

North Yorkshire County Council

Selby Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby Area Committee held at Byram Park Social Club, Brotherton, Selby on 28 November 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillor Andrew Lee in the Chair. County Councillors Mike Jordan, Robert Packham, and Chris Pearson.

Co-opted Members:-

Selby District Council: Councillors Ian Chilvers, Karl Arthur, and David Hutchinson.
Selby North Parish Council: Liz Johnston.

In attendance:-

Josie O'Dowd (Democratic Services), James Gilroy and Nigel Smith and (Business and Environmental Services), Tom Jenkinson (Stronger Communities).

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

104. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

105. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage of the meeting.

106. Public Questions or Statements

Mrs Rita Stevens expressed concerns about the poor service bus service for Fairburn and Byram. She outlined the concerns of older people who have a long wait to travel back after Dr's appointments and so on. She felt the interval 1 pm to 4.15 pm is particularly poor. She cited the Utopia service which entirely misses out Fairburn. She also mentioned long waits at Pontefract for the return service, taxis being too expensive for most. She stated that Arriva are better with a 7am service Tadcaster to Pontefract, serving each village en route. On a positive note she acknowledged the service from York which changes to a smaller vehicle at Cawood to cross the bridge.

107. Update regarding Local Bus Services

Considered -

A briefing note from the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services:

“Local Bus Services Background

Commercial services (those not directly supported by the authority)

Approximately 85% of passenger journeys made in North Yorkshire are on local bus services that are provided commercially by the operators because they are profitable. The operators are free to operate these services to meet their commercial needs and can set the route timetable and fares and when the services are changed. The operator can start, end or change the service by giving 56 days' notice to the Traffic Commissioner, there is no requirement to consult with the users or the Council.

Supported services (those which are operated under contract to the Council)

Under the 1985 Transport Act the Council has the power to identify public transport requirements which would not otherwise be met and then consider if it is appropriate to provide services. The Council is entitled to take account of the funding available when deciding what, if any, level of service is needed and where.

Changes to Bus Services in Selby Area

Commercial Services

We have not received any notifications from operators in the Selby area of any changes to service levels within the next 56 days. Members could perhaps ask a representative from the bus companies who serve Selby to attend a future meeting if they want to discuss their longer term business plans for the area. This would be most productive once the outcome of the Councils review described below has been shared with all tenderers in early 2017.

Contracted Services

The Council supports some local bus services in the Selby area. The services listed in the table below are either wholly or partly supported by the Council. The contracts below are in place until April 2017 and we are currently in the process of renewing the contracts. Whilst we do not anticipate any major changes to service levels we are unable to provide exact details at this stage as the contracts are in the renewal process and the outcome of the re-tending process is not yet finalised.

Bus Operator	Area covered	Service either wholly or partly supported by NYCC
Thornes	Holme on Spalding Moor - Selby	Service 1
Utopia	Drax - Selby	Service 8
AY	Selby - Pontefract	Service 476 - journeys 0650 Selby - Pontefract, 0753 Pontefract - Selby & 1655 Selby – Pontefract
AY	Snaith School - Selby	Service 41- journey 1545

		Snaith School - Selby Bus Station (school days only)
Utopia	Selby - Stockbridge Tech park	Service 42-4 journeys 0700 Selby Bus Station - Stockbridge TC, 1050 Selby - Cawood, & 1529 Stockbridge TC - Selby
Utopia	Selby - Whitley Mon & Fri	Service 486
Utopia	Selby - Goole Wed	Service 488
Just Travel	Tadcaster - Selby	Service 494 496
Utopia	York - Tadcaster	Service 37
Utopia	Sherburn - Ferrybridge	Service 493 - section of route between Sherburn Shops to Ferrybridge Square
AY	Staynor Hall - Selby	Service 5
Utopia	Sherburn - Tadcaster	Service 492 493 494 - Section of route between Tadcaster/Ulleskelf to Sherburn in Elmet/South Milford

NB. Details of forthcoming changes to local bus services are summarised by The Passenger Transport Team and sent to all members every two weeks by the following link

www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25878/Transport---service-changes-and-news “

- A Member echoed the concerns expressed earlier by Mrs Stevens, whilst acknowledging there is a 2 hourly service at certain times of the day - mainly in the morning: 7.40, 9.18, 11.08, 13.08 – then there is a gap until 16.15. He felt that the service would be better used if there were a more frequent service in the afternoon to improve return journeys.
- Another Member suggested that community members could approach Selby AVS to organise transport when a number of people want to travel in the same direction. He explained that this is part funded by SDC and NYCC – a mini bus service operated by volunteers. He advised that this has worked well for Drax. He commented that perhaps the Parishes could publicise this more. He also acknowledged that it can be difficult for bus operators to make money out of such routes.

The written briefing from Mary Welch was noted, and the Chairman suggested that the new operators (following the forthcoming tender exercise) should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee. It was also requested that Mary Welch (Integrated Passenger Transport) arrange to meet at Byram with Cllr Pearson, Rita Stevens, Bryn Sage and David Nicklin to discuss the concerns raised.

Resolved -

That the report is noted;

That the outcome of the meeting in Byram be reported back to the next meeting;

That the operators who succeed in the forthcoming tenders, be invited to attend the next meeting.

