



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum Partnership Board (Southern)

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	Thursday 11 January 2018
Time:	6.30pm
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors D Peart (Chair) and C Lunn <u>Co-opted Members</u> Fiona Conor, Steve Laurenson, Dave Perry, Steve Carr and Keith Westwood.
Apologies:	Councillor M Jordan, Councillor C Pearson and G Ivey.
Officers present:	Angela Crossland, Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers (Selby District Council); Chris Hailey-Norris, Association of Voluntary Service (AVS) Development Officer; and Victoria Foreman, Democratic Services Officer (Selby District Council).
Others present:	Brenda Oldfield and Paul Stringer, funding applicants (Eggborough Methodist Church) Emily Havercroft and Phil Dodson, funding applicants (Selby District Disability Forum) Josh Windle, Discosize Instructor
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27. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Chair proposed that the order of the agenda be amended to allow the co-opted member vacancy and funding applications to be considered first, followed by the minutes of the last Partnership Board meeting, and then

the rest of the business as set out in the agenda. This was agreed by the Partnership Board.

28. CO-OPTED MEMBER VACANCY

It was proposed and seconded to nominate Steve Carr to fill the vacancy of a co-opted member on the Partnership Board.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Steve Carr to fill one vacancy of a co-opted member on the Southern CEF Partnership Board.

29. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Partnership Board considered the following funding applications:

Eggborough Methodist Church

The application was for £5,480.07 to provide an 'Over 50's Computer Club'. The applicant was present and gave the Partnership Board a brief history of the recent refurbishment of the church and the various activities that take place there, as well as levels of attendance.

The applicant explained that the church was a valued asset within the village, and following the renovations was a welcoming and attractive building. A questionnaire from July 2017 had identified the local need for an Over 50's Computer Club.

It was outlined that the funding would be used to have broadband installed in the church, employ an IT tutor to be available for 2 to 3 hours a week, and to purchase a printer and paper to print off guides and examples of work. Residents would then be able to attend weekly sessions to problem solve, increase IT knowledge and confidence. The IT tutor was in attendance at the meeting to explain his role further.

The Board noted how progress and outcomes would be measured. It was hoped that the sessions would remain free, but was also acknowledged that after the year's funding from the CEF had been used, charges for sessions may need to be levied to keep the service going.

The Partnership Board considered the application in line with the Funding Framework, and agreed to fund the Computer Club for £5,480.07.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE £5,480.07 funding to Eggborough Methodist Church for the set up and running of an Over 50's Computer Club.

Selby Hands of Hope

The application for the 'Reaching Out' project from Selby Hands of Hope was for £5,750 to coordinate a series of 12 'pop-up' days in villages across the Southern CEF area, tying in to other community events taking place. Publicity and staff to transport a range of items from across the two shops would be provided.

The Board noted that the profits from the sales would be used to build a pot of funds to hold future events in the Southern CEF area. The funding would also be used to increase the number of people attending a weekly Discosize class, in order to also make it sustainable and self-funding.

The applicant from Selby Hands of Hope was not present at the meeting, but Chris Hailey-Norris from Selby District AVS and Josh Windle, Discosize instructor, gave an overview of the application and its aims.

The Partnership Board was informed that the Discosize class had so far attracted a diverse range of people with physical disabilities, people with mobility problems and many who were isolated and lonely.

Chris Hailey Norris explained how the pop-up shops would work, and that a similar initiative would be proposed for the Tadcaster and Villages CEF area. The Board acknowledged that the Discosize fitness and friendship classes were only a Southern CEF initiative.

The Board was supportive of the application and emphasised the importance of the help that Hands of Hope was able to offer people, and the ways in which the Discosize classes would help to combat loneliness and isolation in the community.

The Partnership Board considered the application in line with the Funding Framework, and agreed to fund the scheme for £5,750.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE £5,750 funding to Selby Hands of Hope for the Reaching Out project.

