

Malton & Norton Area Partnership

Minutes of Meeting Held Online
On Wednesday 20th October 2021

Present:

Martin Brampton Chairman
Ian Conlan
Jan Devos
Paul Tate-Smith
David Lloyd-Williams
Rebecca Wilkin
Hendrik Klaver
Paul Andrews
Roddy Bushell
Rodney Brewis

Circulation:

All members
Apologies
Charlie Beal
Faye Snowden
Dinah Keal
Angela Raine
Kenelm Storey

Item	Description and Decisions made	Action by whom
1.	Co-opt new members: Roddy Bushell, Rodney Brewis, Charlie Beal, Kenelm Storey, Jan Devos. Agreed.	
2.	Elect Chair, Secretary, Treasurer Chair – Martin Brampton Secretary – Ian Conlan Treasurer – Jan Davos. All agreed.	
3.	Consider the Treasurer's proposal that we move from HSBC (which is about to impose charges on community accounts) to Metro Bank Community Account. Agreed	
4.	Consider the complaint from Norton Town Clerk, Mrs Ros Tierney. Letter to be sent from Chair.	MB
5.	Review the current situation of the Norton Skatepark Project. Martin gave us an update from the recent Norton Town Council meeting. The second RoSPA report stated that the Half Pipe needed supervision, contradicting their earlier report. The rest of the Skate Park was judged OK, but vulnerable to damage, and did not meet current safety standards. However, as the equipment is 20 years old, there is no legal requirement for retrospectively applying standards that were not in force when the equipment was built. Martin pointed out that St Neot's, which have a similar half pipe, is allowed to be used unsupervised. A query has been	

	<p>sent to RoSPA. Ray King had put forward a proposal for a slightly smaller new half pipe. The merits of this versus repairing the existing half pipe were discussed briefly at NTC.</p> <p>DLW raised the issue of the length of the lease.</p> <p>Rodney Brewis raise the issue of grants.</p> <p>Roddy Bushell said in his view the length of lease need not prevent grants being obtained: in a very similar situation a canoe club on a short lease had the stipulation of 25yrs for a grant dropped after discussion.</p> <p>Paul Andrews said he hoped a solution could be found, and not to write off the existing half pipe investment too soon.</p>	
6.	<p>Consider an information board, including promotion of volunteer involvement, for Lady Spring Wood</p> <p>Jan Devos agreed to find in MNAP files the result of a consultation several years ago with residents on what they would like MNAP to do and send to Ian to circulate, which could help inform MNAP on projects to bid for with RDC.</p> <p>Fixed Information Boards to be considered, along the lines of those already in place at Orchard Fields about the Roman Fort. Some funds are held by MTC.</p> <p>There was some discussion about RDC's Portas Fund, with DLW highlighting the fund was to promote Malton. PA encouraged MNAP to apply for RDC funding projects very soon, before RDC is abolished, even where it is not clear whether these projects would qualify for the Portas Fund, as the criteria could be applied flexibly. He urged a funding bid to emphasize how improvements to Lady Spring Wood and/or the Riverside could be made that related to the centre.</p> <p>Rodney Brewis led a small team of volunteers in the summer to clear Himalayan Balsam, good progress made, but it is a huge job. The more volunteers that can be recruited for next summer, so that more can be cleared, the better for the health of the ecosystem. It was agreed that the most immediate benefits would accrue slightly away from the stream and riverbanks, as they are conduits from concentrations of Balsam further upstream.</p> <p>Ian Conlan talked about his discussion with volunteer Janice Gwilliam about improving disabled access to LSW. Further discussion around Tree roots. IC to approach organisations about making an assessment of feasibility and costs of a project.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>IC</p>

7	<p>Discuss the role of the Partnership in a reorganised North Yorkshire - led by Roddy Bushell</p> <p>Roddy addressed the issue of a deficit of local representation once a unitary authority takes over and RDC is abolished. The partnership can be priority setting, and the Unitary authority seen to be listening.</p> <p>Roddy has drafted this letter to be considered for sending to Carl Les, leader of NYC. It was agreed for Roddy to send this and be our lead and contact on this. Also agreed to send it to Richard Flinton. There was agreement that MNAP's role in the new structure should focus on new projects, and that they be capital projects, not maintenance. PA emphasized the projects need to well defined, and make feature of eg the riverside. There was agreement with Roddy that we should meet again soon to prioritise projects.</p>	RB