



**Neighbourhood Management Programme**  
**Working Group – Comeunity Together**  
**South and Central Yarmouth**  
**Held 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 - 11am – 12.30pm**  
**At Neighbourhood Centre, King Street, Gt. Yarmouth**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cora Batley	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Valerie Cadmore	Community Cohesion Officer	GYBC
Joy Cosaitis	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Vincent Gray	PCSO	Norfolk Constabulary
John Holmes	Councillor	Norfolk County Council
Holly Notcutt	Community Development Worker- Facilitator	Comeunity Neighbourhood Management
Valerie Pettit	Councillor	GYBC
Dan Smith	Sergeant	Norfolk Constabulary
David Wilkinson	Resident	Comeunity Forum

**Apologies**

Michael Blank	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Veronica Carver	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Chrissy Chalmers	Team & Development Coordinator	Community Connections
Michael Collins	Community Development Team Leader	Community Connections
Rob Gregory	Neighbourhood Manager	Comeunity – Neighbourhood Management
Sarah James	Programme Manager	SeaChange
Jeff Leak	Area Team Leader	Norfolk County Council – Youth Team
Jamie McGarrity	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Raychel Marcus	Lead Youth Support Worker	Norfolk County Council – Youth Team
Sarah Rowley	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Aurelio Spinola	Resident	Comeunity Forum

1. **Welcomes/ Introductions/ Apologies** Valerie Pettit chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** Agreed and approved as accurate
3. **Matters Arising** Item 4. Project reports – Pg 2  
St. Nicholas Recreation Ground – Revolution Skate Squad  
 Query on whether an outcome had been achieved regarding the Mayors Civic Awards.

**Action: Holly to follow up.**

4. **Project progress Reports/updates**

Youth: Development; targeted engagement, detached NCC, Raychel Marcus.

Report provided by Rachel Marcus and presented by Holly Notcutt

- **Peer Mentors – A.S.T.R.O (A Step Towards Reaching Out)**

Two qualified mentors actively involved with this. Both have attended a session at Youth Club. Positive outcomes in regards to engagement with the young people, it has been decided for them to attend on a fortnightly basis, they are to attend together for the first few times then maybe look at split shifts so that one attends from 6 – 7 and one till 7- 8.

Looking at putting in for a grant to start up this will be around £1000

- **Detached Youth Work**

Two workers are working detached on a weekly basis, this being a Tuesday evening. They have covered the Middlegate area and the immediate area surrounding it, also the St Georges Park area, unfortunately engagement has been limited due to the lack of visibility of young people.

Recent meeting it was discussed and agreed that the workers should look to changing the area that they are covering; currently they are now working along the seafront and those roads leading off.

Dependant on the outcome of this, another evening other than Tuesday may be looked at.

**Action: Agreed that Detached Youth Workers continue to focus on Middlegate. Sgt. Dan Smith to link in with PCSO's to work alongside Detached Youth Workers and direct to appropriate area.**

- **Revolution Skate Squad**

The group has now secured £145,000.000 towards the development of the Skate Park.

The group are having two design days January 9<sup>th</sup> at Greenacre Middle School with the students and one on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am at York Road Drill Hall (all are welcome to attend Saturdays design day). It will give anyone who is interested an opportunity to come along and ask questions and assist with the final design of the project.

Many thanks to ALL those who have supported the project especially the group who has worked tirelessly to achieve the aims and objectives and continue to do so.

- **Myplace bid**

Successfully formed a dynamic and proactive group of young people to support and assist with the development of the Drill Hall, York Road.

The group have agreed and adopted a constitution and are presently

working with Rose Jenkins from NPS architectural services to look at creating a new look to the Hall.

The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

- **Yarmouth Youth Club**

Youth club numbers has increased considerably many are from the Middlegate and the immediate area surrounding it, we have had the input from Scott Boyer, Sports coach which has proven to be most successful.

The club still runs in two sessions 6 –7 and 7 – 8 and will be reviewed in the next month or so.

- **Holiday Provision – Youth Club**

Due to the lack in staffing resources we are unable to run the youth club through the holidays. Half of the team are on term time contracts only and those that are full term are already dedicated to holiday projects.

Discussion took place amongst group regarding lack of provision during holiday period and agreed that this needed to be reviewed.

**Action: Holly to follow up regarding feedback from Youth Team-Norfolk County Council.**

Development and Cohesion

Valerie Cadmore – Community Cohesion officer

Valerie presented her report to the working group as follows:-

**Start of Consultation for Great Yarmouth Community Cohesion Strategy**

**Background**

In 2006 the Norfolk Citizen's Panel found that in Great Yarmouth 58.4% of people surveyed felt that "people from different backgrounds get on well together in their neighbourhood". This was the lowest cohesion ranking for the County.

