

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING 9th April 2019**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Caroline Lewis	Clean Air York
Phil Bixby	Constructive Individuals
Dot Lawton	Heslington PC
Andy d'Agome	Green Party
Ron Healey	CPRE Nth.Yorks
Dave Merrett	York & District TU/individual member
Barry Otley	Treemendous York
Alison Sinclair	Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Tom de Simone	York Community Energy
Luke Richardson	LNER/individual member
Mike Bonsall	Treligan
Tom Waring	St.Nicks
Audrey Miller	independent
John Cosham	Extinction Rebellion etc.
Elspeth Wrigley	Rollits LLP
Chris Bailey	Guild of Media Arts
Graham Collett	York Bus Forum/Rail Future York
Rich Hearn	independent
Tim Moon	CYC-selfbuild and custom-built housing
John Willerby	Bringelly/Yorspace
James Newton	Yorspace

Chair Penny Bainbridge

1 WELCOME TO ALL- the Chair

Note the format of meetings has changed, so that main topics on the agenda will be dealt with first, and business matters dealt with subsequently. This will avoid guest speakers having to sit through business matters before making their presentations.

2 INTRODUCTIONS: Tim Moon, John Willerby, James Newton

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mick Phythian, June Tranmer, Sara Robin, Carole Green

4 HOUSING / BUILT ENVIRONMENT- Tim Moon, John Willerby ,James Newton

PB referred to the issues facing York Central in particular, emphasizing the need for mixed neighbourhoods and flexibility within housing zones, the pros. and cons. for high density housing, and the recommendations in the YEF Vision Document of 2011 and subsequent YEF consultation inputs emphasising the need for sustainable development in its widest sense and the importance of the "One Planet" agenda to which CYC had signed up.

TM extensively covered the various forms of self-build organisation, siting sites in Germany, Skye and Glasgow, and the need for financial control and monitoring, realistic timescales, sound legal structures and access to skills, if self-build was to be a success. There had already been enquiries from self-builders for details of the

six sites at Lowfield Green, the only local site currently allocated as part of a larger scheme. Penny B. emphasised that good personal relationships among all involved was essential.

J W noted that North Yorks. settlement pattern was so diverse that it was often difficult for community projects to thrive. The largest "Yorspace" project to date, again at Lowfield Green in York, hoped to retain a contractor by Sept. this year, working up the designs and costings for a start in 2020.

There could be opportunities at York Central for both self- build and community build projects, but this would very much depend on the views of the York Central Partnership, and how much an "acceptable" commercial rate of return would be considered adequate by the partners, and the ability of CYC to influence decisions.

GC commented that any funds made for pre-construction costs should be strictly in the form of grants and not loans.

Members felt that these presentations had been highly informative, and hoped to be updated as projects progressed.

5- YEF BUSINESS

a approval of minutes: agreed

b matters arising not on the agenda: none

c membership update: CL noted that there were still some subscriptions outstanding

d subgroup reports: DM, GC and PC spoke in objection at the Planning Meeting on Mar.25th. to consider the York Central application. The Cttee. approved the application -9 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions, out of a total membership of 15. The matter was now to be considered by the Sec. of State to see if there were grounds for a call-in. PC objected subsequently to CYC on the grounds that his original objections had not been properly reported in the officers' report to Cttee. Copies had been forwarded to the Sec. of State for information.

e misc.items: AS has agreed to participate in the Civic Trust Local Heritage list selection panel; BO is in discussion with CYC regarding enforcing biodiversity obligations on construction sites; Phil.B noted that the consultation on Castle Gateway was continuing; RH noted ongoing discussions with John Barratt (Leeds Met. Uni) on climate change.

f future discussion topics: 14th.May- climate change adaptation-Yorkshire Water; 11th.June- sustainable food production and the rural economy; 9th.July - to be decided.

6 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

April 15th. Extinction Rebellion event London

April 26th. York Uni.symposium - Travel and Transport Group (incl Bus Forum) to attend.

April 30th. St.John's Uni.- event to discuss environmental issues.

May 21st. Bus Forum meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues.May 14th.2019
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	as tabled

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