had received interest from various funding bodies regarding funding various aspects of the school extension: including rain harvesting [Awards for All, and Norwich Union] and the community library [Barclay's Community Fund].

Andrew Harris from Wheldrake explained that his company built schools and that for new builds it was relatively easy to incorporate sustainability and environmentally friendly aspects to the design but it was more difficult with existing buildings. Most residents wanted children to benefit from sustainability issues and it would be a good time to upgrade the school.

Some residents expressed concern that insistence on consideration of these proposals may delay the planning consent. Cllrs said there should be a minimum of delay and that those delays would not jeopardise the project. It was agreed that, if necessary, the school would consider submitting the proposal for a wind turbine at a future date if its consideration would greatly delay the progress of the planning application.

Cllr Livesley wholeheartedly supported the views of Cllr Vassie and stated that as Cllr Vassie was the Eco champion for the city it was his duty to encourage as many projects as possible to consider such measures. Cllr Vassie was happy with the suggested compromises.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm