



Skipton Town Council

Community Safety Working Group

10:00am 22nd May 2024

Present: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Councillors Winston Feather, Lewis Morgan and Claire Nash Skipton Town Council, Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer CDC, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Kirsty Mellin North Yorkshire Youth, Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Rosemary Simpson Craven College, Cllr Andy Solloway- North Yorkshire Council, Jibhran Kahil- Skipton Academy, Emma Nicholson and Linda Morgan Community Health Connectors.

1. Chair's Welcome

Councillor McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made. Apologies had been received from the Youth Council, NY Police and Cllr David Noland.

3. Minutes from the last meeting held on the 7th March 2024

The minutes from the last working group on the 7th March 2024 have been circulated and were approved.

4. Actions from the last meeting

ACTION: Jenny will report rats to Network Rail.

This had been done, although an acknowledgement had not been received. However Cllr Nash did report that the area had been cleared.

ACTION: Jenny to circulate poster and booking form. Everyone to circulate to anyone who may want to have a stand- Completed

ACTION: Jenny will do some research into what support/activities are already

in place, and investigate ways that this group could help promote those activities in the most effective way. This would be carried over to the next meeting.

ACTION: Sarah to discuss CCTV with the owners of Albion Place. Sarah has discussed this with the owners, who do not want to install CCTV at this time, however there had been no further incidents in the location.

ACTION: Councillor McDaid to speak with Cllr Solloway regarding NYC funding the camera. Jenny to liaise with Insp Earnshaw and Stacey re the PFCC violent crime fund to see if that would be appropriate. - See Agenda Item 7.

ACTION: Julie to send Jenny the details of Community Messenger. Jenny to circulate to the group. Jenny to also include the details with the Allotment Tenancy Letters which are due to go out this month.- Completed

ACTION: Jenny to set up website page.- Completed. The page would have more information added over the next few weeks.

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5. Update on Local Crime Figures

This would be carried forward to the next meeting

6. Issues at Middletown Allotments

An update was given from STC regarding issues that had been identified at the Middletown Allotment site involving a group of youths using a plot to gather, this had caused issues for the tenant who has given up the plot and also disturbed the neighbouring tenants. There was some damage to a shed and its contents, and some graffiti. The Estates staff have taken down the shed, and a wildlife camera has been installed following advice from the Police. The situation would be monitored.

There was a discussion about a plot being made available for young people to use. Jenny highlighted that a plot could not be used just as a place to meet, it would have to be used for cultivation and the usual allotment rules abided by, and consideration given to people on the waiting list, and existing tenants. One of the larger plots is being split into smaller plots, so it could be investigated as

an option, but a group or organisation would need to take responsibility for it. Kirsty and her team can ask the young people they work with if this is an idea that young people would be interested in.

7. CCTV at the Bus Station- any updates

Sarah will go back to the camera company to see if there are options for the costing of the camera, and also ask about the options of a camera that says 'you are being filmed'.

Stacey may be able to use some of the target hardening budget for this. Stacey also updated the group that the bus station may be used as a location for a Knife Bin.

Cllr Soloway will investigate further with North Yorkshire Council.

8. Focus on supporting older people in the community

This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

9. Review of the Community Day at Sandylands

The group discussed the pros and cons of the day. Cllr McDaid reported that the committee at Sandylands would like to make it an annual event. The date would need to be considered as some community groups found it difficult to get volunteers on a bank holiday. Some late cancellations and no shows meant the food offering was not very good and this would need to be improved for next time.

There were spaces in the car park all day, but people did park down Engine Shed Lane. Cllr Solloway felt that the day had highlighted to NYC that there was a need to get the link road to Engine Shed Lane open as soon as possible.

Signage on the day should also be considered, such as ABoards directing people to the different activities.

On the whole it was felt that it was a positive event.

10. Update on the Youth Bus

Jenny has contacted Inspire Youth again, as they had indicated that they could start sessions after the half term, a reply has not yet been received. Jenny will follow this up. The PFCC office, who granted the funding for this, have been made aware so that they know why the funds have not yet been spent. Jenny will give an update on this at the next meeting if not before.

11. Update from the Youth Council campaigns

Jenny provided the group with an update from the Youth Council on their campaigns. They had raised £230 at the Community Day. There are 13 groups who have been in touch regarding litter picking as part of the Keep Skipton Tidy Campaign, and the Youth Council did their own litter pick in Aireville Park. They are also continuing with the Anti-vaping Campaign.

Jenny has also provided them with the details of the Town Councils community grant scheme.

12. Visual audit feedback from Greatwood and agree plans future audits/litter pick

It was agreed that Jenny will draft up a schedule of monthly litter picks, which will alternate between daytimes, evenings and weekends.

There were very few issues identified in the Greatwood area.

Cllr Solloway reported that he had received reports from residents about overflowing bins and overgrown grass verges. He was also in touch with Louise Close about the bus shelter on Broughton Road.

There was also a discussion about planning some days for volunteers to work on bigger projects for a day, such as painting etc. Local businesses could be approached to provide volunteers.

13. Open Discussion

Cllr McDaid raised concerns he had discussed with Rosemary about the lack of mental health services for young people, particularly those who fall between child and adult services. There was a discussion about what we could do as a group. Emma and Linda discussed their new roles, and that they were finding out about services that are available but not necessarily well known of, such as Young Peoples Social subscribers, and Counsellors specific to young people at Dyneley House. As Skipton is part of the Craven area, services in Bradford can also be accessed. Linda and Emma will be able to feed back more information as they find it.

Summary of Actions

Action: Sarah to get an up to date/revised costing for the camera at the bus station

Action: Cllr Solloway to discuss the camera with NYC, and find out about potential funding

Action: Kirsty to gauge the interest from young people about a young persons allotment. Jenny to discuss with the Chief Officer and Estates staff at STC

Action: Jenny to draft up a litter picking schedule

Action: Jenny to follow up with the Youth Bus

Action: Jenny to complete action from the previous meeting regarding services for older people.

Next Meeting TBC to be held before the summer holidays.