

**Draft minutes of liaison group between Prudhoe Town Council and Prudhoe Community Partnership held at Spetchells Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**

Present: From PTC: Cllr Grey, Cllr Price, Cllr Scott

From PCP : Doreen Elwell, George Hepburn, Maggie Phillips

**1 Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Gilmore

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising not covered on the main agenda.

**3 Prudhoe Youth Project:**

The Partnership thanked the Town Council for financial support to fund the detached youth work. Bids had now been received and a contractor is due to be appointed next week. George questioned whether the funding had been confirmed following the Town Council not agreeing minutes of previous meeting. He will ask Sarah to confirm in writing,

The Prudhoe Youth Project is now registering as a Charity Incorporated Organisation and the Town Council has been invited to accept two nominated places for trustees.

**4 East Centre**

Gerry reported on decisions taken by the Town Council at their meeting the previous night.

- Youth Service will continue at East as at present.
- County Council prefers a long lease to a freehold which would mean the Town Council was responsible for maintaining a building it did not own.
- East could only be used for community purposes so no option of commercial income to help pay running costs which would then need to be met by Town Council.
- Town Council will have discussions with PCP and other interested parties but no firm decisions made about doing so.
- There will be a site meeting arranged and all interested parties will be invited.
- A consultant will be appointed for the project.

George repeated the request made at the last liaison meeting for a meeting with the Town Council to discuss their plans for East and to comment on their proposals. Town Council representatives said they would arrange this. George also expressed the Partnership's disappointment that there had not been more progress over a year since the joint feasibility study was published.

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**5 Joint Town Centre Working Party**

Doreen reported that an initial meeting had taken place. The group had decided not to bid for the Future High Street Fund as it doubted it met the criteria and did not have the required vision. A number of shopkeepers had been invited to join the group which will meet again on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**6 PTC: Other developments**

- The Town Council is holding a meeting of the Cemetery Committee to review fees and make improvements to the old cemetery.
- There will be a presentation of the local plan in the Bowls Pavilion this Saturday.
- A sub committee has been appointed to review the Council's website.
- The Council has objected to planning applications on Western Avenue and at The Grange.
- The Council is supporting the refurbishment of the bowls pavilion at Eastwood Park.
- The Council has removed a tree at the rear of the toilets on South Road.
- The Town Show will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**7 PCP: Other developments**

- The Partnership is working to make Prudhoe 'dementia friendly'
- The Partnership has taken over organising some community events previously run as 'arts week'. These are likely to include a choral concert and an 'art trail'.
- PCP is also building a new website.
- Thanks to a donation, the Partnership is replacing the tables in the meeting rooms as the current ones are damaged. The new tables will be slightly smaller and easier to manoeuvre.
- The exterior of Spetchells Centre will be repainted in March.

**8 Any other business – none**

**9 Date of Next Meeting. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.**