108. Local Enterprise Partnership Update regarding Improvements to Tadcaster Junction

Considered -

The oral report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services, presented by James Gilroy, transport Planning Officer.

James Gilroy advised that:

- The County Council completed a review of the potential for improvements to junctions (to permit all vehicle movements) on the A64 at Tadcaster in 2013.
- The potential improvements are on Highways England Network.
- This identified that the proposal to upgrade the junction of the A162/A64 – would provide a BCR of 0.83 – significantly lower than the threshold value of 2.0 which constitutes good value for money based on DfT WebTag guidance.
- A BCR (Benefit to Cost Ratio) of 0.83 means that every £1 of public money spent achieves 83p of transport benefits. i.e. it loses money
- The scheme was intended to be submitted by NYCC to the NY Local Transport Body- however NYCC Executive took the decision based upon its low BCR not to put the scheme forward as it would be highly unlikely to receive public funding.
- The proposal was included in the initial version of the SEP (March 2014) as a future transport priority.
- Subsequent to this - the initial growth deal – the scheme was identified as a future investment option. No funding was granted by Government for this.
- As part of the development of the SEP refresh in 2016 - key strategic transport corridors were suggested for improvement as part of priority18 “Improve East West connectivity, particularly between towns and their neighbouring cities”. This included the A64, although in common with other key routes no specific schemes were named in the SEP refresh.
- When developing growth deal 3 – the scheme was considered by the LEP as part of the initial review of potential schemes, but it was not formally submitted by NYCC or Highways England.
- Given its low BCR value in comparison to other schemes being considered for inclusion within Growth Deal 3 – the proposal would not have reached the shortlist of proposals being submitted as part of Growth Deal 3
- The two transport schemes in the LGF 3 are climbing lanes on the A59 between Harrogate and Skipton and improvements to Shiptonthopre roundabout in the A1079. Both these schemes had BCR values in excess of 2.0
- We are still awaiting a response from central government on whether or not these schemes were successful in obtaining funding.
- Government do consider the wider economic benefits (e.g enabling local economic growth) of transport schemes in assessing their eligibility for public funding however threshold of a BCR of 2.0 or above is rigorously enforced unless there is a very significant wider economic benefit. Even given the above a BCR of as low as 0.83 is very unlikely to qualify for public funding

Future

- As part of initial discussions with Highways England on RIS 2 we have suggested that this junction should be included as a site for further investigation
- Additionally as part of the emerging TfN freight strategy – the LEP and NYCC will be highlighting the importance of the A64 corridor for freight transport, both in terms of access to York and the East Coast, but also to Sherburn in Elmet & Tadcaster.
- Should further development take place in Tadcaster/A162 corridor then then it is likely that improvements to this junction will need to be looked at again.

The Chairman thanked James Gilroy for the update.

A Member advised that local Members had received no prior notification regarding the recent improvements for Church Fenton and he wished to know if anything else 'unannounced' was in the pipeline. He also wished to know the cost of the Church Fenton works. James Gilroy agreed to research this and advise Members as soon as he has the information.

Another Member also commented upon the poor communication of both Selby District Council and NYCC – stating that there had been no direct engagement with the public regarding the improvements. He noted the emphasis on the A64, but stressed that Sherburn has doubled in size and there remains little east-west connectivity – he stated that the A63 has to be used, but felt this appears to be ignored. He also urged officers to keep local people informed of developments. James Gilroy confirmed that he will convey this feedback to the LEP, and he assured Members that the value of the area as an economic driver is recognised. He advised that Transport for the North are addressing the question of east-west connectivity, and this is also covered in the emerging Local Plan which he is being developed with Selby District Council.

A Member reiterated the need for openness and transparency as the basis for public accountability.

A Member recorded concern regarding the very acute angle of the slip road from the A1(N) to A63 – noting that sight lines are obscured by bushes, James Gilroy agreed to raise this issue with Highways England.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate the responses to the various queries when these are provided.

Resolved -

That the oral report is noted.

109. Highways Update

Considered -

The oral report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services.

Nigel Smith, Area Highways Manager, briefed Members as follows:

- The preventative winter maintenance season is well underway, noting that the gritters would be working in Selby that evening and he assured Members that there are ample salt stocks in the local barn
- Regarding Cawood Bridge he advised that a more prescriptive approach to the programme of works is being progressed to minimise the impact of work.
- Regarding Tadcaster Bridge the programme of works is progressing well and he advised that David Bowe, the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services, was attending the Tadcaster Community Engagement Forum this evening, along with County Councillor Chris Metcalfe.
- Regarding the A19 at Barlby, Nigel Smith advised that work is progressing well, whilst acknowledging that the Yorkshire Water programme had been impacted slightly. He stated that the vast majority of the capital programme for the year has already been delivered, and the smaller outstanding jobs were now being scheduled when the weather permits.
- Preparations are underway for Phase 3 of Selby Bypass works and that confirmation of the funding for this is presently being sought. He expected that if confirmed, the Mouchel design would be delivered in summer 2017. He stressed the importance of

the A63 link explaining that this was the basis of lobbying with the Department of Transport and confirmed that the Department of Transport is being actively pursued to recoup these costs.

