



## **Annual Report 2018 - 2019**

### **Introduction**

Our key objectives for the year 2018/2019 were:

- Tidy Environment
- 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. Within the plan there were a number of projects that a member of the Board took a lead on, and subsequently delivered and reported back on. This arrangement has worked well.

### **Community Engagement Forums**

The Central Area CEF has held five Forums since April 2018 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. Forums were held as follows:

- 4 April 2018 at Selby Community Centre. The Councils Communities Team talked about their latest projects. Selby Big Local talked about a new youth project.
- 13 June 2018 at Barlow Village Hall. Cllr Crane talked about prosperity within Selby.
- 12 September 2018 at the Cuncliffe Centre. The theme was around funding for community groups and the Police gave a talk on fraud prevention.
- 12 December 2018 at Barlby Bridge Primary School. Flooding and Community Resilience.
- 13 March 2019 at Selby Community Centre. The Community Economic Team talked about the Future High Street Fund.

Attendance has been varied, with Forums being poorly attended by members of the public; despite a significant investment in direct mail.

### **Partnership Board Meetings**

The Partnership Board has met on four occasions. These meetings were held at Selby Civic Centre on: 4 July 2018, 3 October 2018, 22 January 2019 and 27 March 2019.

## **Our Priorities for 2018-2019**

We have continued to build on our priority from last year in that we tried to engage with more residents through the Forums through providing more stimulating and “themed” agendas.

## **Grants Awarded to March 2019**

Poppy Appeal – Waterfall of Poppies £5000 - 'The Selby Waterfall of Poppies'

2018 will see Selby Abbey transformed into a beacon of remembrance for the First World War with thousands of knitted poppies cascading down from the tower to the grass.



**Selby Park Picnic Brass Band - £3000** - A summer season of brass band concerts featuring some of the region’s best bands was delivered in Selby Park to help the Abbey celebrate its 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The programme of concerts was delivered by Selby’s leisure providers, Inspiring healthy lifestyles. As well as the band performances there was also traditional and fun children’s entertainment including clowns and magicians. All the events were free.

The Summer Picnic Brass Sunday afternoon concerts in the Park will take place on Sunday May 26, Sunday June 23, Sunday 21 July and Sunday 25 August.



**Selby Big Local** – The Empowerment Project - £4000 (*Report pending*)

**The Friendship Café** (Selby Youth Council) £336 - Funding was used to support the development of a 'soup kitchen' at Flaxley Road (Selby Big Local) for young people to attend. The café gives young people the opportunity to come together to socialise in a safe environment. (*Report pending*)

**Childrens Reading Festival - £5000** - The Selby District Children's Reading Festival had two key outcomes. These were the promotion of literacy and books to children and their families who would not otherwise have had access to an event like this, and also the promotion of Selby Town, bringing communities together, also promoting wellbeing and provisions for the youth of the town. All 42 schools within the Selby District were invited to attend the families and communities day that was held at Selby Abbey on the Saturday. In addition in January all 42 schools were invited to take part in writing an eight-line poem about Selby Abbey to help celebrate 950 years.

We held an evening with the artists event at Selby Town Hall with special guest Michael Bradley who flew in from Ireland especially for the event. Michael is one of the patrons of Children's Literature Festivals. I was pleased that Deputy Mayor Malik Rofidi was able to attend this event and was received positively by all. The Mayor of Selby, Eva Lambert also attended the event opening on the Wednesday with Mailk, both Eva and Malik are two true dedicated individuals and asset to the town.

In the run up to the families and communities day, we held two days of author read aloud interactive sessions, inviting children via the schools. The event is held for the children and not the school. We decided that the best way to ensure all children had an equal opportunity, was to invite via the school, as some parents may not have attended or brought their children to the families and communities day.

There were a series of read aloud sessions with authors who covered all primary school age ranges, as well as book signings and other activities. In addition to reading aloud, the authors also answered questions. The children who were unable to attend with their family on the Saturday received their book via their school.

Schools who received free books: Selby Community Primary: Selby Abbey Primary: Barwick Parade: Barlby Bridge: St Marys Primary: Staynor Hall: Thorpe Willoughby: Staynor Hall

£5,000 helped to provide 1643 Books.

The impact of this event on the children and their families is hard to measure quantitatively, but the feedback from parents has been extremely positive and there have been calls for another event. The aim of the event was to get the books directly to the children and to give them an opportunity to experience a reading-centred event that they would not otherwise have had. Children and families from Selby and the district attended and in addition families travelled from Leeds, Hull, Doncaster and York. The event reached children both from deprived areas and those that are more affluent, promoting equal opportunities for all. This has had a positive impact on the children. The event brought people into the Abbey and the town in general thus having a positive impact on the town on that day in particular.



## Parent Power – Empowering Parents to Support Themselves - £970



PPP aims to support parents who have children with additional needs.

We provide a voice for parents and are keen to ensure services are developed across Selby district to meet the needs of families in the area.

