

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING ON Feb.9th.2016**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Cllr.Denise Craghill	CYC Green Group
Carole Green	Bishophorpe PC
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
Andy d'Agorne	Green Party
Dave Merrett	Independent
Graham Collett	Railfuture Yorkshire
Ron Healey	CPRE York/Selby
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
June Tranmer	The Healing Clinic
James Newton	Yospace
Alastair Cooper	York Quakers(Friargate)
Alison Sinclair	Cons. Area Advisory Panel
Anna Bialkowska	Tang Hall Big Local

Chair Phil Bixby

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Kate Lock, Adrian Lovett, Chloe Suter, *James Flinders*

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, MATTERS ARISING

Minutes agreed.

item 2(NRM)- Hugh Cripps was taking this forward.

item 3(Local List)- AS suggested forming a sub-group to handle this-volunteers please.

item 4(air quality)- BO would welcome suggestions as to how green infrastructure and its environmental benefits could be highlighted in policies and actions.

3 YORK CENTRAL - THE YEF RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION

All members took part in an open discussion.

While the need to develop the York Central site in some form was acknowledged, there was considerable disquiet over the current proposals. Many thought that while the CYC overall aims were sensible the solutions proposed were both inappropriate and possibly undeliverable. Were officers and members fully aware of how similar sites had been developed, both in the UK and elsewhere? There were worries over financing, project management, the mix of uses, social issues, and not least the possible financial risk to York residents. Transport and density issues in particular were unresolved, bearing in mind that the development could involve what would be essentially a new urban settlement of over 10,000 people, if both residents and the workforce are included. As the Local Plan proposals had still not been finalised and the Working Group had not met for weeks, was there an opportunity to introduce new radical ideas, such as making much of the site a new

city park west of the river? It was essential that the development reflected the considered preferences of York residents, guided by the expertise of the commissioning consortium, and not be beholden to the financial pressures of short term investors.

Members were invited to table their detailed comments. PC agreed to collate the responses so that a formal submission by the YEF could be prepared. Individual members who in addition wished to submit their own comments in more detail should do so. It was noted that the closing date for submissions was 15.2.2016.

4 FURTHER MEETING/SCHEDULES

The **1 PLANET LIVING** programme was being developed, and AB agreed to co-ordinate speakers for a future meeting to review progress.

AS suggested a review of neighbourhood plans.

PB suggested an update on Zero Carbon Yorkshire, due to launch in Leeds on Feb.27th.

5 A.O.B.

Penny B. noted that there would be an Edible York event on Mar.19th.

DM circulated notice of a public meeting on Feb.18th. at the Meeting House, Friargate to discuss climate change, flooding and the financial cuts.

PC had suggested approaching York "EXPLORE" for details on taking space in the foyer, as they now have new display stands. PB had agreed to take this forward.

NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues.8th.Mar.2016 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	tbc

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