

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING 10th.Sept. 2019**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Caroline Lewis	YEF/Clean Air York
Ron Healey	CPRE Nth.Yorks
Barry Otley	Treemendous York
Phil Bixby	YEF/unaffiliated
Tom de Simone	York Community Energy
Tom Waring	St.Nicks
Audrey Miller	Treemendous
Andy d'Agorne	Green Party
June Tranmer	Wellbeing in York
Dave Merrett	unaffiliated+(York & District TUC)
Cllr.Denise Craghill	CYC
Cllr.Tony Fisher	CYC
Cllr. Martin Rowley	CYC
Mike Jones	CYC

Chair Penny Bainbridge

1 WELCOME to Mike Jones,to speak on the CYC Housing programme

2 APOLOGIES: from Mick Phythian,Graham Collett, John Bibby
Elspeth Wrigley

3 CYC HOUSING DELIVERY PROGRAMME - Cllr.Craghill/Mike Jones

CYC programmed to build a minimum of 600 units over the next five years- 60% would be for sale at market rates to finance the remaining 40% at "affordable" levels. Other financial options were being looked at. Eight sites had been identified, ground preparation started on some sites, and with most requiring detailed planning approvals.

The Lowfield Green site had already started. The programme would be formally launched on 1st.Oct. Consultant architects had been retained to advise CYC, and an outline design guide was tabled and explained. The aim was to build to Passive House standards throughout, to provide "affordable homes" to the highest environmental standards which would provide healthy environments and meet the needs of residents. Details were presented of the Lowfield proposals, with the emphasis on "lifetime" homes. It was noted that "Yorspace" had permission to start their own scheme on the site, and that some plots had been allocated for self-builders, although it was not clear if the legal obligations by all parties had yet been finalised. This also applied to the major programme sites, particularly regarding resale and permitted development rights. Public consultation was now being undertaken.

Members thanked the speakers and were encouraged to know that this issue was now being actively pursued.

4 YEF BUSINESS

a approval of minutes: agreed

b matters arising not on the agenda:

TW reported on his involvement on Allerton Park stakeholder panel, and his concerns over the purpose behind this group. It had been reported that the facility was already under contract to import waste from outside the area in order to make it profitable. Not a good sign!

c membership update : none

d subgroup reports:

CYC support for One Planet York finishes end Sept. Mike Bonsall is now Chair- possibly to reconstitute as a community interest company? Watch this space!

DM reported that the Local Transport Plan was out for consultation on Facebook , the Civic Trust website and libraries etc. Closing 30th.Sept. Consultants were engaged to evaluate, but funding for accessing hard-to-reach groups was not yet secured. YEF was asked to support the outward bound traffic arrangements at Micklegate Bar on a permanent basis. This was agreed. The subgroup still had grave concerns over the railway station improvements regarding traffic flows, particularly arrangements for buses, in addition to the York Central proposals for traffic management . Intensive lobbying was still needed if satisfactory solutions were to be found and built in to these inter-dependent schemes.

BO reported the Rufforth-Knapton bridleway now fully open to pedestrians and cyclists, with peripheral tree and hedgeplanting continuing. CYC had now signed up to the Northern Forest initiative and Treemendous were keeping a watching brief on the northern ringroad landscaping proposals.

e Further meetings:

Oct.8th. social media - Audrey Miller / new climate change cttee. -Chris.Vassie

Nov.12th. woodlands and the role of the Woodland Trust - Derek Utley

Dec10th.farming and the rural economy - James Copeland (NFU)

f AOB :

RH suggested a visit to **Ilke Homes**, modular housebuilders, if someone would organise it.

5 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

St.Nicks Autumn Fair would be on Oct.5th.

"Climate Strike Day" scheduled for Sept.20th.

NEXT MEETING

Date Tue.Oct 8th..2019

Venue West Offices

Agenda as circulated

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