

Ryedale Strategic Partnership

held at Ryedale House, Malton on Wednesday 1 December 2008

Present:

Councillor Mrs Clare Wood (in the Chair)	- North Yorkshire County Council
Councillor Keith Knaggs	- Ryedale District Council
Miss Janet Waggott	- Ryedale District Council
Andy Wilson	- NYM National Park Authority
Andrea Hobbs	- Ryedale Voluntary Action
Steve Mellalieu	- Ryedale District Council
Inspector Tim Hutchison	- North Yorkshire Police
Chris Stark – Group Manager for Ryedale	- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor David Lloyd-Williams	- North Yorkshire Police Authority
Ms Jo Gillespie	- GOYH
Ms Stephanie Renno	- Environment Agency
Andrew Brown	- Highways Agency
Ms Kate Needham	- NYYPCT
Julian Rudd	- RDC
Ms Lesley Dale	- North Yorkshire County Council
Mrs Clare Slater	- Ryedale District Council
Ms Jo Reilly	- Ryedale District Council
Mrs Lynda Carter	- Committee Administrator

Minutes:

RSP.260 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from John Moore, Eric Broadbent and Martin Hawkings.

RSP.261 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 24 September 2008 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership held on 24 September 2008 be approved.

RSP.262 **Matters Arising**

Publicity for the work of the Partnership

Jo Reilly reported that an item had appeared in the Ryedale News (Issue 20, Winter 2008) about the work of the Partnership in relation to its priorities.

Wider Partnership

Jo Reilly informed the Board that a date had been set for the Wider Partnership conference – Monday 23rd March 2009.

RSP.263 **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.

Community Transport

Ken Gill presented a report on Ryecat, followed by Andrea Hobbs reporting on the Rural Transport Partnership. The Partnership's funding is coming to an end and Andrea had agreed to be Acting Chair at a meeting to be held on 3rd December which would undertake a review of the Partnership. She will report on the outcomes of this review at the next meeting of the Ryedale SPB.

Some discussion took place as to various options for community transport. Andy Wilson reported that the National Park Authority is currently undertaking a review of its Moorsbus service and will look at opportunities for joining it up more effectively to community transport.

Skills for Life

Julian Rudd reported that the Ryedale Employment Skills Board met on November 5th for the first time. He described the group as active and progressive and is confident that it will make progress and not operate simply as a talking shop. He confirmed that the RESB is bidding for future funding through Yorkshire Forward's Geographic Programme (YF's new funding structure).

Keith Knaggs expressed the hope that the right moves are being made to ensure that Ryedale receives its fair share of the available funding.

Obesity

Katie Needham reported that the MEND programme will go ahead in January, under the auspices of Adult Education and that a decision has been taken to pull the Weight Management Training project, as the infrastructure required to take advantage of its benefits does not currently exist in the area.

The Chair expressed her disappointment at this decision, and at the lack of progress in this priority area.

Community Engagement

Andrea Hobbs reported that Christine Bailey has been appointed to the post of BME officer, with effect from 10th December.

Jo Reilly reported that Maggie Farey, whose post at Rural Action Yorkshire (formerly the Yorkshire Rural Community Council) has been funded this year by the NYCC Community Fund will attend the next Board meeting to report on her work with Parish Planning groups in Ryedale.

RSP.263 Progress on NYCC Community Fund

Lesley Dale, who has replaced Kay Ritchie in NYCC's Policy and Partnerships Unit as the officer with responsibility for Ryedale gave a verbal report on the likely allocation of funds to LIP 5, although she stressed that there would be no final statement until the end of the financial year.

At present it seems likely that Ryedale will be allocated £44,000, plus any underspend from the current programme, which will be rolled over to next financial year.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.264 Feedback from NYSP Executive Meeting held on 2nd October 2008

Janet Waggott presented the Key Messages document circulated with the meeting papers, with especial mention of the PREVENT strategy for which Ryedale has taken the lead.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.265 NYSP Thematic Groups Update

Clare Slater explained that one member of Ryedale DC's Senior Management Team had been allocated to each of the NYSP's Thematic Partnerships, and would in future report to the Board as occasion demanded.

No meetings had taken place since the appointments had been made.

