



Skipton Town Council

Community Safety Working Group

10:00am 25th September 2024

Present: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Councillors Winston Feather and Claire Nash Skipton Town Council, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer CDC, Kirsty Mellin North Yorkshire Youth, Louise Close Chief Officer Skipton Town Council, Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Insp Julie Earnshaw North Yorkshire Police, Noah Garbutt-Skipton Youth Council, Chloe Thwaites Skipton Youth Council, Emma Nicholson Community Health Connector.

1. Chair's Welcome

Councillor McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made. Apologies had been received from Rosemary Simpson Craven College, Adam Jackson Ermysteds, Cllr Andy Solloway- North Yorkshire Council, Teri Gribbin SSIA, Cllr Lewis Morgan

3. Minutes from the last meeting held on the 16th July 2024

The minutes from the last working group on the 16th July 2024 have been circulated and were approved.

4. Actions from the last meeting

Action: Cllr McDaid to provide research on the Community Hub for the next meeting-*On the agenda*

Action: Police to provide information on whether there has been an increase in reporting incidents to them using their online systems- *Insp Earnshaw reported that online reporting systems are being used more. The Police are also encouraging people to sign up to the community messaging service.*

Action: Jenny to circulate the list of activities for older people when ready.- Completed and *on the Agenda*

Action: Jenny to circulate the posters from the Youth Council, all to respond with their comments/favourite one.- *Completed*

Action: Cllr Solloway to find out the lead officer for the Skipton Gateway Project, and to follow up enquiries with the Mayor regarding CCTV Funding- *On the agenda*

Action: Sarah to give an update on the costs of the a CCTV camera-*On the agenda*

Action: Jenny to provide a further update on the Youth Bus- *On the agenda*

5. Update on Local Crime Figures

Inspector Earnshaw provided an update to the group. There had been some burglaries in the area, for which some offenders had been arrested. The majority of incidents were sneak ins due to insecure doors. Residents are encouraged to make sure that their doors are locked.

There have been some incidents of ASB at the Aireville Allotments, these are NYC managed plots. And some Asb in the Cross St and Christchurch area and the Ginnel Park. All these locations are on the Police patrol plans.

Sarah confirmed that BID would be funding the Street Marshalls at Christmas again.

6. CCTV at the Bus Station

Stacey could contribute in the region of £2,000 to a camera. Cllr Noland, said that he and Cllr Heseltine may be able to contribute to the camera if needed.

Action: Jenny to speak with Cllr Solloway to confirm how much he is able to contribute towards the camera.

Actions: Sarah to confirm the up to date cost for the camera.

Kirsty reported that young people who attended the youth bus said they go not the bus station as it has light, WIFI and is dry.

7. Update on the Youth Bus

The first Youth Bus session was yesterday 24th September. There were 24 young people who attended.

Next week is at Cavendish Street Car Park again. It would be useful to have come cones or barriers put out to keep an area contained.

Action: Jenny to arrange for some barriers to be dropped off at the car park

The last two sessions will be at Ings school, which is closer to Broughton Road Community Centre.

Kirsty has a meeting at the community centre on Friday to discuss plans for the opening of the Youth Club.

8. To discuss the possibility of a community hub in Skipton

Cllr McDaid gave a presentation on his proposals to investigate options for a community hub in Skipton. The Town Council will be investigating this further in the coming weeks.

All agreed that support for community groups is much needed, and a central community hub would be a positive thing. Provision for young people would be an essential part of this proposal.

Action: Cllr McDaid to draft up a short survey which can be circulated to gauge community interest in the idea of a community hub.

9. Focus on supporting older people in the community

Jenny had previously circulated the list of activities for older people, and has some additions to make to this following feedback from group members.

Emma raised concerns about residents in Greatwood who are housebound, not being able to access services due to the rising cost of taxis and the lack of public transport on the estate. Volunteers are needed to be able to carry out services such as the befriending service.

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10. Update from the Youth Council campaigns

Noah from the Youth Council gave an update on their recent AGM. Chloe gave an update on their recent campaigns. The Youth Council have featured on the BBC regarding their anti vape campaign.

The Youth Council are also looking into being test purchasers in Harrogate, and the Harrogate Youth Council being test purchasers Skipton.

Action: Chloe to circulate the details of the meeting with the Behavioural Change Team, which all members of the group are welcome to attend.

11. Open Discussion

Cllr McDaid reported that Sandylands would like to do the community day again. Sandylands will propose some dates for 2025.

Emma raised concerns about the Town Council organised park days finishing earlier than advertised in the summer.

Action: Jenny will speak to the Events Team and will report back about why the park days finished early on some occasions.

Cllr Feather stated that he felt there could be a wider variety of activities on at the Town Hall.

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