- He mentioned the problems raised at the previous meeting regarding the rat run to Leeds from Saxton, explaining that this is hard to manage - as it is a convenient and legitimate alternative route.
- He also advised that follow-up work was being undertaken with the Saxton Flood Group following the issues raised by Janet Marshall at the last meeting. The local Member noted that the Parish Council had applied for a Stopping-Up Order to be applied to the lane, and a site walkabout was due the following day. The Member also advised that liaison was underway with Paul Tweed the newly appointed Flood Officer for the area. Nigel Smith confirmed that his team would liaise as appropriate with the flood group on this.

A Member enquired about footpath works citing certain inconsistencies in standards applied. Nigel Smith suggested that financial constraints were probably the cause of this and he pledged to try to carry the matter forward to the following year, also suggesting that locality budgets might be helpful in this regard.

A Member raised concerns about the speed of traffic on Mill Lane and the possibility of a reduction in the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph in the vicinity of the houses. He also highlighted the absence of a footpath which means dog walkers often need to walk in the grass, this being exacerbated by the behaviour of inconsiderate drivers. He wished to know if more could be done, noting that the Parish Clerk had already written formally on the matter. Nigel Smith suggested that the Parish Council continue to lobby on safety grounds for site improvements.

A Member enquired whether there had been any progress regarding the issue of speeding on Leeds Road, noting that a response was outstanding from Gary Lumb, the local Area Improvement Manager. Nigel Smith agreed to chase progress on the matter and report back.

A Member raised queried the installation of new speed signs which had been promised for Barkston Ash and Church Fenton which had been promised before the end of the year - noting that there was no sign of them as yet. Nigel Smith confirmed he would check on this.

Resolved -

That the oral report is noted.

110. Annual Road Casualty Report

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services inviting the Committee to discuss, comment upon and question the content of the Annual Road Safety Casualty Report.

Nigel Smith, Area Highways Manager presented the following information:

“County summary:

- The number of people killed on North Yorkshire’s roads continued to fall last year, matching the joint lowest figure since modern records began in 1990.

- Thirty-one people died as a result of collisions on the county's roads, compared to 40 in 2014 and 51 in 2013.
- The number of people seriously injured on the county's roads was slightly higher than the previous year, 399 compared to 391. The total number of casualties of all severities in 2015 was 2,316, up three per cent from 2,258 in 2014.
- Four cyclists were killed in 2015, one more than the previous year, but the number of cyclists seriously injured was down 17 per cent and overall there were five per cent fewer cyclist casualties, despite the continued growing popularity of cycling in the county.
- The number of motorcyclists killed or injured continued its gradual decline. In 2015, 12 were killed and a further 102 seriously injured, compared to 13 and 104 in 2014 and 16 and 114 in 2013.
- Three pedestrians were killed, one fewer than in 2014, and the number of seriously injured pedestrians fell from 39 to 35.

Selby District

Fatalities: 1 (adult)

Serious Injuries: 35, from 47 in 2014

Slights: 214 slightly up from 2014, (211)

Child KSI: 1, down from 7 in 2014

Cyclists: 35, up from 29 in 2014

Pedestrians: 13, down from 22 in 2014

Motorcyclists: 36, down from 41 in 2014

Total collisions with pia: 191, 21 more than 2014 (170)

Total casualties all severities: 250, 14 fewer than 2014 (264)

Av 4 collisions per week

Casualties by road user groups:

Car occupants= 58%

PTW = 14%

Cyclists = 14% and Pedestrians = 6%

HGV = 7%

Others = 1%

Speed Management During the year the Selby Road Safety Group progressed 43 Speed Concern enquiries. These resulted in 7 x requests for engineering reviews. The introduction of the North Yorkshire Police Community Speedwatch is welcomed, this will enable local communities to take action where they have local concerns but the Speed Concern assessment has found that levels of speeding are insufficient for engineering or enforcement action.

Increase in cyclist casualties by 25% from 24 in 2014 to 30 in 2015, which is perhaps to be expected with the growing popularity of cycling but we do not accept any casualties as "inevitable". Cycling is a priority issue for us and for the 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership and we will provide a string programme of publicity and information for cyclists and to remind other drivers to look out for cyclists. The service is also collaborating with cycle clubs and organisations - Greenhow Hill Way of the Roses project was a good example of all working together to achieve a common aim of improving safety on a very popular route. Café and Guest House owners and cycle shops have been tremendously helpful in distributing information and fliers about the route, along with Sustrans through their route website and our own free to download

app.

Bikeability training: Government cut the Bikeability grant funding in year but NYP and NYCC have pledged to make up the shortfall. The PCC has also agreed to do so for next year (2017-18) as well. This is part of the 95 Alive Partnership focus on promoting and actively working towards safer cycling throughout the county in the coming months and year. We trained 558 Year 5 & Year 6 pupils on Bikeability in 2015.

Motorcyclists: Road Safety meet and communicate with thousands of motorcyclists each season (roughly from February to October). There is growing interest in information about routes and potential hazards. We worked with the Fire & Rescue Service to run 6 x "Biker Down" first aid courses at the start of the season. These provide bikers with the basic knowledge and skills they need to provide immediate aid to a motorcyclist casualty. They also enable discussion regarding how motorbike crashes occur and how riders can avoid those situations. These courses were fully booked with a waiting list and were very well received by the bikers. We have additional funding to run 9 of these courses next spring.