**RSP.266 Update on Place Survey
Sustainable Communities Act
Ryedale LAA**

Clare Slater reported on the progress of the Place Survey so far. The Place Survey has been completed; Ryedale achieved its sample early on, so that further returns were a bonus. Fieldwork finishes on 19th December and the results should be published in January 2009.

The Sustainable Communities Act gives people the opportunity to come up with proposals to improve the place where they live. A briefing paper has been prepared and is available on the Ryedale District Council website. Jo Reilly will circulate the link to all Board members following the meeting.

Clare Slater presented the draft Indicator Set for the Ryedale LAA and explained the process by which all Board members had expressed their preference for indicators from the NYLAA2 to be included in the draft version, and invited comments.

Several Board members expressed the view that there were too many indicators in the draft. The Chair stressed the importance of choosing targets which the RSP would be able to influence. Cllr Keith Knaggs suggested that twenty indicators would be sufficient, and Janet Waggott stressed the importance of keeping the local flavour.

Clare Slater suggested that representatives should email her if they had particular reason to support the inclusion of certain indicators over others and that she should then draw up a list of twenty indicators to form the Ryedale LAA to be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved

That the Ryedale Strategic Partnership consider the revised Draft Ryedale LAA at the next meeting.

RSP.267 Revised Management Plan

Clare Slater presented the first draft of the revised Management Plan for the Ryedale SP; the Management Plan was due for revision and the new version will meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Area Assessment.

A final version of the plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Board.

The Chair welcomed the revised Plan and thanked Clare Slater for her work.

RSP.268 Government Office Yorkshire & the Humber Update - Resilience

Jo Gillespie from GOYH gave a presentation on the Regional Resilience Tier and Risk Assessment. The presentation outlined the structures which are in place nationally and regionally to facilitate resilience planning and response.

The presentation concluded with information about the National Risk Register (available on the internet), and some discussion about community resilience.

This presentation was followed by a verbal report from Stephanie Renno of the Environment Agency, concerning the Agency's and Defra's response to recent flood events in different areas of the country. They wanted to measure community resilience and ensure that Community Emergency Plans are in place.

Ryedale had already done some work in this area, and Defra had made use of this in drawing up guidance which means that Ryedale already has some of the structures in place that Defra is recommending to other areas.

Concerning the recently completed research carried out by Durham University and others in Pickering, Stephanie reported that there will be a meeting at the Environment Agency on 2nd December re upstream storage, and bids by the Forestry Commission and the National Park for land use changes (which are supported by the EA). She will report on the outcome of this meeting to the CPO.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

RSP.269 North Yorkshire Geographic Programme

Julian Rudd introduced the Geographic Programme for North Yorkshire which will replace the Sub-regional Investment Plan for York and North Yorkshire with effect from April 09 and represents forward planning for Economic Development for the next 3 years.

The Programme will deal with physical areas such as York and the Coast, and with themes such as Enterprise, Skills etc.

It is not known yet what funds will be available, but decisions about funding will be made through the North Yorkshire Development Partnership.

RSP. 270 Highways Agency Report on A64 Issues

Andy Brown from the Highways Agency (Network Operations) reported on its new strategic aims and everyday maintenance programmes.

The Chair raised various points about the A64:

- it is the strategic link between Ryedale and the rest of the country
- no provision for pedestrian to cross dualled sections safely
- crossing at Barton le Willows is particularly dangerous

Cllr Lloyd-Williams asked what had become of the dualling plans, and the Rillington bypass. Andy Brown replied that he could not realistically see a scheme coming forward.

He stated further that as decisions about funding are made by the Regional Transport Board, projects must find their way onto the Regional Planning Agenda in order to have a better chance of approval.

The Chair asked whether the Highways Agency would lobby for the necessary changes to the A64. Janet Waggott suggested that Ryedale alone was not big enough and that a way must be found of working with other partners in order to influence regional aspirations.

RSP.271 Consultations and Information

The Community Planning Officer submitted the following items for Members

information:

- Report from Forward Planning re the Local Development Framework
- Update on the LEADER programme
- North York Moors National Park Authority – Local Development Framework
- Draft NYSP Framework for Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management
- Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan Review
- North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service 2007/08 – Integrated Risk Management Plan
- the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

RSP.272 Dates for Future Meetings of the Partnership

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

- 2.00 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at Ryedale House
- 10 am – 3 pm on Monday 23rd March 2009 at Ryedale House – meeting of the Wider Partnership