



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum Extraordinary Partnership Board (Southern)

Venue: Hambleton Village Hall, 3 Station Road, Hambleton, YO8 9HS

Date: Wednesday 6 September 2017

Time: 6.00 pm.

Present: District and County Councillors

Councillors M Jordan (Chair), C Lunn, D Peart and Mrs D White.

Co-opted Members

G Ivey, S Laurenson, D Perry and K Westwood.

Apologies: F Conor.

Officers present: Chris Hailey-Norris, Association of Voluntary Service (AVS) Development Officer; Angela Crossland, Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers (Selby District Council); Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager (Selby District Council); and Alice Courtney, Democratic Services Officer (Selby District Council).

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14. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor White declared that she was the Ward Councillor for Whitley, the location of Cridling Stubbs Village Hall, which was the subject of the funding discussion for the Extraordinary Partnership Board meeting.

15. PARTNERSHIP BOARD REPORT – CRIDLING STUBBS VILLAGE HALL

The report was presented by the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers, who highlighted that officers had undertaken further investigation into Cridling Stubbs Village Hall due to concerns about previous funding given to support works to improve the roof of the Village Hall. The Partnership Board were

informed that it had been decided by officers that a further level of due diligence was required to ensure that the grant could be appropriately awarded and that value for money was achieved.

In response to questions from the Partnership Board on how structurally sound the Village Hall was in its current state, the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers referred to the report, highlighting that two possible options had been recommended by officers:

- The first option was to award funds to be used for a conditions survey of the building upon receipt of quotes from the Village Hall Committee. The outcome of the survey would be shared with the Partnership Board and officers within Selby District Council.
- The second option was to grant funds to the Village Hall Committee to be used for legal support, upon receipt of quotes from the Village Hall Committee. This would support the Village Hall Committee in relation to the pursuit of monies paid to the previous contractor responsible for the sub-standard works on the Village Hall.

At this point in the meeting, Dave Perry entered the room.

The Partnership Board queried whether the Village Hall Committee had attempted to reclaim the money from the previous contractor. The Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers explained that the current Village Hall Committee had alerted North Yorkshire Trading Standards (NYTS) with concerns about the quality of the contractor's work. As a result, NYTS were conducting their own investigation; however they would not be involved in reclaiming the money as this was outside their remit. It was then confirmed that no other steps had been taken by the current Village Hall Committee to reclaim the money from the previous works.

In relation to Option 1 of the report, the Partnership Board questioned the need for a conditions survey of the Village Hall. Concerns were also raised that the conditions survey would lead into the winter months and the building would be put at risk by poor weather conditions.

The AVS Development Officer outlined the current state of the building, and highlighted that a conditions survey would allow the full scale of the problems relating to the Village Hall to be identified. It was also noted that if carried out, the conditions survey could act as evidence for the new Village Hall Committee in reclaiming the money from the previous roof work.

The Chair proposed Option 1 as outlined in the report, as it was felt that this was the most viable option to ensure that the money was spent wisely. It was agreed that once a quote for the conditions survey was obtained then this would be run by the Chair. The Chair also suggested that the Partnership Board be kept informed of progress.

At this point in the meeting, Steve Laurenson entered the room.

RESOLVED:

To accept Option 1 of the officer recommendations to agree that a full conditions survey be undertaken however the Chair be notified of the quote before the funding is released.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.18 p.m.