Great Yarmouth's Sustainable Communities Strategy pays significant reference to issues around cohesion in the borough now and in the future. This includes inter-generational differences, differences of cultural and ethnic background and issues of connectivity and isolation, particularly in the rural areas.

A range of activities and meetings have taken place over the past year to start to develop plans around developing a long-term strategy for cohesion. A multi-agency Steering Group has formed and the Borough Council have employed a Community Cohesion Officer to work with partners in shaping this strategy.

## **Funding**

Great Yarmouth has also been awarded a 3 year allocation of funds through the Area-Based Grant to aid the development of initiatives which actively work towards cohesion. They are as follows:

<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
£116k	£214k	£330k

2008-09 monies have been committed to support transitional NRF and existing projects which supported a cohesion agenda, research into community perceptions and the recruitment of an Officer

Norfolk's LAA has set Great Yarmouth a target of improving its 2006 cohesion scores by 6% by 2010. This is an ambitious target and Great Yarmouth must respond with a robust strategy, which is targeted at addressing the root causes of cohesion issues in the borough.

A steering group has been set up to draft the Great Yarmouth Community Cohesion Strategy and an Action Plan with the below members of organisations represented. During the course of the next meetings other organisations or groups will be asked to contribute. Also between now and the beginning of March various community groups and research projects will be consulted.

Community Cohesion Officer - GYBC  
Manager - Neighbourhood Management  
County Community Cohesion Officer  
Communications and Diversity Manager - GYBC  
Police Ethnic Community Liaison Officer - Norfolk Police  
Chief Executive - Community Connections  
Culture, Sport and Leisure Manager - GYBC  
NCC Children's Services  
GYVSP  
Commissioning Officer - NHS  
Executive Director - GYBC

Cohesion is not just an issue of race; it covers a wide range of issues, including age, class and social background.

Community cohesion is achieved when:

- There is a common vision and a sense of belonging for all communities
- The diversity of people's different backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued.
- Those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities.
- Strong and positive relationships are being developed between people from different backgrounds in the workplace, in schools and within neighbourhoods.

The relevant indicator is NI1 - *the % People who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together*

**Priority areas identified**

Hot topics -  
Communications  
Connectivity  
Discrimination  
Training & Research  
Integration

**Evidence to be investigated**

Employment & Skills  
Intran figures – JPH  
Residence Perception Survey  
Community Connections Surveys  
Disability  
GY College  
Housing Options  
Hate Crime Statistics – LSP  
Uptake of ESOL classes  
Business (Support)  
Seachange  
Tourism  
Branding & Image  
GYROS – Newcomers  
CAB  
Older Peoples' Network  
Equalities  
Young White Males  
Lesbian/Gay  
Youth Offending  
Probation  
Courts  
Political  
Opportunities  
Sports development  
NNRCE  
Children & YP partnership  
Library

Demographic Profile

**Action: Evidence based information to be forwarded to Valerie Cadmore by end of March.**

Middlegate Community Centre  
Middlegate Community Association

Nothing to report.

### Play facilities/Middlegate

As a result of a meeting held at the end of December 2008 work to include a football area behind the King Street office and new play equipment at Dorset Close will commence before the end of March 2009.

**Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to Ian McPherson, Chief Constable, Norfolk Constabulary. Sgt. Dan Smith to follow up with Holly.**

### Events: Out There – King Street Festival SeaChange -Sarah James

Holly provided an update in Sarah James absence  
They are awaiting outcomes, this will be presented at the next working group meeting.

### Skills for Empowerment College in the Community - Chrissy Chalmers

Holly provided an update in Chrissy Chalmers absence advised that the next event will be Sessions for Community Leaders, a programme of development and support being held on 14/01/09 and 21/01/09. Board members and all community leaders/activists to attend.

**Action: Holly to forward electronic copy to Valerie Cadmore and David Wilkinson. Chrissy Chalmers will collate feedback and present at next Working Group meeting.**

### St. Nicholas Recreation Ground – Revolution Skate Squad Holly Notcutt

Please refer to previous information presented by Raychel Marcus.

### Community Partnership – Comeunity Forum -Holly Notcutt

Holly updated that targets for numbers of new residents involved in Comeunity Forum were on track, largely due to the success of the Street Forum.

### CLIP update

Holly advised the group that Jeanne was on maternity leave as from the end of January 2009.

A decision regarding the CDW and CLIP worker had been made by the Neighbourhood Management board but this needed to be finalised by Community Connections and Comeunity.

5. **A.O.B.**

**KIN meetings**

Sgt. Dan Smith advised that Princes Road was still one of the priorities, adding that there was a vast improvement on Middlegate resulting in a greatly reduced resource requirement. It was acknowledged by a group member that this was mainly due to the hard work that Sgt. Dan Smith and his team had inputted to the scheme.

6. **Time/Date of next Meeting**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>. March 2009  
Time: 11am-12.30pm  
Venue: Neighbourhood Centre.