

NIDDERDALE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Executive Group meeting
Held on Thursday 31st May 2018 at 10am
at Nidderdale Plus Office, Pateley Bridge

Present: Cllr Chris Skaife [Acting Chair] (Pateley Bridge town council); Cllr Edward March (Birstwith parish council); Keith Tordoff (Nidderdale Chamber of Trade); Paula Newson Smith (Nidderdale Plus); Cllr Tom Watson (HBC); Cllr Victoria Oldham (Washburn)

In attendance: Debbie Grassam (Nidderdale Plus); Rupert Douglas (Sustrans); Lisa Harrowsmith (Yorkshire Water)

Apologies: Cllr Stan Lumley (Chair); Cllr Stephen Ramsden (Upper Nidderdale parish council); Heather Garnett (AONB JAC); Rev Darryl Hall; Cllr Chris Hawkesworth (Pateley Bridge town council); Cllr Michael Harrison (NYCC); Malcolm Margolis (Harrogate District Cycle Action)

CS welcomed everyone to the meeting – a number of apologies had been received.

CS requested that prior to the commencement of the meeting, there be a minute's silence to respect the tragic passing of the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Barry Dodd, in yesterday's helicopter accident. A minute's silence was duly observed.

Minutes of the last meeting were considered and agreed. Matters arising:

Communication/Broadband – SR had raised this issue at the last meeting due to lack of broadband at the time up the dale. DG said that following the meeting she had had talks with the Harlequin Group who explained that they had been facilitating planning approval on behalf of Arqiva. The mobile infrastructure project had been run by the government to support all areas trying to achieve up to 4g level to facilitate mobile broadband and this had ended. DG said that she had been contacted by Nidderdale Herald yesterday to comment on the expansion of the superfast broadband (phase 3) rollout to around 40 rural communities including Darley, Summerbridge, Glasshouses and Kettlesing. This was discussed and agreed that it was positive news. VO raised the concern about the remaining 5% who would not be part of this project. DG will make further enquiries regarding the project.

[Update from DG: SFNY have indicated which properties will fall within Phase 3 on their map: <http://superfastnorthyorkshire.com/#tab-home-users-2>

As Openreach are able to better understand a timetable, I understand the map will be updated for each property (beyond 2019-20).

For those currently in 'not spots' the options are – the Better Broadband Scheme which is on the SFNY website. There's also a gigabit voucher scheme that may be of interest to businesses/residents: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

*Boundless networks may also be able to help depending on line of sight:
<http://www.boundlessnetworks.co.uk/>]*

Improvement work at A59 Kex Gill – At the last meeting John Fort had suggested a representative from Yorkshire Water be invited to the next meeting and Lisa Harrowsmith's name was put forward. DG invited Lisa, who kindly joined today's meeting. CS thanked Lisa for joining the meeting and asked if she had any information/an update relating to this. Lisa said that there was no recent news on this proposed work, but added that any of the proposed routes would take out some Yorkshire Water land. Lisa confirmed that some wildlife surveys had been carried out and a revised route was necessary due to the outcome of these surveys. The possible route options were discussed by the group. CS and VO expressed concern regarding movement on the road yesterday which had led to the road being closed. VO will look into matters further and email DG to circulate an update to the group.

On a separate issue, Lisa said that following liaison with SR regarding a brown sign for Scar House Reservoir – Yorkshire Water have paid for this sign and are waiting for it to be put up. This was discussed and TW suggested that Lisa contacts SL to discuss.

Nidderdale Greenway Proposal

CS thanked Rupert Douglas, Sustrans, for attending the meeting to give an update regarding the proposal to extend the Nidderdale Greenway from Dacre Banks to Pateley Bridge. Rupert provided the group with an update (please see attached document). The group discussed the proposal and the following points were raised. VO and TW raised concerns regarding parking considerations, particularly at Dacre Banks. A potential possibility for parking at the old saw mill was suggested. VO mentioned that some users of the Greenway may arrive with horse boxes also. TW said that Sustrans must liaise with the Ward member and parish councils because parking is such an acute problem in Nidderdale. Rupert said that if more confidence can be gained with the alignment, then further discussions will take place and also that a report will be put together once outstanding issues with landowners have been resolved. VO raised the issue about costings and who would be paying for the proposal and Rupert acknowledged that this would be the next challenge to address.

Constitution/membership

This Agenda item had not been discussed at the last meeting, due to time constraints. Copies of the Constitution had previously been circulated for consideration. There was a general discussion about the remit of the NSP and who should be part of the Executive. TW suggested that there should be one representative from each Ward. KT stressed that the Executive group should ensure deliverability. As SL is Chair of the NSP and was absent from this meeting; it was agreed that DG should meet with SL to review the Constitution document prior to the next meeting. PNS said she was happy to be involved in this review.

Exchange of Information/Priorities 2018

PNS said that Nidderdale Plus are working with HBC on putting together a local needs survey which will go out to all Nidderdale residents at the end of June so that we can ascertain any significant issues residents in our most rural areas are facing and in particular any areas of unmet need. PNS said that the final draft will be circulated to the group with the Minutes.

PNS added that following a 3 year lease with our existing community car - we are currently awaiting our new replacement lease car, from NYCC. A Citroen Grand 4 Picasso, which will be easier for our passengers with mobility issues to access/exit.

KT raised concerns regarding drug problems in the area, particularly in Pateley Bridge currently. This was discussed by the group. There was a strong feeling that parents need involving in trying to deal with drug issues. Areas of known drug dealing/use were discussed and the possibility of further CCTV use. VO will discuss the issue with Paul Elgar, Pateley Bridge Auction Mart. KT added that a man has been seen loitering around the toilets on Southland car park. KT felt that we need an active Neighbourhood Watch group and a strategy regarding crime. This was discussed and concerns that issues were being reported to NY Police, but the problem was not being tackled. DG said she would try to organise some education for students/parents regarding drug misuse issues. CS will be attending the next Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group on Wednesday 6th June and will raise the above concerns on behalf of the NSP and then report back to DG to update the group.

[Update from CS following Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group meeting – CS asked the police (Steph Jones) if they had any news on the drugs issues in Pateley. She was unaware of the issues and was also unaware of the man loitering around the toilets. Steph Jones will visit KT and explore this further].

KT – Pateley Bridge in Bloom 2018 – volunteers in the community have been working hard on this project and the Yorkshire in Bloom judges will be in Pateley Bridge on Wednesday 18th July between 1-3pm.

Any other Business

None.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 26th July – Nidderdale Plus – 10am