

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON June 9th.2015**

**Present:**

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Dot Lawton	Heslington P
Cllr.Denise Craghill	CYC Green Group
Andy d'Agorne	unaffiliated
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
John Cossham	Frack Free York
Alison Sinclair	Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Hugh Cripps	Yorks Energy Partnership
Alastair Cooper	York Quakers(Friargate)
James Newton	Yorspace
David Smith	unaffiliated
<b>Andy Kerr</b>	CYC Housing Strategy

**Chair:** Phil Bixby

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies: June Tranmer, Kate Lock ,Ian Jakulis, Tom Waring, Adrian Lovett ,Mick Phythian, Carole Green, Ron Healey, Margaret Trigg. Welcome to **Andy Kerr**

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

agreed.

**3 MATTERS ARISING/MEETINGS ATTENDED**

AS reported that the **BID** proposals had been discussed with Adam Sinclair and it was considered premature to seek closer involvement at this early stage.

The St.Nicks."ECOHOMES" project had produced a good response. HC noted that funding could be available to support future events, which involved considerable publicity and organisational costs.

JN noted a meeting was scheduled with CYC Leader to discuss the future of Oliver House.

**4 REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Penny B. reported a balance of £611.0 on YEF funds. Viv.Chamberlin-Kidd wished to resign as membership secretary and as joint signatory to accounts. This post needs to be filled, and volunteers are called for.

**5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT -follow up**

not discussed

## 6 YORK'S NEW BUILD COUNCIL HOUSING PROGRAMME - Andy Kerr

**AK** noted that bid opportunities in 2009 had enabled CYC to complete 19 homes at Lilbourn Drive in Clifton to code 5 standard. This was phase 1 of an 80 "lifetime" home programme to code 4 over six sites. Beckfield Lane was now complete (18 council and 9 open market). 8 homes at Hewley Avenue and 14 homes on the former "Pack of Cards" site were moving forward, with four further sites under consideration. Phase 2 included a further 26 homes, with 18 units for the temporary homeless on the Hospital Fields site in Fulford.

It was clear that in some cases tenants did not appreciate the advantages of technology in home heating, and did not know how to use it. The emphasis now would be on energy saving through structural design. It was important that tenants were educated if energy efficient measures were not to be wasted.

There were problems in keeping costs down without abandoning efficiency targets. Economies of scale were difficult to achieve due to the fragmentary nature of sites available. There were also problems of subcontractor availability and skill levels. This meant that it was difficult to maintain overall quality to which CYC was committed.

CYC was looking at possible alternative procurement routes involving the private sector in conjunction with CYC, as developed by some other authorities.

Members thanked **AK** for his review, and were to some extent re-assured that CYC was now taking forward an expanded programme, and that it was exploring alternative ways of financing.

## 7- YORK'S COMMUNITY WILDLIFE OFFICER - Margaret Trigg

postponed

## 8 A.O.B.

JC announce the formation of a "Climate Change Support Group" which would be meeting on June 11th. There would be a film showing on sustainable transport - (non-motorised v. motorised solutions) on June 21st. Contact JC for all details.

Penny B. announced an open "Edible Garden" event on July 11th. Entries welcomed. Contact Penny B.

BO suggested that the YEF should invite Cllr. Andrew Waller to a meeting.

PB asked for suggestions for topics and speakers for future meetings

### NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues. July 14th.2015 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	tbc

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