

Western Community Engagement Forum (CEF)

Community Development Plan 2017-18

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Introduction

Community Engagement Forums are collaboration between a range of partners including the District Council, County Council, Town council, Parish Councils, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, local businesses and community groups along with individual residents. Our aim is to encourage, assist and empower the local community to create the environment and services they would like and need.

The Western CEF started in October 2010, covering the following towns and villages: Birkin, Brotherton, Burton Salmon, Byram, Fairburn, Hillam, Lumby, Monk Fryston, Newthorpe, Sherburn in Elmet and South Milford

Over Arching Priorities

The Western CEF is keen to support and develop initiatives which;

- Improve the quality of life for individuals across the Western CEF area
- Provide solutions for community issues
- Trial new ideas that will benefit residents and improve the local area



Current Key Issues being Addressed

Youth Services
Working with North Yorkshire Youth and BeeAble to review service provision for teenagers and disaffected young people.
Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 16 – agreed to fund BeeAble to provide a Detached Youth Service for a year from 1st September 2016. Bank of hours for 2 workers. Lesley Senior, Director of BeeAble, to attend Partnership Board meetings to update on developments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 16 – promotional poster prepared, workers in place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ July 16 – PB to agree poster wording for circulation to all Parish Councils, Community Groups and police.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ July 16 – promotion commenced being distributed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September 16 – Service to commence for a year.

- October 16 Lesley Senior, Director of Bee-Able provided the Board with an update regarding the provision of youth services in the Western CEF area. Members were informed that two detached youth workers had begun working in the Western CEF area.

The Director of Bee-Able reported that she had recently become aware of two North Yorkshire County Council youth workers also working in the Western CEF area.

A 'youth bus' is available for the youth workers to use; however they currently did not hold the appropriate driving licenses to drive the bus and the cost was preventing them taking the test.

There was some discussion regarding Sherburn Youth Council and the venue being inadequate. Councillor Hobson reported that fundraising had been undertaken to upgrade facilities at the venue.

- January 17 - BeeAble held a day at Highfield in Sherburn-in-Elmet on the 25th of November, not as many young people attend as hoped but the ones who did made it very clear that they really want the park area to stay, they would like it revamped and would be happy to get involved with fundraising events. We used the 4youth bus which was a fantastic asset, please can someone help with getting this utilised on a regular basis! Bee-Able would be more than happy to support someone through they training to enable this.

They have also attended some of the already established youth clubs within the area to get to know the staff (NYCC youth workers) and young people.

Lesley also visited the village hall in Burton Salmon as they are interested in starting a youth club, she shared her experiences with them and gave relevant contacts and telephone numbers. They are in the process of gaining ownership of the village hall so would not move forward until that has happened.

Two staff have also spent time walking the streets in Sherburn! The young people's views all appear to be the same, they think the facilities at Eversley are good but would like something similar at Highfield. They also mentioned the current youth club venue is really not suitable and that's why they don't go.

- 03/04/2017 meeting attended by Stacey Summerland (Bee-Able) Councillor Robert Packham (Parish Council) Julie Jackson (Time-Out) Apologies Aimi Brookes (Selby District Council) Charlotte Keable (NYCC) Craig Ward (Bee-Able) Lesley Senior (Bee-Able)
Discussion Meeting held at Time Out, Sherburn to discuss outcomes of the Open Day held on Friday 25 November 2016. It was mentioned that the garages at the Highfields area were planned to be knocked down and replaced with bungalows. Though the timescale of the plans moving forward were unknown. This was thought to be in the control of Selby Housing Trust and could reduce the parking spaces that are currently available, which in turn will raise concerns on current parking issues.

Concerns on parking were discussed. Initially, it caused a huge impact through temporary closure of the schools entrance due to the new Athelstan school building. This resulted in residents/parents collecting children from the school parking on the grass verge, which has resulted in the ground foundations being damaged and grass overturned. It was discussed that a large portion of properties had long driveways but, were not necessarily being used.

