

NOTES OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE FOCUS GROUP MEETING

23 JUNE 2016

Attendees: Paul Emberley, Kerry Ennis, Jay Rowley, Jas Donaldson, Graham Flint, Dave Marshall, Adrian Green, Ray King, Jude Ward

Apologies: Sue from CAB, Graham Lake

1. The proposals put forward at the previous meeting were reviewed and the following amendments made:

New Swimming Pool – it was agreed that there was still a need for a swimming pool but that the current site in Norton was a sensible central location and it should remain there. Plans could include a newbuild replacement pool or a refurbishment of existing facilities. Jay Rowley agreed to do some investigation to establish the current circumstances of Norton Pool and what Ryedale District Council is planning for the future bearing in mind that swimming is part of the school curriculum. **Action: Jay Rowley**

New Fitness Suite – it was agreed that this item should remain for the time being. There is already a fair amount of gym provision in Malton/Norton and this would need to offer the community something different or a more specialised service. Costs were discussed and ranged from £250,000 - £850,000 depending on facilities.

Outdoor Activities – an update was given on Malton Town Council's plans to lease Orchard Fields for public use and the possibilities for Ladyspring Wood. Jay updated the group on plans for marking out running routes through the town. iFootpath have now published walking routes for Ryedale which include several covering Malton and Norton, the link is: <http://www.ifootpath.com/browse-and-search-for-walking-guides?order=&viewAs=list&nRows=25&filterTheme=vr>

Riverside – it was agreed that Natural England would need to be consulted about the current status of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) declaration and exactly what that means in terms of developing the riverside. The Area Partnership have work currently underway to clear the riverbank and create a good walkway.

Booking System – it is estimated that such a system is likely to cost approx. £1,500 for initial development plus an annual charge for hosting and then an hourly rate for any additional work. Jay Rowley will forward the name of a contact so that Paul Emberley can investigate further. **Action: Jay Rowley/Paul Emberley**

Independent Film Society – it is actually Malton School and not the Palace Cinema that is the intended venue.

Communication System – it was agreed that this item should be rolled into the Sports and Leisure Booking System as a joint entity thereby acting as a focal point for Malton and Norton.

Racing - it was agreed to remove this proposal as it was not considered viable but it was felt that there should be a Horse Racing Museum to celebrate that it is an important part of the area and its heritage.

Hotel Development – it was felt that this development was vital in attracting people to the area and the development did not need to be located in the towns but could be sited on land adjacent to the A64.

Tourist Information – it was agreed that this was important for attracting visitors to the town and there needed to be a map of Malton that could be given out to help people find places.

New Care Home – no changes made.

New Medical Centre – it was reported that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Scarborough/Ryedale are taking up this issue.

Provision of NHS Dental Service – no changes made.

Relocation of Fire Services – no changes made.

Relocate CAB – this item is being deleted as current location is acceptable and accessible from both towns.

New Primary Schools – no changes made.

Review Library Services – no changes made.

Home for Elim Church – it was reported that Elim Church has no official home and is looking for a permanent site within Malton or Norton. It currently meets at Norton College but this is a temporary measure. This will be added to the current proposals.

2. The group discussed the appearance of Church Street in Norton and the fact that the petrol station and car wash make it unattractive for residents and visitors. Relocating both of these businesses to the outer perimeter of the town would also improve access to the railway crossing and lessen congestion in the area.

3. It was agreed that there would be site visits to the swimming pool, sports centre and riverside on Monday 27th June at 5pm for those that were able to attend.

4. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July at Community House, Malton starting at 7pm.