## Yorkshire Energy Green Doctor – Community Energy Ambassadors £2670



### FREE Training

To become an Energy Ambassador

**A new and exciting opportunity for residents in Selby District. Ignite new skills, make a difference and be part of our energy saving revolution!**

A fun 6-session course covering energy efficiency, saving money and supporting others to do the same.  
Enabling you to make savings in your home, for your family and friends, as well as for any community organisations you're involved with.

**The course will run locally on the following dates:**

Mondays 10am – 2pm  
Commencing 25th September 2017

Or

Wednesdays 12.30pm – 4.30pm  
Commencing 15th November 2017

**Venues will be confirmed, to suit participant needs, travel expenses can be reimbursed.**

Due to funding restrictions, participants must not be in paid employment, need to be aged over 18 (there is no upper age limit) and not be in any other training of more than 8 hours per week at the time of the course.

For more information and to sign up contact:  
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Explore further at: [www.yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk](http://www.yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk)






Between July and November 2019 we ran two Community Energy Ambassadors training courses in Selby, jointly funded by the Central CEF, WEA and Stronger Communities. The first course started on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and the second on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Both ran for 5

weeks and were held at Community House in Selby. In total we had 16 people attend across the two courses, these included volunteers involved with Selby Food Bank, Horton Housing Community Cafes, Big Local, Selby District Disability Forum, Selby AVS, St Wilfrid's Wellbeing Café, Over 50s Computing Club, Hands of Hope, Selby Abbey, Selby Community Choir, Friendship Friday, and Horizons, as well as a few interested residents. The course covered issues around debunking myths around energy use, understanding how much appliances cost to run, heating types and fuel poverty in the Selby District, understanding energy bills, switching energy supplier, renewable energy technologies, and schemes available to help residents with their energy bills and heating.

Feedback collated from the attendees showed that:

- Knowledge around energy increased from 2.15/5 before the course to 4.77/5 after the course
- Course content was rated at 5/5 and 100% of attendees would recommend the course to others
- Nearly 85% of attendees had already spoken to at least one other person about some of the topics we covered throughout the period of the course. On average they had shared information with 4 other people, thus reaching an extra 64 people through the project

During the session on energy bills and switching, attendees brought in their own energy bills and we reviewed their tariffs. Actual savings were generated of £1,865 just from people on the course switching their own energy supplier or tariff, applying for financial help towards their bills or getting a water meter fitted. This was a vital part of the course as, by going through the process themselves, attendees are much better equipped to then talk to others, to be able to share their own experience, and to allay any fears.

Our project met the Community Development Plan objectives of:

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:** *Raise awareness and break down barriers around community health and well-being and encourage practical support activities.*

- a) Ultimately the main aim of supporting residents with their energy costs is to ensure that everyone can afford to heat their homes to a comfortable and safe temperature, and to minimise the stress and anxiety that energy bills can cause. We have delivered a very practical and interactive course to teach local people all about energy, how people can reduce their costs and still be warm and well at home. Attendees have reduced their own bills and are now equipped to share information and practical energy saving tips further afield through community groups and their own social networks. Attendees are also now fully informed of local support schemes and thus would be able to signpost friends, family, neighbours or clients to appropriate services should more in-depth advice be needed.
- b) The course is designed to be participatory and interactive and offers an opportunity for attendees to not just learn about energy but also to build confidence and improve communication skills, as well as empowering people to make changes in their own households.
- c) In some cases the project has also contributed to alleviating social isolation and created practical support activities. This was a new opportunity in Selby where residents could attend a five-week course, learn new skills, meet new people, build relationships, share experiences and feel part of a new initiative. Going forward we will give the Community Energy Ambassadors opportunities to be involved in a number of community engagement activities in early 2020.

We were really pleased to have such a good mix of people attend the course who were very positive and engaged with the topic. It was particularly beneficial to have a large number of people who are involved with different community groups in Selby. We will

now be looking at opportunities to work with the Energy Ambassadors to link up with attendees of these groups and to potentially organise awareness events or talks. One unexpected outcome came from a discussion around solar panels which led to one attendee discovering that her elderly father had been persuaded to pay £1000s to have un-necessary equipment fitted to his existing solar PV installation. With our support the participant has subsequently felt empowered to take the case on to try and get him some money back.



Feedback comments:

*What was most useful?*

- “to learn how to save money and to switch suppliers [and] how much energy we do actually use”
- “Everything was useful”
- “how to understand my energy bills”
- “the way the course was presented with quizzes, facts and slide information”
- “info on insulation and heating improvements”
- “learning what appliances cost to run”
- “learning about what help there is”

*Other comments:*

- “Totally brilliant course”
- “I now feel confident to address my finances and bills”
- “Very informative, well set out, tutor was very knowledgeable”
- “Very informative, well run course”
- “Loved it!”
- “I really enjoyed the course”
- “The course was very good”

Thanks to the Central CEF for providing funding for this project.

## **Selby Under 15's RUFC Tour £500 - Getting Selby Active**

The whole team played rugby games against Kirkby Lonsdale and Stafford, these games were on Saturday and Sunday. Parents were supporting the teams from the sidelines. We also played parents versus boys at Rugby Rounders and touch rugby. Everyone played Rugby Golf. We all ate together in a marquee set up by the club so it was great to see everyone bonding.



