



Central Area Community Engagement Forum

Annual Report 2017—2018

Introduction

It has been a busy year for the Central Area Community Engagement Forum and Partnership Board. There have been a number of projects presented to the board and delivered by various partners throughout the Central CEF area. These projects have had a really positive impact on the local environment and the community as a whole.

Our key objectives for the year 2017 to 2018 were:

- Tidy Environment
- Promoting the Economy
- Community Safety
- Health and Well-Being
- Public Transport, Traffic and Speed

A Community Development Plan was agreed ensuring we utilised the Central Area budget to maximise impact and investment in our area.

Community Engagement Forums

The Central Area CEF has held four Forums since March 2017 and these have been held across the area to try and capture different audiences. Meetings commence with an array of service providers. They are given the opportunity for 5 minutes updates and questions from the floor. The main meetings are then usually themed around a subject of particular interest and relevance. This year, Forums were held as follows:

- 13th September 2017: Held at Barlow Village Hall. Presentation on Selby District's Economic Framework 2017-2022. It gave residents an opportunity to find out about all the growth plans for the area, the priorities and exciting new opportunities.
- 13 December 2017: Held at St Wilfrids Church Hall, Brayton. Presentations included Brayton Barff and its future plans, an update on Selby Park restoration work and a visit from Selby's very own Yorkshire Energy Doctor about saving energy and money!

- 24 January 2018: Held at Selby Town Hall. Presentation from Selby District Council on “Selby’s Planning Review. It gave residents the opportunity to find out about the new planning processes and plans for the Selby area, looking at priorities and exciting new opportunities.
- 4th April 2018: Held at Selby Community Centre on Scott Road. Presentations included the Selby District Council’s Communities Team current priorities and projects, and Selby Big Local presented on the results of a consultation carried out by the young people of Flaxley Road and Abbots Road Estates.

Attendance has been varied, with Forums being poorly attended by members of the public; however we continue to encourage better attendance. We continue to build on our comprehensive database; we produce a portfolio of leaflets, posters and publications along with additional use of social media, and we have developed better links with Selby District Council’s Communications Team.

Partnership Board Meetings

The Partnership Board has met on four occasions. These meetings were held at Selby Civic Centre on: 5th July 2017; 4th October 2017, 3rd January 2018 and 14th March 2018 and have resulted in the adoption of the 2018-19 Community Development Plan with Board members now taking a lead on the projects they are most passionate about. We have formed a Community Development Plan working group for updating the Community Development Plan, a comprehensive cost analysis /Marketing Plan has been developed and finally, agreement has been made to allocate a small amount of funding towards marketing. A funding sub group has been formed and we have had 2 different vice chairs appointed and elected new committee members, all within 12 months!

Our Priorities for 2017-2018

Our priorities for the year were to firstly update and ensure we had a community led Community Development plan. We aimed to engage more residents through our Forums through providing more stimulating and “themed” agendas.

We were determined to communicate far better with our communities and to try and get agreement for a small marketing budget that would allow targeted leafleting and giving residents the opportunity to feed in what topics they would be interested in hearing about. After the completion of a cost benefits analysis at the request of the board, we finally got this agreed in October 2018. We are excited to see the results in the next few months. Our long term objective of working with extended partners was addressed by creating strategic links with the Selby Town Enterprise Partnership (STEP), Inspired Healthy Lifestyles, The Student Council, Selby College and the Big Local: Selby.

Grants Awarded

Hagge Woods Trust

£1,000 to provide assistance with transport costs for schools within Selby, so that there were no financial barriers to pupils who were less likely to have access to nature and green space.



Abbey Belles Chorus



£1,000 for the development of the chorus and outreach. The grant is being used to purchase music, to advertise the group and to fund coaching / room hire for 'learn to sing' courses, which would help to attract new members from a range of backgrounds.

Groundwork North Yorkshire

£1,500 to provide enhancements to the Selby Town Community Pond that included the clearance of vegetation and silt from the reed-bed that adjoined the pond, which would allow water run-off from the road to be collected and filtered before reaching the pond; therefore the water quality of the pond would improve.



The project included involvement of local schools and communities, and a series of events would be held at the site upon completion of the work, such as 'mini beast hunts', pond-dipping and an official reopening of the site in the Summer, which would act as a 'family day'.