Older drivers are offered Older Driver Refresher Drives, which are popular with residents in other districts and are currently available free of charge thanks to funding from the PCC via 95 Alive and Public Health N Yorkshire – who share our aim to help older people to keep driving and independent for as long as they safely can do so. Eight local Driving Instructors have been trained to provide these refresher drives."

Thanks were recorded for the informative report and a Member was pleased to see the emphasis of cyclists and motorists. He acknowledged that it can be difficult to get larger groups of cyclists together and he wondered if the Selby Cycle Event might provide a useful awareness raising opportunity - very like the opportunity afforded at Squires for accessing large numbers of motorcyclists. Nigel Smith advised that the latest Tour de Yorkshire route was due to be announced on the forthcoming Friday, commenting which may help raise awareness, and he also suggested various cycle forums which would be of assistance.

A Member noted the increase in the number of road races being held in the vicinity of Saxton, feeling that there is insufficient engagement by race organisers with the villages affected by such races. James Gilroy commented upon the 14 or 15 road race circuits which exist in North Yorkshire, noting that this is a permitted activity under the 1964 Regulations, and he advised that work is ongoing with the British Cycling Association to raise the standards of organiser competency. He explained his involvement with such road races - looking at traffic management, rolling road closures etc. He felt engagement would be highly beneficial in addressing areas of potential conflict, also noting that such issues could be addressed when applications to hold such races come in. This would also enable early warning to be given to Parish Councils of such events. Nigel Smith also mentioned the Safety Advisory Group but explained the difficulty if race organisers don't advise the County Council of what is planned. James Gilroy explained that he is seeking a national timetable from British Cycling which he will then circulate to all relevant parties. He felt confident that early warning and better communication will undoubtedly help smooth arrangements.

Returning to the main report, a Member asked about the number of pedestrian casualties and Nigel Smith highlighted page 96 which provided this information. The Member was interested to know why the figure had gone up for adult casualties and Nigel Smith advised that this appeared to be due to 'rare random multiple events'.

A Member was very pleased to see that Brayton School children have undertaken Bikeability training.

Resolved -

That the report is noted.

111. Annual Stronger Communities Report

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships updating on progress made within the Stronger Communities programme in Selby and District.

Tom Jenkinson, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager for Selby, introduced the report explaining that this was a six monthly update. He highlighted the on-going work supporting Tadcaster and Sherburn Libraries to transform into community libraries, explaining that a community hub approach is being adopted. He also described the work being undertaken with Selby District Council regarding the digital offer. Regarding grant allocation he explained that Selby had initially lagged behind other areas of the county, however this situation has now improved and, since April 2016, some £127,000 has been invested in various projects benefitting young people, older people and vulnerable adults. Tom Jenkinson acknowledged that community transport is a challenge in Selby and across the County. Stronger Communities and Integrated Passenger Transport are collaborating with service providers to develop increased awareness and take-up of community transport by developing an overarching brand and marketing strategy. Community Transport schemes include traditional bus services, some of which employ drivers, and taxi-style services provided by volunteers using their own vehicles or a community vehicle. One of the challenges to services is making them affordable particularly in rural areas where volunteer drivers may have to travel large distances but must not be left out of pocket. Greater numbers of volunteer drivers based in more communities would help to reduce costs. Finally, he advised of the mapping exercise which is underway with Health and Adult Services to identify any gaps in service delivery. Local organisations could then be encouraged to deliver interventions known to be successful in meeting these identified needs.

Thanks were recorded for the update given and the work undertaken to date. The Member for Sherburn-in-Elmet concurred with the positive report regarding the establishment of community libraries and he noted that volunteers to staff the facilities were being interviewed shortly. He stated that there were hiccups with one or two issues and he expressed disappointment that the Executive Member with responsibility for the Library Service was not present to hear the discussion. He outlined the following concerns:

- A need to resolve the question of the lease which involves split usage of the building.
- The inability of existing volunteers to use the Soprano software until they are trained, however they had been using it until now.
- Various service level agreement issues:
 - no attempt to define the supply of books other than a reference to delivery once a week;
 - no reference to the standard of service to be provided by library management;
 - no measurable standards defined

- no response times defined for issues which fall under NYCC ownership
- no reference to software updates
- “professional support” not defined
- no commitment to retain library supervision.

Concluding, the Member stated that he felt that insufficient resources had been allocated to cope with the scale of the task and he felt this would have an adverse impact upon Sherburn and Tadcaster. Tom Jenkinson noted that concerns raised and the Chairman asked that the Clerk document these concerns explicitly in the feedback from the Area Committee to the Executive.

