



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum Partnership Board (Southern)

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	Wednesday 11 October 2017
Time:	6.30 pm.
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors M Jordan (Chair), C Lunn, C Pearson and D White. <u>Co-opted Members</u> S Laurenson and D Perry.
Apologies:	Councillor D Peart, G Ivey and F Conor.
Officers present:	Richard Welch, Principle Planning Policy Officer (Selby District Council) (for minute item 17); Chris Hailey-Norris, Association of Voluntary Service (AVS) Development Officer; and Alice Courtney, Democratic Services Officer (Selby District Council).
Others present:	Steve Carr, funding applicant (Carlton Towers Cricket Club).
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16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Chair proposed that the order of the agenda be amended to allow the Pool of Sites Consultation to be considered first, followed by the minutes of the last two Partnership Board meetings, and then the funding application. This was agreed by the Partnership Board.

17. POOL OF SITES CONSULTATION

The Principle Planning Policy Officer introduced the site allocation consultation, and highlighted that the current consultation formed part of the plan for the district and was about how development in the district was placed. The Partnership Board was informed that a development management document followed on from the current consultation as the next stage in the wider planning process.

The Principle Planning Policy Officer detailed the number of dwellings that were required to be built in the district, outlined in the Core Strategy, along with the number of dwellings that had been completed to date. It was stated that Selby and Tadcaster had been under-developed, and Sherburn-in-Elmet and other Designated Service Villages (DSVs) had exceeded their allocated requirement of new dwellings.

The Partnership Board queried whether the over-developed areas in Sherburn-in-Elmet and DSVs would balance out the under-development in Selby and Tadcaster in terms of the number of new dwellings required. The Principle Planning Policy Officer stated that this was not possible because the Core Strategy had to be followed in relation to the allocation of new dwellings within specific areas, so the required number of houses had to be met in each area.

The Principle Planning Policy Officer outlined that 516 sites had originally been submitted as part of the wider sites consultation process, and that a multistage process was used to assess the sustainability and appropriateness of the sites submitted, which allowed sites to be sifted and reduced in number. It was explained that a site assessment methodology (SAM) was used to do the initial sift of sites, whereby factors such as site constraints were assessed which helped to ascertain if sites were deemed suitable.

The Partnership Board was informed that the initial sift had reduced the number of sites to 318, and then a further sift was undertaken, where sites in over-developed areas, when compared to the Core Strategy requirements, were sifted out. This had left 145 sites which were considered in the current pool of sites consultation.

It was highlighted by Partnership Board members, however, that windfalls in relation to developments still occurred, as officers did not have a veto on sites simply because they were over-developed.

Members of the Partnership Board who had seen the consultation documents stated that the documents were clear and easily understandable. It was also noted that the documents were easily accessible online and at specified deposit points across the district.

The Principle Planning Policy Officer highlighted that the Council's approach to greenbelt land was detailed within the documentation, and that the Council was undertaking a partial greenbelt review near Tadcaster.

Members of the Partnership Board queried infrastructure provision for developments in relation to Broadband connection. The Partnership Board asked if applications for developments had conditions attached that required the developer to ensure that Broadband connectivity was supplied.

The Principle Planning Policy Officer stated that he had met with BT about that issue, and a BT representative had explained that the company had decided to run an incentive scheme that encouraged developers to supply optical fibre Broadband for new developments. The Principle Planning Policy Officer also stated that the issue could be looked at as part of the development management plan that followed the consultation period.

Partnership Board members asked the Principle Planning Policy Officer whether officers would consider the provision of extra doctors' surgeries where new developments were built. It was confirmed that the development management plan would deal with this in more detail and that he currently had no information that could be provided to the Partnership Board on this matter.

The Principle Planning Policy Officer highlighted that the current consultation period would last eight weeks, which meant that it would end on 27 November, and that the consultation documents were available to the public at specific deposit points across the district.