Concerns on the overflowing rubbish bins were discussed. There was mention of them being set on fire, bottles smashed on the play area and general untidiness. It was mentioned that the bins were not emptied on a regular basis, if at all.

Discussions were made on the current use of the park facilities as well as age and maintenance of them and how the park area can be utilised to bring the youths of the community together.

These included:

- Facilities to play sports (especially football). It was noted that a multi-purpose sports pen is not needed as these are being built at Fairways, believing to be for hire purposes only. Mini skatepark and fitness equipment were favoured by individuals, for both youths and parents to use. It was mentioned that there would be cost implications to this type of equipment. 2 03/04/2017 Highfields, Sherburn in Elmet

- Indoor shelter with Wi-Fi for individuals to access, where social interaction could develop new/maintain friendships although, supervision would be required. Discussions of voluntary staff/parents were noted. It was mentioned that the materials used would need to be long lasting with very little maintenance and not easily damaged to be worth installing. It was also mentioned that if each area within Sherburn could specialise in a certain type of equipment, to share, that this would bring youths with similar interests together, which could result in new friendships being developed and further social interaction, as well as, positive community spirit.

It was mentioned that a group of youths were hanging around the building of Time-Out, breaking in and causing damage. Local authorities have been made aware and equipment such as CCTV has been put in place. A group of youths are hanging around the library/childrens centre situated in Sherburn. It is believed that they are being able to access the Wi-Fi located at the library but, also vandalising the external walls. It was noted that youth work will be carried out at these two premises to build rapport with the youths and find out what could benefit them in the area.

Actions

It was agreed that Bob would seek further info from Selby District Council regarding the facilities, maintenance records and costs of any repairs carried out.

It was agreed that Stacey would speak to a parent of Highfields about setting up a community/parent group consisting of 10 parents/youths, to meet and discuss fundraising ideas and plans for the Highfields area moving forward.

It was agreed that Stacey/Craig would carry out youth work at the library and Time-Out where groups of youths are present (evening/weekends) to aid them in finding something that they could potentially benefit from.

It was agreed that Julie would help out where she is able to and continue allowing meetings to be held at TimeOut.

Meeting held in June 2017

It has been identified that the facilities at Highfields have undergone two lots of repairs between October 2014 and June 2016, on the safety surface and a further repair to damaged panels of the shelter in October 2016. This amounted to £9,000. The facilities have safety inspections carried out monthly between the winter months (October-March) and fortnightly in the summer months (April-September). Minor wear and tear repairs are carried out when identified. The rubbish bins are still overflowing and general untidiness of the area still occurs.

Additional work was carried out at two other sites (Time-Out and the Library) that were receiving inappropriate behaviour from youths (vandalism), but nothing was seen. There were no further reports.

As we are unsure whether space of the Highfields area will be lost to the bungalow plans, it seems unfair to build the communities hopes up so it is felt that once the information has been received by Social Housing Trust, another meeting will be scheduled to discuss the plans of moving forward with a community group, including the benefits of this and invitation of the community.



Western Walks Project
Creating a series of public walks across the Western CEF area
Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th Jan 16 The Partnership Board noted that the ‘Western Walks’ project had been completed successfully, and it was suggested that a further five walks could be adopted as a CEF project for 2016. The Board agreed to defer a decision on the additional walks to allow more time to evaluate the success of the initial project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from David Walker in March, he would appreciate an update regarding posters being put up at Birkin Fisheries Tea Room for walk No. 3 and walk No.1 from the Cross Keys at Hillam. Have the other venues been given their posters too?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 16 – over half of all walks booklets have been distributed. Continue to bring them to all CEF events and meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 16 - The Development Officer reported that the walks had been very popular and he had received positive feedback. <p>The Chair requested that the Democratic Services Officer publish some information regarding the Walking Project on the Western CEF page of the Council’s website.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 17 – Walk booklets have continued to be distributed – only a handful remain from the original print run.