Another Member commented upon the Government ownership of a particular building in another District and the ramifications in terms of the contract of agreement, reiterating the need to resolve the lease question and also insurance. Regarding Sherburn Library, Tom Jenkinson advised that the building is Council owned and volunteers are therefore responsible for the interior of the building. The same is the case for Tadcaster. The Member wished to know what happens if damage arises to the interior and Tom Jenkinson confirmed that volunteer groups are expected to take out insurance to cover this eventuality. The Member went on to query whether the County Council will hold copies of the insurance and SLA agreements, so that arrangements are clear and held securely. The Member spoke about the shared occupation of the Sherburn building which is in Council ownership. He raised concerns that the Trust is expected to indemnify the Council against hurt to the public etc, whilst this is not reciprocal.

Finally a Member enquired why Brotherton is not served by a mobile library and Tom Jenkinson agreed to research this matter.

Resolved -

That the report is noted and that the Executive are asked to note and seek to address the concerns raised regarding the service level agreements for community libraries.

112. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) presenting the future work programme and inviting Members to comment, amend and/or suggest additional items to be included.

The Clerk raised the issue of the pre-election period for the County Council Elections in 2017 and it was agreed to move the scheduled date for the next meeting forward to 13 March 2017. The meeting is to be held at Selby Civic Centre and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, is to be invited to attend.

The Chairman asked for a piece of work to be commenced seeking to bring together Selby District Council Community Engagement Forums and North Yorkshire County Council’s Selby Area Committee. He felt that the District Council and County Council should work together and amalgamate these meetings for mutual benefit to eradicate duplication and reduce costs. He asked that the suggestion be progressed and a discussion to be scheduled for the next meeting. Within the scope of this work, he wished to consider the role of Parish Councils, the District Council and the County Council.

It was also suggested that the option for an update on health services in Selby be researched - perhaps focussing upon the NYCC Living Well project and any changes regarding Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Resolved -

That the Work Programme is updated on the basis of the comments made above.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm
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North Yorkshire County Council**Selby Area Committee
Monday, 13th March 2017****Annual Report of the Older People's Champion****A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY**

1. This will be my eleventh and last report to North Yorkshire County Council on my activities as your Older People's Champion. It all began in the mid-nineties when North Yorkshire bid for funding from the Government of the day, with the idea of developing a means of engaging actively with older people across the whole County so that we could consult with older people when we developed new services for them. Our bid was one of 28 across the country which was successful.
2. A forum was set up in each district and one representative from each district came together on a regular basis and formed the North Yorkshire Forum for Older People. The Project Manager was someone who is now working with Age UK in North Craven, Sue Bradley and Micky Johnson was our designated older person. Micky still works for the older people in North Yorkshire and more recently took part in the thorough review of our bus and community bus services.
3. Our first strategy was called "Our Future Lives" and when we consulted on this strategy, we soon learned that the last thing an older person wanted, was to go into a residential or nursing home at the end of their lives. The policy of changing our 29 residential homes into extra care facilities was developed following the publication of our first strategy.
4. I chaired Social Services (children and adults) at the time and in 1997 because the Government could not think of a better title, the notion of appointing Older People's Champions was born. It was believed that a member of the Executive should hold that post to give it the high profile it deserved.
5. A national review was held after 12 months and I presented at the Queen Elizabeth's Conference Hall in London. The conclusions of myself and the Director of Social Services was that my most useful role was that of a conduit between older people and the County Council and Government and essentially in that role I should develop a good network at regional and national level. The review also suggested that an executive/cabinet member did not have the time to develop the role as it should be developed. When I stepped down as Executive member of Social Services and became the executive member for Community Services and Safer Communities it gave me the opportunity to develop my role.
6. My aim was to champion opportunities for older people, ensure they were well informed so that they could make the right choices, which would improve the quality of their lives in their later years. This meant that I needed to take every opportunity to raise older people's interests and attend Seminars, Conferences so that I was up to date with Government thinking, at the same time I was a Non-Executive Director of North Yorkshire Health Authority. The County Council had ten years working with a Health Authority which was coterminous with our own boundaries.

FUTURE YEARS THE YORKSHIRE & HUMBER FORUM ON AGEING

7. I was elected by the older people of North Yorkshire to represent them on the new Regional Forum on Ageing. I became chair of that organisation which I had helped develop with Age Concern. A position I have held for 11 years and it is through this group I have been able to develop my national interests for older people. I have held 14 workshops to raise awareness of Loneliness across Yorkshire and the Humber. Two of them in North Yorkshire at Scarborough and Harrogate.

AGE ACTION ALLIANCE

8. Five years ago, the Age Action Alliance was developed jointly by Age UK and Government its work is done through a number of working groups and Future Years joined the Isolation and Loneliness Working Group. I became a member of the Campaign to End Loneliness in the months following. I now find myself totally committed to reducing isolation and loneliness at every opportunity and this has been my objective in everything I have done as a county councillor and Campaign Ambassador during this last year.