The Partnership Board requested that the presentation be emailed out to Board members, and the Chair thanked the Principle Planning Policy Officer for his attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To ask the Principle Planning Policy Officer to email the presentation to the Democratic Services Officer, to be forwarded to all Partnership Board members.

18. MINUTES

The Partnership Board considered the minutes of the Southern CEF Partnership Board meeting held on 27 July 2017, and the Extraordinary Partnership Board meeting held on 6 September 2017.

RESOLVED:

To confirm both sets of minutes as a correct record of the meetings outlined above.

19. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Partnership Board considered the following funding application:

Carlton Towers Cricket Club

The application was for £11,883 to provide a new scoring facility and sightscreens for Carlton Towers Cricket Club. The applicant was present and

gave the Partnership Board a brief history of the club, and highlighted that his application was part of a much larger project that the club had endeavoured to undertake to improve the club.

The applicant explained that the club was a valued asset within the village, and had worked with the village and the Parish Council to hold events. It was also highlighted that the members of the club were not limited to residents of the village and that there were members from surrounding villages too.

It was outlined that the current equipment that the club used was not fit for purpose and needed updating to ensure that the club attracted new members of all ages and abilities.

It was highlighted that the applicant had asked for either the scoring facility (£6,723) or the sightscreens (£5,160) to be funded by the Southern CEF.

The Chair requested that a plaque from the Southern CEF be displayed at the cricket club when the equipment focus project had been completed, if the application was approved. The applicant stated that the Southern CEF could also be advertised on the website for the York Senior League if the application was approved.

At this point in the meeting the funding applicant left the room while the Partnership Board considered the application, and did not return.

The Partnership Board considered the application in line with the Funding Framework, and agreed to fund the scoring facility for £6,723.

The AVS Development Officer also highlighted that the cricket club had expressed an interest in holding a future CEF at the club.

RESOLVED:

- i) To APPROVE £6,723 funding to Carlton Towers Cricket Club for the provision of a new scoring facility.**
- ii) To consider holding a future Forum at the cricket club once the equipment focus scheme is completed.**

20. SOUTHERN CEF PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Democratic Services Officer explained that a vacancy had arisen on the Partnership Board due to a change in the personal circumstances of one of the co-opted members, Jack Davie. The Partnership Board asked the Democratic Services Officer to enquire whether Michael Senior from Eggborough Parish Council wanted to be co-opted onto the Partnership Board.

The Partnership Board drew attention to another co-opted member, Kathleen Walton, who had suggested that she wanted to step down – the Partnership Board asked the Democratic Services Officer to investigate the matter.

The Democratic Services Officer was also asked to enquire whether co-opted member Jack Burbridge wanted to remain on the Partnership Board.

The AVS Development Officer mentioned that the Eastern CEF Partnership Board had co-opted former funding recipients which gave the CEF a different dynamic, and suggested that the Southern CEF Partnership Board could do the same.

The Partnership Board asked the Democratic Services Officer to ask the funding applicant if he, or another representative from Carlton Towers Cricket Club, would be interested in being co-opted if another vacancy arose.

RESOLVED:

- i) To ask the Democratic Services Officer to enquire whether Michael Senior, Eggborough Parish Council would consider becoming a co-opted member.**
- ii) To ask the Democratic Services Officer to enquire whether co-opted member Kathleen Walton wants to remain a co-opted member.**
- iii) To ask the Democratic Services Officer to enquire whether co-opted member Jack Burbridge wants to remain a co-opted member.**
- iv) To ask the funding applicant if he, or a representative from Carlton Towers Cricket Club, would consider becoming a co-opted member, should another vacancy arise.**

21. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported back to the Partnership Board on the CEF Chairs meeting which he attended earlier in the week. He highlighted that he had been informed about funding opportunities from Stronger Communities, which he was not aware existed until the meeting.