Selby District Disability Forum

The application for the Southern CEF Disability Action Group from the Selby District Disability Forum (SDDF) was for £4,658 to bring together a group of Southern CEF area residents who could become a locally focused Disability Action Group for SDDF. With the support of the SDDF, the Action Group would empower people to discuss their local needs and create a united voice to action change and inform decision makers.

The applicants from SDDF were present at the meeting and gave an overview of the application and its aims.

The applicant explained how the need for the Action Group came about from the results of a survey which had been run across the whole of Selby District, which captured a detailed picture of service needs among people with disabilities, those supporting individuals with a disability, and those who felt it was important to address these needs.

The proposed Southern CEF Disability Action Group would develop themselves over the course of twelve locally run action planning sessions, discussing and identifying local issues and barriers facing disabled people. These sessions would culminate in an event, ideally a Southern CEF event, which would invite those with the most influence locally to come and directly listen to the findings.

The Board was supportive of the application and noted that the aim was to make the Action Group sustainable by making it peer led.

The Board emphasised the importance of accessibility across the District and was pleased that there had been a number of surveys returned from the Southern CEF area.

The Partnership Board considered the application in line with the Funding Framework, and agreed to fund the scheme for £4,658.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE £4,658 funding to Selby District Disability Forum for the Disability Action Group project.

30. MINUTES

The Partnership Board considered the minutes of the Southern CEF Partnership Board meeting held on 11 October 2017.

RESOLVED:

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017.

31. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Development Officer presented the Community Development Plan to Board Members and updated them on a number of projects, including the ongoing work of the Yorkshire Energy Doctor, the community cinema and community transport.

The Development Officer explained that each funding application that had been considered by the Board on the agenda had worked closely with him in order to make sure that they were able to fully develop their proposals before submission to the Board.

The Board noted the importance of the longevity and sustainability of projects that would keep delivering benefits to the local community after all the funding awarded by the CEF had been spent.

RESOLVED:

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

32. MARKETING AND PUBLICITY

The Board noted that the 'Show on the Road' approach was continuing to work well; surveying local areas before Forum meetings increased attendance at the meetings and heightened the interest of local people.

The Development Officer requested more time to plan the next Forum and asked if the Board would consider swapping the next Forum date with the next Board date in April, in order to give him more time to plan for the next Forum. The Board was supportive of this approach and agreed to amend the dates.

RESOLVED:

- i) To continue the current approach of surveying local areas ahead of Forum meetings in order to find out what issues matter to local people and to inform the content of future Forums.**
- ii) That the next Partnership Board be held on 8 March 2018 at the Civic Centre from 6.30pm in order to plan venues and dates for the 2018/19 year.**
- iii) That the next Forum meeting be held on 12 April 2018 in Hensall at the Methodist Church from 6.30pm.**

33. BUDGET UPDATE

The Partnership Board considered the Southern CEF budget and noted the success of the first Selby parkrun at Burn Airfield.

RESOLVED:

To note the budget update.

34. IMPACT REPORTS

The Partnership Board noted the impact reports received from the Children's Reading Festival and Cridling Stubbs Village Hall.

With reference to the Children's Reading Festival, the Board was pleased with the success of the event and impressed with the number of children involved (3,500) over the three days.

The Board noted that further guidance and help had been offered to the trustees of Cridling Stubbs Village Hall, from both the CEF and the Development Officer, should they wish to utilise it. The Board was of the view that the village hall was

an important asset for the local community and required further remedial works which the trustees would need to oversee effectively to ensure its continued use.

RESOLVED:

To note the impact reports.

35. NEXT MEETING

The Partnership Board confirmed the date and location of the next Partnership Board meeting as Thursday 8 March 2018, 6.30pm at the Civic Centre. It was also confirmed that the next Forum would take place at Hensall Methodist Church (subject to venue availability) on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED:

- i) To confirm the next Partnership Board meeting as Thursday 8 March 2018, 6.30pm at the Civic Centre, Selby.**
- ii) To confirm the next Forum as Thursday 12 April 2018, 6.30pm at Hensall Methodist Church.**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.