THE PREVENTION STRATEGY

9. I was delighted when the County Council set up its Living Well Team, headed by Cath Simms, more information on which is outlined in the Appendix. Over the last 2/3 years I have worked very closely with the County Council and the villages of Gargrave, Embsay and Grassington to ensure they were able to set up their own Community libraries. The biggest percentage of the volunteers are older people and all three have become social hubs.
10. I have particularly but not exclusively, supported applications for funding from my **locality budget** from Village Hall Management Committees for building repairs and maintenance using it for this purpose means that whole communities have benefitted. Without a village hall where would local people meet and get together in such isolated villages? Where would community libraries find a home?
11. **The Venturer, the Community timetabled bus service** has been a huge success. Faced with no bus service of any description north and east of Grassington the villagers got together. I organised public meetings to discuss the situation and two villagers came forward and developed a business case for a timetabled bus service. I organised many meetings in the early stages with officers from County Hall. The targets for income have been exceeded and the service has carried many full fare paying passengers. In the height of Summer, we left people at the roadside. Definitely not one of our aims!
12. In Craven the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) gave funding for a pilot to develop Village Agents. I chaired the Steering Group, with the end of funding from Health we successfully applied for funding from Age UK £40,000, this enabled further work to be done by those village agents still in post.
13. Embsay particularly benefitted from the Village Agent's work and as a result a Steering Group was formed to develop **Embsay and Eastby Good Neighbours**. I co - chair this group with the Vicar of Embsay Church. This is now working well but the most asked for service is transport to hospital or the GP Practice. With the help of County (Marion Tweed Rycroft) we applied for funding from Stronger Communities to augment the funding received initially from Rural Action Yorkshire.

14. Added to this we applied to “Awards for All” to develop a **Befriending Scheme** for Embsay and Eastby residents. The funding will provide for a co-ordinator for twelve months to continue the development of this scheme begun by our Village Agent.
15. At Buckden Parish Council meeting last month they were discussing having a village 'champion' who called on older people living alone to ensure all is well. I introduced them to Marion Tweed-Rycroft via email and I am confident something will be develop from this link and with a small grant to build a **'resilient community.'** I shall be well pleased.

FROM A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE - THE CAMPAIGN TO END LONELINESS

16. I am now designated an **Ambassador for the Campaign to End Loneliness.** Following the successful recruitment for ambassadors who can give talks on the subject, I attended a training event in York and was asked to help with the training.
17. I was invited to speak at the launch of Leeds Beckett University and the publication of the findings from the project **“Together for Health”** funded by the DH. Some really good and sound evidence was produced for this project and a tool to measure the improvement of a person's wellbeing was used after connecting the person to a social activity. Knaresborough Age UK was a participant in this research. I was on the steering group for North Yorkshire when the project was being set up.
18. I spoke at the Annual Conference of **'Minding the Gap'**, held in Sheffield last year. I used the latest powerpoint presentation and the emphasis was on identifying those in the community who may be suffering from the effects of loneliness this was based on the publication of the 'Missing Millions', an excellent publication. The outcome of the conference was a call for the use of social prescriptions nationally.
19. I was invited to attend the Strategy meeting of the Campaign, planning for the next five years and attended the 5th birthday of the Campaign in June where the document **'The Missing Millions** was officially launched.
20. I spoke for the Campaign at a Hub event in Brighton organised by the Brighton and Hove Local Authority and at a Scrutiny meeting of Harrogate BC as an ambassador.
21. There is an increase in the number of invitations to advise and speak on the subject of loneliness. The Campaign ensures I am invited to most of the events where the publication of research on the matter of loneliness is being launched. The latest was the launch of the findings from the research done by the Red Cross and The Co-op in partnership
22. This piece of work **'Trapped in a Bubble'** concentrated on getting to a better understanding of the triggers for loneliness. The partners are setting some targets e.g. Bringing social connection to 12,500 people in England. They are to use their members to act as befrienders and to date they have raised £4m for the Campaign.
23. I have accepted an invitation to be a trustee of a soon to be launched charity **'Linking Lives UK'**. Jeremy Sharpe who has successfully launched the Link Visiting Scheme in the South of England, feels it is time to widen the opportunities for churches to bring people of all ages together across the whole of the country. Local Churches provide unique opportunities due to the number of older and single people

who attend church. **How can your church reach and support isolated older people?**

24. The Bishop of Ripon invited me to be a member of a group who are active in their faith to come together to identify the local issues of isolation. Some work has been carried out by the Diocesan Rural Officer he has developed some social activities using the 'Men in Sheds' ideas. There is a growing number of single older men who are committing suicide and this needs to be addressed.
25. Current work in progress is the setting up of a project through my own GP Practice Manager with a local pharmacy and the Living Well officer for Craven, to identify those who may be lonely in the locality of the practice.
26. I have enjoyed my work with older people, beginning when I used to teach retired people luncheon cookery. Becoming Chair of Social Services was a turning point in my life. It was in this role that I fully recognised the great need 'out there' in North Yorkshire.
27. I must thank officers in North Yorkshire who have worked with me to achieve that which local residents in my division wanted. Libraries, Community Transport, HAS particularly in the prevention work, Highways, most recently constructed a dropped kerb to make it easy for someone with an electric wheelchair to get to her 'local shop' and lastly Education who were so supportive of me when I chaired the Governing Board of Upper Wharfedale School, with one exception, when I was not supported in my idea to federate the primary Schools in Upper Wharfedale with the UWS to develop a hub and spoke federation with one headteacher. Officers have unstintingly given of their time. No one achieves anything on their own, so having the right partners round one table is a 'given'.
28. I shall continue with:
 - my national work and involvement in the Campaign to End Loneliness.(It is the only working Group of the AAA where my travel expenses are reimbursed by the DH.)
 - My work with the older people in North Yorkshire, through the Yorkshire & Humber Advisory Forum.