The Partnership Board was informed about the £500,000 annual budget of the 'Achieve' funding stream related to Stronger Communities grants, and the Chair highlighted that he had discussed the possibility of Selby District Council receiving one seventh of this money, which would be distributed through the CEFs as a pilot scheme to help ensure equitable distribution of the Stronger Communities funds across the County. It was further suggested that if successful, the model could be replicated across all districts in the County, and as a result the administration and governance costs of the County Council would be reduced.

The Chair explained that he had discussed the idea with representatives from North Yorkshire County Council, and that the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers had been asked to speak to officers at North Yorkshire County Council about the proposal.

The Partnership Board supported the proposal to look into gaining extra funds from Stronger Communities that would be distributed through the CEF.

The Partnership Board noted the Chair's Annual Report, which was presented at the last Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

i) **To support the proposal that the CEFs look at gaining a share of the 'Achieve' funding stream from Stronger Communities, to be distributed through the CEFs.**

ii) **To note the Chair's Annual Report to full Council.**

22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Partnership Board considered progress and developments related to the Community Development Plan. The AVS Development Officer gave updates on Selby District Vision and the Yorkshire Energy Doctor, and stated that they had been very active within the Southern CEF area. It was also noted that the Cinema at Hambleton had launched a few weeks ago and had worked well.

It was noted that longer term projects were the key to ensure that issues across the geographical area of the Southern CEF were addressed.

The AVS Development Officer highlighted that the implementation of the new CEF logos would positively impact publicity, because the CEF could ensure plaques were issued to, and displayed by funding recipients.

Partnership Board members pointed out that the Training for Employment (Yorkshire) CIC project appeared to be falling behind schedule. The AVS Development Officer highlighted that this was due to the age restriction, which had since been lifted.

Members of the Partnership Board asked for an update in relation to the Cridling Stubbs Village Hall grant application. The Democratic Services Officer highlighted that the Village Hall Committee had sought three quotes for the conditions survey, and that it had been confirmed with the Chair that he was satisfied with the amount of £840.

It was stated that the relevant paperwork had been sent to the Village Hall Committee for completion prior to the funds being released.

RESOLVED:

**To note progress and developments relating to the
Community Development Plan.**

23. MARKETING AND PUBLICITY

The Partnership Board noted that the last public Forum had been a success and was extremely well attended. The AVS Development Officer highlighted that the plan was to replicate the marketing and publicity strategy for the next public Forum in December.

It was agreed that the reverse side of the Forum flyer should have information that advertised Southern CEF funding opportunities.

Partnership Board members raised concerns over the recent crime wave within the Southern CEF area, and the Chair assured Partnership Board members that the Police had set up a task force to deal with the situation. It was noted that the Police would attend the next public Forum, and would be asked to update Partnership Board members on the crime wave.

RESOLVED:

- i) To replicate the marketing and publicity strategy used for the Forum at Hambleton for the next Forum in December.**
- ii) To ask the Police to update the Partnership Board on the recent crime wave at the next Forum.**

24. BUDGET UPDATE

The Partnership Board considered the Southern CEF budget.

The Democratic Services Officer informed the Partnership Board that the Thorpe Willoughby Sports Club loan had been repaid in full.

RESOLVED:

To note the budget update.

25. IMPACT REPORTS

The Partnership Board noted the impact report received from West Haddlesey Parish meeting, and Partnership Board members highlighted that the area looked much better now.

RESOLVED:

To note the impact report.

26. NEXT MEETING

The Partnership Board confirmed the date and location of the next Partnership Board meeting as Thursday 11 January 2018, 6.30pm at the Civic Centre. It was

also confirmed that the next Forum would take place at Eggborough Methodist Church, but on the revised date of Thursday 14 December 2017, at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED:

- i) To confirm the next Partnership Board meeting as Thursday 11 January 2018, 6.30pm at the Civic Centre, Selby.**
- ii) To confirm the next Forum as Thursday 14 December 2017, 6.30pm at Eggborough Methodist Church.**

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.