

Ryedale Strategic Partnership

held at Ryedale House, Malton on Wednesday 28 May 2008

Present:

Councillor Mrs Clare Wood (in the Chair)	- North Yorkshire County Council
Jo Gillespie	- Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
Paul Hayward	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Julian Rudd	- Ryedale District Council
Councillor K Knaggs	- Ryedale District Council
Pam Johnson	- North Yorkshire County Council
Kay Ritchie	- North Yorkshire County Council
Justine Williams	- North Yorkshire County Council
Andy Wilson	- North York Moors NPA
Mrs Marie-Ann Jackson	- Ryedale District Council (Substitute for Miss Janet Waggott)
Mrs Clare Slater	- Ryedale District Council
Ms Jo Reilly	- Ryedale District Council
Miss Cheryl Gaynor	- Committee Administrator

Minutes:

RSP.231 **Quorum for Meeting**

It was noted that the meeting was not quorate, however it was understood that Andy Wilson, representing the National Park Authority, was attending the meeting but would be arriving late. As a voting Member Mr Wilson's attendance would ensure that the meeting was quorate. In the circumstances it was agreed that pending Mr Wilson's arrival the partnership would consider the information items only.

RSP.232 **Election of Chairman**

Resolved

That Councillor Mrs C Wood be elected Chairman of the Partnership for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Wood thanked members for her election and took the Chair.

RSP.234 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Resolved

That Councillor K Knaggs be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Partnership for the ensuing year.

Councillor Knaggs thanked members for his appointment.

RSP.235 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Eric Broadbent, Mr John Moore and Miss Janet Waggott.

The Chair requested that Mrs Jackson write to all Members of the Partnership to state the importance of attendance at meetings and to explain the procedure for substitute members.

RSP.236 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 27 February 2008 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 27 February 2008 be approved.

RSP.237 Matters Arising

Ryedale Area Learning Partnership

Mr Hayward reported that in response to the sub national review and the proposed changes to skills/employment delivery, a sub regional Skills Task and Finish Group chaired by Liz Burdett (LSC) had been established to consider, and make recommendations on, how partners could work together to ensure skills issues were fully embedded within economic development. A review of the current partnership arrangements would also be considered to ensure structures were fit for purpose in the context of the changes ahead.

The position of the Ryedale Area Learning Partnership Co-ordinator had been advertised across the Partnership and the aim was to have someone in post by the end of June 2008. Mr Hayward informed Members that he would report back to the Partnership as soon as any progress was made.

RSP.238 Changes to the Constitution

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) the purpose of which was to present options for the revision of the Constitution of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership to the Board for their consideration.

The Constitution of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership (RSP) was agreed in February 2003. The review of the RSP identified the need to revise the Constitution; this revision had included an examination of the policy context in which the partnership operated, and the suitability of the current structure to the demands currently being made on it. The proposed amendments to the Constitution were included in the draft version in the annex to the report.

Sections 1 – 4 and 6 – 12 of the revised Constitution had been amended in line with the new legislative requirements as previously discussed.

The report detailed two options relating to different structures for the revised constitution in line with suggestions received which filled the requirements laid out by the legislation. Having considered the merits of both options, the Board agreed a combination of both as follows:

The Board

- Eleven voting Members from the Statutory Sector
- Two voting Members from the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector
- Two voting Members from the Private Sector
- Non-voting attendees from statutory sector agencies
- Maximum membership possible is 15

The Board meet four times a year.

The Wider Partnership

The Wider Partnership to be made up of representatives from all sectors to provide expertise on the environment, social and economic issues relevant to the district of Ryedale. To bring together all the existing forums, groups and organisations, including any that represent geographic areas of the district or local partnerships. To include all named partners as identified by the LGPIH Act.

- Ryedale District Council
- North Yorkshire County Council
- North York Moors National Park Authority
- North Yorkshire Fire Authority
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
- North Yorkshire Police Authority
- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust
- Yorkshire Forward
- Highways Agency
- Youth Offending Team
- North Yorkshire Probation Board
- The Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Jobcentre Plus
- The Health & Safety Executive
- The Learning & Skills Council

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- Sport England
- English Heritage

The Community Planning Officer reported that a report of the role, operation and activities of the Wider Partnership would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Following consideration of the draft amended Constitution it was:

Resolved

(a) That the following paragraphs be amended to read:

9.3 No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Partnership Board unless a quorum of members is present. A quorum shall be 6 members of the Partnership. If a quorum is not present within thirty minutes of the scheduled starting time of the meeting it shall be adjourned to such a date, time and place as may be determined. Notice of the date, time and place of the resumed meeting shall be sent to members as soon as is reasonably practicable.