## **Flaxley Road Tenants Association – Community Defibrillator £1000.**

This was installed with a cabinet into the Coultish Centre on Charles Street.

## **Groundwork (Central CEF) Steam Crane Feasibility Study - £2000.**

A feasibility study was carried out by Bridgway Consulting Limited in March 2019. This comprehensive report advised costs to restore and transport to a new location would be around £57,000. It was agreed unanimously that the District Council would not be supporting this. The report has been circulated to the Selibians for their consideration.



**Magnetic Arts - £1000** awarded to fund a 6 week week structured course at Selby Town Hall, during the project St Leonard’s Hospice asked the group to produce artwork for exhibition and sale at Selby Abbey. 11 people attended many of whom had mental health issues. Evaluation was positive.



### 2019 - 2020 Focus

- We are reviewing the Community Development Plan (January 2020).
- We are reviewing the forums and how we engage. Within that we are reviewing how we get the message out to applicants re CEF Funding.

### The Board

The following people make up the current Board for the Central CEF:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Ian Chilvers (Chair)	Selby District Council
Karl Arthur	Selby District Council/North Yorkshire County Council
Judith Chilvers	Selby District Council
Mark Crane	Selby District Council
Stephanie Duckett	Selby District Council/North Yorkshire County Council
Clifford Lunn	Selby District Council/North Yorkshire County Council
Steven Shaw Wright (Vice Chair)	Selby District Council

Wendy Nichols	Selby District Council
Jennifer Shaw-Wright	Selby District Council
Keith Franks	Selby District Council
Paul Welch	Selby District Council

### **Co-opted Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Margaret Bontoft	Brayton Parish Council
Pat Chambers	Co-opted member
Melanie Davis	Selby Town Council
Michael Dyson	Selby Civic Society
Fred Matthews	Selby Town Council
Keith Watkins	Co-opted Member
VACANCY	Co-opted Member
Anthony Wray	Barlow Parish Council

## Budget 2018-19

<b>Central Community Engagement Forum</b> <b>Financial Report. 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019</b>
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	Balance carried forward from 2017/18	£14,671.00
	Grant from SDC for 2018/19	£20,000.00
<i>This is the total budget available at the start of the financial year.</i>	<b>Total budget for 2018/19</b>	<b>£34,671.00</b>

Ref.	Date Agreed	Date Paid	Paid to	Details	Amount (£)	
					Actual	Committed
	14-Mar-18	11-Apr-19	Groundwork / Central CEF	Steam Crane Feasibility Study (awaiting invoice from Groundwork)		£2,000.00
	14-Mar-18	12-Apr-18	Magnetic Arts	Spring into Art	£1,000.00	
	N/A	12-Apr-18	Selby Community Centre	Hire of Lounge for Forum 04.04.18	£28.00	
	N/A	21-Jun-18	Barlow Village Club	Room Hire and Tea/Coffee for Forum 13.06.18	£45.00	
	20-Aug-18	06-Sep-18	Poppy Appeal Selby	Poppy Waterfall at Selby Abbey	£5,000.00	
		11-Jul-18	Cunliffe Centre	Room Hire for Forum 12.09.18	£30.00	
	03-Oct-18		Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles	Selby Park: Picnic Brass Events Programme 2019	£3,000.00	£2,000.00
	03-Oct-18	14-Feb-19	Selby Big Local	Big Aspirations - The Empowerment Project	£4,000.00	
	03-Oct-18		Youth Council (Groundwork)	Friendship Café	£336.00	
	03-Oct-18		Wild Studios	CEF Promotional Videos		£595.00
	03-Oct-18		N/A	Budget agreed by Board to trial leaflets and refreshments for forthcoming forums		£400.00
	25-Oct-18	25-Oct-18	Petty Cash	Cakes for Central - I Chilvers	£10.00	
	01-Nov-18	01-Nov-18	Barby Bridge School	Hire of School for 12/12/18 Forum	£87.50	
	06-Dec-18	06-Dec-18	CreateTVT	Print and distribute leaflets	£276.00	
	22-Jan-19	14-Feb-19	Childrens Reading Festival	Selby District Childrens Literature Festival	£5,000.00	
	22-Jan-19	14-Feb-19	Parent Power Project	Empowering Parents to Support Themselves	£970.00	
	22-Jan-19	14-Feb-19	Yorkshire Energy Doctor CIC	Central CEF Community Energy Ambassadors	£2,670.00	
		14-Feb-19	Petty Cash	Refreshments	£26.99	
	27-Feb-19	07-Mar-19	CreateTVT	Print and distribute leaflets for Forum on 13 March	£315.00	
		07-Mar-19	Reach	Flyer Design	£65.00	
		07-Mar-19	Selby Community Trust	Hire of Hall	£70.00	

Total Actual Spend to date £22,929.49

Remaining Commitments not paid £4,995.00

*This figure is the remaining budget available to spend (the total budget minus actual spend and commitments yet to pay).*

**Total budget remaining £6,746.51**

*This figure is the total budget available minus actual spend.*

**Total balance remaining £11,741.51**