Groundwork North Yorkshire / Central CEF

The application was for £9,500 + VAT to repeat the successful 'Team Up to Clean Up' project that was previously funded by the Central CEF. The project focussed on working in partnership with local communities to clean up neglected areas in the Central CEF area.

Project set out to raise the public profile of the Central CEF, and would fund a further three projects in Selby, Brayton, Barlow and Barlby Bridge to the value of £3,000 each. The project aimed to engage different communities and make them aware of the role of the Central CEF.

The winning projects were:

Waterfront Gardens and Amphitheatre, Ousegate, Selby



Marsh Lane, Barlow – Securing Pond Area



Brayton Path – Between the industrial Estate and the Wishing Well Pub



These projects are all still underway.

Selby Community Trust

£383.22 for the purchase and installation of a litter bin to be installed at a community pond close to the Selby Community Centre.

Selby Health Walks



£360 to fund 12 months' printing costs for the organisation's quarterly walk programmes, and to provide the insurance premium cost for 12 months' Third Party Public Liability Insurance. The organisation provides free walks across the whole of the Selby District, which promoted health and wellbeing. They hold over 100 walks per year.

Groundwork North Yorkshire / Central CEF

£2,000 to fund a feasibility study in relation to the conservation or restoration of an historic Taylor & Hubbard Steam Crane. It was highlighted that the crane was an important piece of heritage from Selby's industrial past. The feasibility study was required ahead of submitting a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake conservation or restoration work.



Magnetic Arts



£1,000 to fund a six week structured course at Selby Town Hall that would culminate with a small art display in a local café. The project would focus on those individuals with mental ill health in varying degrees, and is funded solely by donation at present. The target audience for the project was the unemployed; therefore it needed to remain completely free to the participant.

“During the time the project was running we were approached by St Leonard’s Hospice to produce artwork for exhibition and sale at Selby Abbey to benefit the charity so we were able to programme this in to the course and the group really benefitted from producing craft items and group paintings to benefit the cause.”

Selby ParkRun

£2,000 to fund start-up equipment for a ‘ParkRun’ to be set-up in the Selby area, This was for essential equipment, to include a defibrillator, signage, walkie-talkies, first aid kits and a small contingency fund that would enable Selby ParkRun to be set up in the district.



“Selby ParkRun launched on 16th December 2017. Since then, at the time of writing (1st May) we have had 15 events, with five events cancelled due to inclement weather or flooding of the course. In total 1,049 participants have taken part in a total of 2,245 runs, covering a total distance of 11,225 km, averaging 140 people per event. Given the miserable weather we have experienced this winter, we are very pleased with that outcome.

One of the most important outcomes, for us, though is the number of first timers that each event - each week around 6% of the participants are taking part in ParkRun for the first time, so each week new people are getting up, getting out and getting active on a Saturday morning - despite the wind, snow, rain and mud and puddles! As the weather improves and the course dries out we expect that number to rise, and hopefully we will continue to see more and more people starting to engage in regular exercise”

Impact

These projects have no doubt had a positive impact on the residents of the Central CEF.

Selby Park Run

Despite the obvious health benefits of having a local Park Run, the group have undertaken an initial tidy-up of a lot of the rubbish that had been dumped on the northern side of the Burn airfield, (where the Park Run takes place on a weekly basis).

In addition, volunteers from one of the major banks have pledged their time later in the year to provide a number of volunteers to litter pick around the remainder of the airfield.

An additional side-effect of the weekly event is that it is bringing people in from far and wide. People who participate in ParkRun on a regular basis like to travel to ParkRuns other than their home ParkRun, as 'tourists'. People also like to try and complete all the ParkRuns in a particular geographical area.

From comments on Facebook we see that when people are coming to Selby ParkRun, they tend to visit the town, as well as nearby farm-shops, so bringing visitors in for running has a small but beneficial impact on the town itself.

Overall the Park Run organisers feel that despite starting at possibly the worst time of the year (December), and being faced with the worst winter in ten years, things have gone well, and they now have a good foundation upon which to start building participant numbers.

Selby Community Trust – Litter Bin.

Impact report completed by Selby Community Trust made it clear that the bin was reducing the amount of litter left on the site which was heavily used by local residents. They state "The community field is used a lot by local residents and they dispose of their rubbish all over the field, the litter bin provided by the CEF reduces the amount of litter around the field and pond area!" The trust continues to inform us that they are able to demonstrate the project has indeed met the central CEF's objective - tidy environment, by reducing the amount of litter on the field and pond area!