Councillor Shelagh Marshall OBE
Older People's Champion NYCC 2017

Living well in North Yorkshire

Working with people who are lonely or socially isolated, the Living Well team is helping people to become more connected to their communities and helping people to prevent or resolve issues before they become a crisis. By the end of December 2016, the team had responded to nearly 2000 referrals since its launch in October 2015.

The predominant reason for referral is loneliness and isolation, although most people present with several reasons, including bereavement and loss of confidence. Living Well coordinators work with individuals over an average period of 7 weeks, providing face to face information advice and guidance, support to build self-confidence, help to access community activities and practical support, for example ways of maximising a person's income.

Success is dependent on people increasing their confidence, skills and motivation to find their own solutions to improve health and well-being. The team works alongside the council's Stronger Communities team to ensure that there are a range of good quality community options in place.

The Living Well Team recently won the council's people's choice award for innovation, in recognition that the team is already making a huge contribution to the targeted prevention agenda in North Yorkshire. It is a radical, innovative approach which maximises benefits from partnerships and uses creative approaches to support individuals and achieve positive individual outcomes.

For Edna, who lives alone and felt isolated in her home after the loss of a loved one, she valued the way that Living Well took the time to get to know what was important to her and helped her to get her life back. Edna says 'I now know that there really is life after 80'

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SELBY AREA COMMITTEE 13th March 2017****2016-2017****North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update Selby****Report of Group Manager Dave Dryburgh****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise members of the Area Committee of Community Safety Activities involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) that have occurred between the 1st April – 31st December 2016 and to provide an update regarding other issues from within the Selby District.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The following report covers the period 1st April – 31st December 2016.

3.0 SERVICE DELIVERY

3.1 The following activity list provides an overview of the Community Safety initiatives conducted in the Selby area up to last complete quarter.

Community Fire Safety	April - December 2016 Total
Number of Smoke Alarms fitted	266
Number of Home Fire Risk Assessments completed	206
Drive Alives	0
Matrix deployments	47
Targeted driving campaigns	18
School talks promoting community safety	20
Child Firesetters	5
Bonfire Awareness talks	4
Other community fire safety talks	68

Technical Fire Safety	April – December 2016 Total
Number of Fire Safety Audits Completed	105
All TFS job types completed	294

4.0 INCIDENTS OF NOTE

4.1 **Date:** 08/08/2016

Location: Selby

Assist other Agency:

Incident involved a person who was threatening to jump from Cawood Swing Bridge. Police negotiators tried to talk the person down, however they later jumped into the river. The casualty was rescued from the river by the Selby boat crew and handed over in to the care of the Police and Paramedics.

4.2 **Date:** 25/08/2016

Location: Selby

Water Rescue:

Incident involved a person who had entered the water. 2 passer-by's came to their assistance and held the person until the crews arrived. Crews upon arrival then assisted all 3 to safety.

4.3 **Date:** 28/08/2016

Location: Selby

RTC Fatality:

Incident involved an RTC involving a car, pedestrian and a dog. It is believed that the car may have lost control and collided with the pedestrian and dog. Unfortunately the pedestrian was confirmed deceased at the scene. The driver and front passenger of the vehicle had slight injuries and were out of the vehicle on arrival of the fire crews. The rear seat passenger was released from the vehicle by door release and handed to paramedics to be transported to hospital with leg and head injuries. Crews used cutting and stabilisation gear.

4.4 **Date:** 18/09/2016

Location: Selby

Animal Rescue:

Crews rescued one sheep from the river using strops, lines, manpower, triple extension ladder and grinder. The sheep was left on the banking for the farmer to find.

4.5 **Date:** 20/09/2016

Location: Tadcaster

Flooding inside Premises:

Incident involved flooding to a ground floor flat. Crews gained access into the property through an open window in the first floor flat, and then isolated electricity and water. Incident was left with Selby District Council who was on site. Crews used 9m and short extension ladder.

4.6 **Date:** 02/10/2016

Location: Selby

RTC:

Incident involved a one vehicle RTC where the driver had lost control of the vehicle and landed drove into a field. Two casualties were trapped in the vehicle, crews extricated the casualties using cutting gear and assisted them to the Ambulance using spinal boards.

4.7 **Date:** 06/10/2016
Location: Selby
Persons Trapped:

Incident involved a car which had fallen from its jacked position and trapped a person underneath. Crews used a defibrillator, oxygen and other first aid equipment on the casualty who was then transported to hospital by Air Ambulance.

4.8 **Date:** 20/10/2016
Location: Selby
RTC:

Incident involved a two vehicle RTC, the driver of the first vehicle self extricated and then collapsed due to shock. Two occupants from the second vehicle were extricated by crews due to injuries and were transported to hospital via Air Ambulance. Crews performed a roof removal using hydraulic cutting equipment, small tools, sharps equipment, chocks and blocks.

4.9 **Date:** 22/10/2016
Location: Selby
Water Rescue:

Incident involved one 20ft narrow boat which had lost power. Two persons on the boat were rescued by crews using the fire service boat, both persons uninjured. Crews secured the boat to the bank side waiting for recovery. Crews used lines and lighting along with the boat.