Combined community sports facility in Monk Fyston
To bring together the football and cricket grounds into an expanded sports facility.
Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th Jan 16 Clive Hoyland from Monk Fyston Football Club was introduced to the Partnership Board and outlined his idea for a combined community sports facility in Monk Fyston, which would bring together the football and cricket grounds. He explained that the project was at an early stage and that he would be approaching various agencies and bodies to explore what funding may be available and the feasibility of the project. <p>21st Jan Chris HN attended a planning meeting with the steering group to discuss governance models, funding strategy, community consultation and useful networks</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 16 - The Development Officer reported that a discussion with Clive Hoyland from Monk Fyston Football Club regarding progress with the project had taken place in October and funding to progress the project was still required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 16 – the Development Officer had met with the group again in December. They have created a CIC and have completed a Project Brief for submission to the Western CEF. A meeting has also taken place with Heather Kennedy.



- Feb 17 – the group made their submission for professional support to progress funding further. Their award was successful. Work is now taking place to recruit the best person to progress with the work.
- June 17 – meetings continue with the group. Plans have been developed and the assistance of the Development Officer has been requested to look at potential sources of funding
- July 17 – Development Officer has prepared and emailed over funding options report, with details of how to apply to a range of different organisations.



Community Cafes

To provide support to local communities wishing to develop a community cafe.

Progress

- Chris HN contacted Horton Housing for information regarding their Community Cafes and also received information regarding the Escrick Café.
- Horton Housing currently running 6 community cafes in Hambleton, Womersley, Eggborough, Sherburn, Tadcaster and Selby, some are weekly and others fortnightly. In total over 160 active attendees on the books and generally in excess of 100 attending weekly.
- Eastern CEF, Parish Council, Stronger Communities and Chris HN have worked together to create a Community Café in Escrick. Launched in January 2016 the weekly café is sustainable with volunteers, transport available for those need a lift, book library and speakers.
- Suggest both organisations come to speak at a future Public Forum?
- June 16 – Community Café Public Forum – 3 speakers talking about 3 different models, well attended and lots of questions asked.
- July 16 – 3 localities exploring model to use for developing a Community Café
- October 16 - The Chair reported that he had visited community cafés located in Ripon and Escrick; he informed the Board that he was aware of five people interested in establishing a community café in Fairburn.

The Development Officer suggested that the community café model operated by Horton Housing could be adopted by the Western CEF.
- February 17 – support has been provided by the CEF Chair and Development Officer for the development of a community café in Fairburn. Funding has been awarded by the Western CEF towards the first year running costs.

Assistance has been provided regarding governance structures and the opening of a Bank account. The Development Officer has linked them up with the Escrick Community Café for additional support and ideas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 17 – assistance has been provided by the Development Officer on the creation of a funding application to develop a Community Café in Sherburn.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 17 – Launch of Fairburn Community Café. 80 people attended. June 17 - I have had a great response from our visitors on Wednesday mornings and in total now – since opening on 1st March – I have banked £700 as well as buying all the necessary equipment mentioned below, including 18 new teapots. <p>Our visitors have expressed that as they are only there a couple of hours at the most, they don't think any 'interruption' to their friendly get together would be welcome. I have made a couple of suggestions of having visitors/talks but they really do have a good time together. They have produced hundreds of poppies for the Selby Abbey campaign. I am considering a few other suggestions but as it is going well, and they are not looking for any entertainment, I will play that by ear. The feedback I have received is that it is the best thing that has happened in the village for a very long time. Keeping the people happy is all I want to do.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 17 – Funding for the development of the Community Café in Sherburn agreed. June 17 - At long last work has started on the school. We have had all the asbestos removed and now we are on with sorting out the leaks to the flat roof and refurbishing the toilets. We have got through the first stage of the Big Lottery Fund new process and we are working on getting the answers to the next set of questions which have been posed. We are also waiting to hear back from St Gobain on a funding application.