Magnetic Arts – Spring into Art

The project engaged 10 people and 1 volunteer. Attendees at the sessions included

- Males x 2 - aged 49 - 64
- Female x8 - aged 29 - 69
- Unemployed 8
- retired 2
- Non-Selby town resident 2
- Selby town resident 8

Conditions of the group disclosed included Bi-polar, mental health issues, visual impairment, personality disorder, depression and anxiety, physical disabilities

The evaluation from participants was very positive, people reported they met new friends, felt more confident talking to people, learnt new skills in a range of art techniques and felt they had benefitted from the routine of regular attendance at something with a supportive and friendly group

2018-19 Focus

The CEF Partnership Board have funded a number of long term projects which will be rolling out throughout the year bringing new opportunities for local residents. As number of these are stated above but some additional ones, which are very exciting and in a new direction for the Central CEF include a year programme of soup kitchens run by the Youth Council, a series of Sunday Brass band events to be run in Selby Park building up to a large 950 proms extravaganza and an exciting project in partnership with Selby Big Local - Big Aspirations – The Empowerment Project which looks at supporting emotional wellbeing and empowering young people with the confidence to participate in their local community.

We will continue with the implementation of the new Community Development Plan and the Project Leads who are members of the CEF Partnership Board will be doing their utmost to drive these forward.

Live Accounts 2017-18

Central Community Engagement Forum							
Financial Report. 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018							
Balance carried forward from 2015/16						£16,978.00	
Grant from SDC for 2017/18						£20,000.00	
<i>This is the total budget available at the start of the financial year.</i>						Total budget for 2017/18	£36,978.00
Ref.	Date Agreed	Date Paid	Paid to	Details	Amount (£)		
					Actual	Committed	
N/A	10-Apr-17		Petty Cash	Refreshments for PB meeting - 5 April 2017	£9.80		
05-Apr-17	28-Apr-17		Barlow Village Hall Committee	Community Defibrillator	£1,598.00		
05-Apr-17	08-May-17		Selby Camera Club	Replacement Display Stands	£2,000.00		
05-Apr-17	04-May-17		Selby Senior Phab Club	Transport	£1,640.00		
05-Apr-17	04-Jul-17		Selby Civic Society	replacement of damaged stone in cholera burial ground	£1,140.00		
05-Jul-17	26-Jul-17		Selby Community Trust	Installation of litter bin at Community Pond	£383.22		
N/A	26-Jul-17		Barlow Village Hall Committee	Hire of Barlow Village Hall	£50.00		
N/A	01-Aug-17		Selby War Memorial Hospital	Refreshments for CEF PB	£39.20		
N/A	13-Sep-17		Petty Cash	Refreshments for Forum - 13 September 2017	£5.50		
04-Oct-17	24-Nov-17		Selby parkrun	Selby parkrun equipment	£2,000.00		
N/A	14-Dec-17		St Wilfrids Church	Hire of Church	£25.00		
03-Jan-18	25-Jan-18		Hagge Woods Trust	Transportation for School Visits	£1,000.00		
03-Jan-18	08-Feb-18		Abbey Belles Chorus	Development and Outreach	£1,000.00		
03-Jan-18	07-Feb-18		Groundwork / Central CEF	Team Up to Clean Up (£9,500 + VAT)	£9,500.00		
03-Jan-18	25-Jan-18		Groundwork North Yorkshire	Selby Town Community Pond Enhancements	£1,500.00		
N/A	11-Jan-18		Selby Town Hall	Hire of Hall for Forum	£51.00		
	01-Mar-18			Refreshments for Forum	£5.66		
14-Mar-18	29-Mar-18		Selby Health Walks	12 months' printing costs and insurance cover	£360.00		
14-Mar-18			Groundwork / Central CEF	Steam Crane Feasibility Study		£2,000.00	
14-Mar-18			Magnetic Arts	Spring into Art		£1,000.00	
Total Actual Spend to date					£22,307.38		
Remaining Commitments not paid					£3,000.00		
<i>This figure is the remaining budget available to spend (the total budget minus actual spend and commitments yet to pay).</i>					Total budget remaining	£11,670.62	
<i>This figure is the total budget available minus actual spend.</i>					Total balance remaining	£14,670.62	