



Management Group

7.00pm on Tuesday 14th June 2022

The Conference Room, Bedale Hall

Minutes

Present

Clive Pointon (Chair); Cllr Kayleigh Catford; Cllr Mike Barningham; Ian Watkins; Cllr Christine Mollard; Malcolm Bloor; Cllr Andy Hallett; Liz Lockey; Paul Edworthy; Jackie Kennedy; Rab Hastie;

Apologies

Cllr Amanda Coates; Yvonne Rose; Cllr John Noone (received retrospectively)

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Clive Pointon welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 9th March 2022

Agreed as a true record thereof.

3. Actions & Matters Arising

None

4. Finance Update

Cllr Barningham reported that there were payments still coming in to the events bank account and so for the time being this account remains open. To close the account nearer to December once incoming payments have been received.

Cllr Barningham presented an update on income and outgoings on both the General Account and the Events Account. He 14th July 2022 the Forum had £21867.17 in its General Account and £2911.26 in its Events Account.

5. Correspondence

Kayleigh was contacted by Paul Whitehouse from NYCC regarding a feature for Bedale in their monthly digital magazine, Link to the feature will be shared in the email with minutes but you can also find this and past editions of the magazine on the NYCC website.

6. Grant Applications

There were no new grant applications. A discussion took place as to how we can promote the grants that are available, some ideas were:

- Contacting clerks at Parish/Town councils within the area and asking them to add to their upcoming agendas
- Writing a press release to talk about our work and what we do (include outcomes of past grants and quotes)
- Liz Lockey will look into any opportunities through the Hambleton / Richmond voluntary community sector for promoting the funding opportunities

Actions: Kayleigh to email parish/town clerks with details of the forum. Kayleigh to get in touch with Janet from the DNS to talk about an article / press release

Following the previous meeting, most of the previous grant funding beneficiaries were asked for feedback on their projects (there were some with no easy contact details, Kayleigh is still working on these). Feedback was received from:

- Bedale Community Library
- Kirkby Fleetham PC
- Snape with Thorpe PC
- Bedale Town Council
- Crakehall with Langthorne PC
- Leeming Bar Hub
- Exelby Green Dragon
- Bedale Littler Busters
- Bedale Sport & Community Centre

Printouts of the feedback were circulated to read individually and will be sent via email to Forum members also.

7. Any Other Business

As part of the conversation around promoting grant applications, the forum discussed the need for promoting work of the group online. It was identified that there are multiple websites covering various things in Bedale and the surrounding villages but not really one up to date, consistent 'go to' website for everything,

After many mentions of websites and social media channels that exist or have existed in the past, it was suggested that a conversation should take place to round up all the owners / managers of the platforms and discussing or deciding on some common goals and objectives.

Clive suggested that 'Ower Yorkshire' was a good example of a Facebook page that promotes Yorkshire businesses and might be worth looking at

Action: Kayleigh to pull together a list of digital outlets regarding Bedale, share with the forum and arrange to contact owners / managers and agree on an objective. Once we have a plan Liz Lockey has kindly offered some support from Brandon, an apprentice who is currently doing some work with Liz and could look at working on website updates.

Cllr Barningham

Updated the group on some research from Hambleton council which was carried out as part of Bedale Town Plan, the key points being:

- Bedale has younger residents than most other places in Hambleton
- Unemployment is low
- House prices are low
- The Highstreet is quite resilient
- Economically – strong functioning town

Liz Lockey

Mentioned an upcoming consultation around the UK Shared Prosperity Fund:

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a new funding programme announced by Government in April which is intended to replace European Union Strategic Investment Funds. The fund's overall value is £2.2bn nationally to be delivered over three years between April 2022 and March 2025 and is divided into three priority areas: Communities and place; Support for local businesses; People and skills.

There are some workshops coming up, dates and details to be shared via email.

Also mentioned Hambleton Strollers are looking for walk leaders and joiners for their groups – they've a Facebook page and website if anyone wants more information

8. Dates for Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 13th September 2022. This meeting will also be the AGM

The meeting closed at 8.00pm