4.10 **Date:** 02/11/2016
Location: A63 Hambleton
RTC:

Incident involved a two vehicle RTC, crews assisted paramedics with removal of the casualty by removing a door. The casualty was treated by the Air Ambulance Doctor and transported to hospital via road Ambulance. Crews used cutting equipment.

4.11 **Date:** 09/12/2016
Location: A19, Chapel Haddlesey
RTC Fatality:

RTC collision involving two vehicles and one motorcycle. Occupants of both vehicles out on arrival, uninjured but shaken. The motorcyclist was under the vehicle and unfortunately was confirmed deceased at the scene by the Ambulance service. Crews used airbags, lighting and vehicle stabilisation.

4.12 **Date:** 25/12/2016
Location: Hemingbrough, Selby
Fire Residential:

Fire in bedroom of semi-detached property causing 100% fire damage to bedroom and further damage to loft and kitchen as well as severe smoke damage to upstairs of property. An alarm had been fitted and activated.

5.0 FIRE COVER REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 As detailed in previous reports to this meeting, on the 9th December 2015 the Fire Authority decided to replace one of the two fire engines at Tadcaster with a Tactical

Response Vehicle (TRV) and for five others to be introduced across the Service at Scarborough, Northallerton, Harrogate, Ripon and malton.

- 5.2 The main difference from a standard fire engine is that they will be crewed with two or three staff instead of four or five on a current fire engine, and can therefore attend smaller incidents such as bin fires on their own, or form part of a response of several fire engines to larger incidents such as house fires and road traffic collisions..
- 5.3 All six of the TRVs will be introduced to the Service by 2020 and the Tadcaster TRV was put into operational service on the 15th February 2017 following the introduction of the first TRV to be put into service at Scarborough. The Service now has three TRV's operational (Scarborough, Tadcaster and Northallerton). The Fire Authority has also made the decision that the TRV's will not be staffed with less than 3 firefighters and will make any decision on moving to staffing them 2 firefighters following the outcomes of the comprehensive audit and review system that has been put in place.
- 5.4 There has been a trade dispute lodged by the Fire Brigades Union regarding the introduction of TRV's, however an interim agreement has been reached which will remain in place until the end of March 2017. As a result the TRV's will not be mobilised to property fires with a crew of 3 until a standard fire appliance is in attendance or if they are attending simultaneously with another standard appliance.
- 5.5 During January and February 2017 the TRV's have been mobilised to a total of 89 incidents, with a crew of 3 on 36 of those occasions and on 22 occasions as the only attending appliance.
- 5.6 During this implementation phase each incident is the subject of an operational audit completed by the firefighters who staff the appliance and an additional audit by an middle manager. The outcomes of these audits is being considered by an Evaluation and Review Project Team and the outcomes will be reported back and discussed with local staff.
- 5.7 To date there have been no significant operational issues of concern.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That Members note the activities that have taken place and the update relating to the Fire Cover Review.

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Selby Area Committee

13 March 2017

Work Programme

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To invite the Area Committee's comments on its programme of work for future meetings.

2.0 Meeting Dates

2.1 The meetings dates for 2017/18 are:-

- 12 June 2017
- 18 September 2017
- 13 November 2017
- 26 March 2018

3.0 Presently Recurring Business

3.1 Business considered regularly by the Area Committee is listed below:--

- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Public Questions and Statements.
- Stronger Communities Update
- Highways Update
- Work Programme

3.2 Following agreement by the Committee, at its Meeting held on 8 June 2015, to adopt a refreshed style of future meetings, the recurring business of the Committee will be dealt with during the first phase of the meeting and will include reports on the issues detailed below, together with any other reports that require the consideration of the Committee.

4.0 Topics for Business Suggested under the Proposed New Arrangements for Future Meetings

4.1 The main focus of the Meetings will then be on the topics identified by the Committee as requiring in-depth analysis and investigation, culminating in recommendations for a way forward on these matters being developed for the Selby area. It is expected that some of the issues identified will require more than one meeting's consideration for a complete analysis to be undertaken. Initially the Committee concentrated on 'Infrastructure projects in the Selby District - links to Economic development'.

4.2 Other issues that were identified as potential matters for in depth analysis are indicated below, and, following consideration of infrastructure, members are requested to identify the next topic for analysis. The subject could be taken from this list or a new issue could be identified for consideration.

- Selby District Health Profile as created by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – particularly the key areas of concern for the year ahead.
- Economic welfare.
- School improvements.
- Local enterprise and future investment – York/North Yorkshire/East Riding Enterprise Partnership.

4.3 At the previous Meeting it was requested that consideration be given to bringing together the Selby District Council CEFs and the Area Committee with a view to eradicating duplication and reducing costs. This matter will be pursued further with the newly appointed Area Committee following the forthcoming elections.

4.4 Further consideration will also be given to providing an update on health services in Selby, including a focus on the NYCC Living Well Project and changes to the CCGs, within the work programme for the newly appointed Area Committee.

5.0 Recommendation

That the report be noted

Background papers – none

Steve Loach – Democratic Services

March 2017