9.12 It is also unlawful for public authorities to discriminate when exercising public functions on the ground of:

- Religion and Belief or lack of religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Age

(b) That the maximum membership for the Partnership Board be amended to 15

(c) That the revised Constitution for the Ryedale Strategic Partnership as amended, be adopted.

RSP.239 Transport Links in Ryedale

The Chairman welcomed Pam Johnson, North Yorkshire County Council Highways to the meeting and the appropriate introductions were made.

The Forward Planning and Economic Development Manager reported on the most recent costs calculated for the widening of the A64. Schemes of this nature suffer from inflation and in order to get more certainty of cost, further investigative work is required. The NYCC Highways has agreed to review specific areas eg accident problems which the Highways Agency have already assessed. A flyover had previously been suggested but again there were concerns for funding a

project of this nature.

The Chair reported from a meeting of the Regional Transport Partnership that she had attended, it was noted that the funds were to be looked at again and will be reported back to the next Regional Transport meeting.

Pam Johnson reported that the work on refining the Malton and Norton model was improving and would be robust. She had been working closely with Ryedale on the Brambling Fields Junction in order to cost that scheme more accurately. Costing and traffic flow information was still required in order to firm up the project. Musley Bank project was still in progress and work with the Highways Agency was currently being carried out.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.240 Priority Leads Progress Reports

The Community Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated) which updated the Board on the progress of the agreed priorities for action.

Members were concerned that there had not yet been any representation to the Board from the Primary Care Trust (PCT). The Chairman reported that a letter had previously been sent to the PCT which stressed the importance of their representation to the Partnership. It was suggested that another letter be sent to the Regional Health Directorate restating the importance of PCT representation on the Ryedale Strategic Partnership.

Resolved

That the Chairman write to the Regional Director of Public Health requesting that the PCT are represented at future meetings of the Partnership.

RSP.241 Ryedale Action Learning Set

The Community Planning Officer reported that the Ryedale Action Learning Set (RALS) had now met on three occasions, to examine the interface between participative and representative democracy, and where power lies in partnerships.

In the sessions so far, the participants have focussed on working with parish councils especially:

- Participants' experience of engaging and seeking to engage with parish councils

- Different models of community engagement
- Progress of Parish Plans

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.242 Progress on LIP Projects

Justine Williams of North Yorkshire County Council reported that a quarter of the funds allocated to projects in Ryedale has been drawn down and all projects are now under way and claiming money. Mrs Williams assured Members that all figures would be submitted to them at a later date.

Mrs Williams also reported that she is leaving her post as a Corporate Policy Officer at North Yorkshire County Council. She introduced Kay Ritchie from the Corporate Policy Team, who will be covering her work until a replacement is appointed. An advertisement has been published and it is hoped that a new Officer will be in post by the autumn.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.243 Update on the NYSP and LAA2

Mrs Williams reported that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2 had been developed to begin on 1 July 2008 having been submitted to Government Office on 30 May 2008 and subject to further requirements.

The Corporate Director of the Council raised concerns that the website detail of the LAA2 caused confusion to a number of people and requested clarification that this had been resolved. Mrs Williams responded that as far as she was aware, this problem had now been resolved. There were a number of diagrammatic ways to make it understandable.

Mrs Williams assured Members that when the diagrams of the new structure LAA report for the District was submitted, it would be submitted to Members of the Partnership.

The Chairman reported that the Partnership were to endorse the LAAs at its next meeting following the signing from the Secretary of State in June 2008.

County Council to send diagrams of new structure LAA report for the district.

RSP.244 Government Office

Jo Gillespie of Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, requested that Community Resilience be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Partnership. Mrs Gillespie reported that the two main threats in North Yorkshire are currently:

- Pandemic Influenza
- Flooding

Mrs Gillespie reported that working with the concept of resilience will enhance safety and security for communities. The North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership will be given a presentation at a later date.

RSP.245 Dates for Future Meetings of the Partnership

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Partnership would be held as follows:

- 2.00 pm on Wednesday 24 September 2008 at Ryedale House
- 2.00 pm on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at Ryedale House

RSP.246 Any Other Business

None.

RSP.247 Information Items

The Community Planning Officer submitted the following items for Members information:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Malton Town Centre Strategy – Consultation
- Safer Ryedale Partnership
- LEADER Programme Update