CEF Promotion
To continue to raise awareness of the work of the CEF and opportunities available.
Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 16 – Investigate cost of having a CEF notice board in each village / town June 16 – range of options researched and passed onto Chair July 16 – agreed Daniel to contact each Parish Council to ask what type of noticeboard they would like and where they would like it positioned. October 16 - There was some discussion in relation to advertising the Western CEF information on roundabouts in the area. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to seek further information from the relevant officer at Selby District Council. January 17 - We now have a list of Parish Councils who would like a notice board. February 17 – design of a new Western CEF logo has commenced. March 17 – Comments from the CEF Board fed back and a new draft design completed. March 17 – Partnership Board agreed the type of notice boards to be purchased and the cost has been agreed. Daniel currently liaising with manufacturers for delivery and agreement with each Parish Council for the installation



Addressing Environmental Issues

To find solutions in relation to environmental issues and improving access to nature

Progress

Fly-Tipping

- July 16 – PB concerned at the latest information regarding the increase in Fly – Tipping. It was agreed that a specific forum should be developed inviting all key stakeholders to help look at what communities can do to address this issue.
- October 16 – There was some discussion in relation to fly-tipping and the Western CEF funding signage in local hotspots to deter offenders. It was suggested that 10 large signs and 10 smaller signs be funded by the CEF and placed in various fly-tipping hotspots throughout the Western CEF area.

The Democratic Services Officer agreed to email Western CEF parish council clerks to ask if they felt their area needed a fly-tipping deterrent sign, the number of signs needed and the location.
The Development Officer agreed to seek a quote for the production of the signs and to report back at the next Partnership Board meeting.
- January 17 – Costs have been secured for production of signs. However it looks like SDC are doing something similar so it was agreed to put this element on hold for now.
- It was agreed to fund a re-print of the fly – tipping leaflet at the PB meeting in January 17. The content was circulated to the speakers for comment and amendments made.
- February 17 - additional changes made. Information sent across to designer to draft new leaflet.
- March 17 – additional changes requested by Partnership Board and SDC. Changes made, but further amendments requested by SDC and fed back to designer.
- Fly Tipping Signs – Information has been requested from each Parish Council regarding the location of their notices in order to secure a final costing from the manufacturers.
- June 17 – confirmation that all of the fly tipping leaflets have been distributed out
- August 17 – updates so far received from the following Parish Councils;
 - Hillam – they want 10 signs
 - Huddleston with Newthorpe – they don't want any signs
 - Sherburn in Elmet – they want 10 signs
 - South Milford – they want 6 signs
- Need to confirm what they are being attached to so that the appropriate signs are ordered.

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Access to the Sherburn Fishing Club

- July 16 – PB received application to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users at the Fishing club – this was agreed
- April 17 - Councillor Buckle agreed to liaise with the Wheatsheaf Angling Club to bring an update on the disabled platforms project to the next Board meeting.

Community Health and Safety

Defibrillators – enabling communities to establish this additional facility

Progress

- October 16 – requested that this issue be added to the CDP.

Cuban Community Dancing

Tiempo Espana Dance Academy

Progress

- April 17 - Providing five courses of Cuban Salsa dance classes in the Western CEF area. Each course would consist of six classes, which would be provided at a discounted charge initially to local residents. Sessions will primarily be held during the evening, but the CIC would be flexible if demand was identified for daytime sessions.
- June 17 – Development Officer met with Aimi and Ben to plan locations, timetable, pricing structure and promotion. Agreed to aim for initial start in September 17.

August 17 - We have been in touch with Ray from Monk Fryston who has been great and have organised a start date for our 6 week course in the community centre for the Wednesday the 27th of September from 10.30-11.30am. We are just waiting on some flyer designs so we can fully advertise this but in the meanwhile our C.I.C. website is online at: <https://tiempoespanacic.wixsite.com/tiempo-espanacic>

We have also been in touch with Burton Salmon regarding starting a 6 week course there but have heard that the village hall is in the process of changing ownership and have not been able to get a confirmed start date on this one yet.

We have an email address for our C.I.C. which is tiempoespanadancecic@hotmail.com

