

York Central Action

Committee Meeting 27th June 2017

Present: Laura Outhart, Jo Milner, Chris Barrett, James Pitt, (note taker), Lyn Langford, Katherine Blaker, Sally McLean, David Finch, Bruno Korica **Apologies:** John Nelson, Paul Hepwoth, Ben Hall, Hannah Swierstra

Bruno: We welcomed Bruno Korica (from Croatia and Bootham School) who is doing geography A level dissertation on York Central.

York Central Partnership Community Forum: Katherine, David, Laura and Chris reported on the meeting of 26th June. We agreed that we appoint Katherine as our permanent representative on the Forum. It is a useful point of contact even if its role is unclear.

Access road proposals: It now looks as though the choice offered is between E and A1 with a new A2 (A1 light which would plough through Millennium Green). Also, that there will be separate consultations on access this summer and later the master plan which will be published only in November. (N.B. options now called 'A&E')

Chickens and eggs: If the partnership is to have genuine community support behind its proposals the most sensible order of events is to develop a vision statement with wide buy-in before considering the access routes. Our role is to facilitate this as possible and only revert to campaigning if necessary. We are opposed to a consultation on access routes going ahead until a clearer vision for YC has been set out, not a Masterplan but a clearer vision. We still support the idea of a separate access routes consultation but not until a holistic vision has been clarified.

Our vision statement: Apologies from James that Chris' summary was not circulated. We need to reframe overall as a creative, upbeat starting point that points to exciting, hopeful opportunities rather than as a list of solutions to problems. Our committee meeting next week will be devoted to starting a reframing that is not constrained by 'deliverability' which is now more open than ever. ***We all bring ideas to this.***

Engaging an engagement agency?: There is cash available for consultation so we need to raise this with partnership. This is very different from branding and comms! Discuss at meeting with Working Party on Thursday and reconsider strategically next week. Maybe work with Locality? (Lyn and Laura to follow up.) We could be instrumental in bringing this about pushing for something similar to Castle Gateway development.

Meeting with Working Party: Lyn, Jo and James to represent YCA.

Contacting all our supporters: James to send out email this week to bring up to date and give top five headings. Have draft statements on website.

Stall at West Bank Park Summer Fair: We go ahead as suggested and run in conjunction with Chill Café. Everyone bring materials and ideas to next meeting. James contact Katherine Atkinson about maps and Ben about large aerial photo.

Partnership agreement: Comes before CYC Executive on 13th July. We find out as much as possible and if needed ask our councillors to call it in for review.

Next meeting: Chill Café 7.00 pm Tuesday 4th July