



LEYBURN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of the above named Council convened by the Council held virtually on Monday 17th August at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Alderson Cllr Holder Cllr Medley Cllr Sanderson Cllr Waites Cllr Wood
District Councillors Amsden & Sedgwick Clerk: Mrs C Smith Deputy Clerk: Ms R Hurst
NYCC- Michael Grayson Quicktime- Hayley Sylvester
30 Members of the public

20.171 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS - Cllr Sedgwick clarified that the article in the Darlington & Stockton Times on the 14th August regarding the Hill Top Development proposal was not from or the opinion of NYCC. Cllr Sedgwick gave thanks to David Poole along with all volunteers involved in the COVID 19 response & support group. Cllr Sedgwick also expressed thanks to Trixie Walker for the update in July's Leyburn Life about forming a Community Speed Watch Group and hopes that the local community do come forward to form a group.

20.172 APOLOGIES - Received from Cllr Spenceley, Cllr Walker & Cllr Beswick- **Approved.**

20.173 DECLARATION OF INTEREST –Cllr Sanderson item 20.179 review of Cemetery Charges.

20.174 MINUTES OF MEETING- held on **Monday 20th July 2020**– **Approved** as a correct record.

20.175 REPORTS

- a. **Leyburn Police Report** ([Appendix 1- Dales Police Report August 2020](#))
- b. **Reports from Meetings Attended By Councillors.** Cllr Holder attended an online seminar on the formation of a Unitary Council. Cllr Medley attended a Library Meeting to discuss the reintroduction of computer services.
- c. **Update from the Leyburn Town Plan Groups.** Cllr Alderson updated the Council that the Leisure & Recreation group has had two meetings to discuss the refurbishment of the Shawl Playpark and has requested plans with quotations to be drawn up by Sutcliffe Play. Cllr Sanderson updated the Council that the parking Group is still awaiting a response from WSP regarding a parking.

20.176 Presentation from NYCC on the Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project- Presentation given by Michael Grayson. ([Appendix 2- MANY Project](#))

20.177 PLANNING

20.178 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

- a. **RDC Ref: 20/00478/FULL Proposal: Full Planning Permission for Gable Extension, Internal Alterations and Carport** **Location: Goleen, 18 Market Place, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5AS**
No objections



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- b. **RDC Ref: 20/00533/VAR Proposal: Removal of Condition 8 and Variation of Condition 6 of Planning Permission 19/00246/FULL to amend the wording to allow for construction works to proceed on the roadway ahead of agreement of detailed drawings of the offsite highway improvement works** **Location: Washfold Farm, Moor Road, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5JZ**
No objections

20.179 CEMETERY

- a. **Charges-** Annual Review of the Cemetery charges ([current charges Appendix 3](#)). The Council **resolved** to introduce a charge of £50.00 for inscription and £50.00 for second burial of ashes in a plot (this would be doubled for non inhabitants).

20.180 LAND

- a. **Market Rental Rates** – The Council **resolved** that normal rental rates will resume from the 1st September.
- b. **Pub Table Rental Rates-** The Council **resolved** that normal rental rates will resume from the 1st September.
- c. **House & Home Stock Display** ([Appendix 4- House & Home Stock to be displayed](#)) – The Council **resolved** to approve the stock to be displayed and that the rental rates would be 30p per Sqm per week.
- d. **MaD Trail Race request** ([Appendix 5- Letter from Moors and Dales Races](#)). The Council **resolved** to support the race on 7th March 2021; if the weather is adverse an alternative route should be used.

20.181 **Asset Mapping-** ([Appendix 6 – Information on Community Asset Mapping](#)). The Council **resolved** to form a sub group of the leisure and recreation working party to carry out the asset mapping.

20.182 **Two Ridings Community fund for flood resilience** ([Appendix 7 – Two Ridings Foundation grant](#)). The Council **resolved** to apply for a grant to improve flood resilience.

20.183 REMEMBRANCE DAY

- a. **Town Square Service** – The Council **resolved** to permit use of the Market Place for a service if government guidelines and insurance permit a small limited service.
- b. **Wreaths-** The Council **resolved** to approve the purchase of two wreaths.

CLlr Sedgwick left the meeting at 20.42.

20.184 **LIBRARY-** The Council **resolved** to approve permitting the Library to commence computer sessions (screens would be put in place and sessions would be pre booked).

20.185 FINANCE

- a. Bank Reconciliation Statement dated 31st July 2020- **Approved**
- b. Budget situation as detailed- **Noted**
- c. Invoices awaiting payment- **Approved**
- d. Payments list (Regular Payments made since last meeting) **approved** and receipts list **noted**.



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- 20.186 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC-** The Council resolved to approve the following resolution:
“That under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information”
The meeting will re-convene in a closed zoom session after item 20.185 with the press and public excluded due to the nature of the business being prejudicial under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
- 20.187 Small Claims Mediation-** The Council **resolved** to delegate authority to Cllr Waites to mediate the claim on the council’s behalf, following the Councils instructions.
- 20.188 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION** Cllr Holder reminded all Councillors to watch the unitary authority seminar on Wednesday 19th August.
- Cllr Wood reported that the last few cuts of the cemetery the grass had not been collected and commented on the current state of the Costa coffee building.
- 20.189 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st September 2020** held virtually on Zoom at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed 21.12



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APPENDIX

Appendix 1- Dales Police Report August 2020

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area this month –

On the afternoon of 11th July, near Tan Hill, a pointer type dog escaped its lead and chased a flock of sheep causing considerable distress and some minor injuries to a number of ewes and lambs. The owner has been reported for summons for the offence of ‘Dog worrying livestock’. It is just another example of how quickly uncontrolled dogs can revert to their primal instincts if given the chance.

On the afternoon of 29th July an off duty police officer near East Witton noticed a suspicious quad bike being ridden in convoy with a silver Mercedes car. Both vehicles made off at speed. The quad was quickly located apparently abandoned nearby. The suspect vehicle was then tracked by the Force Control Room using the national network of ‘Automatic Number Plate Recognition’ cameras, and traffic officers soon intercepted it on the outskirts of Darlington. Two male occupants were arrested on suspicion of theft of the quad, and are currently under investigation. The Mercedes was seized on suspicion of being used in crime. The quad turned out to have been stolen that day from a farm at West Scafton. A great result, and a good reminder to ring the police when you think something or someone is suspicious, out of place or unusual in your community. It is also worth noting that this happened in broad daylight in the middle of the afternoon, so please watch out at all times of day and night.

Overnight on 7th August the Leyburn Recycling Centre on Moor Road was broken into again and about 20 car batteries stolen. Please call in at the time if you see any suspicious activity down there.

The police continue to take reports of telephone and e-mail scams. Please don't share personal information or give strangers access to your computer, however convincing they might sound. If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, call North Yorkshire Police on 101 or report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 1232040. In an emergency or if a crime is in action dial 999.

Coronavirus continues to have a huge impact on our lives. This looks set to continue until an effective vaccine is developed. In the meantime keep applying common sense with face masks, hand washing, social distancing and avoiding crowds. For up to date information go to Gov.uk/coronavirus

Julian Sutcliffe PC 558

Northern Dales Neighbourhood Police Team



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Appendix 2- MANY Project

Questions from the general public for NYCC received before 11.8.20

Questions for Michael Grayson to be posed at Leyburn Town Council Meeting 17th August 2020 - submitted by North Yorkshire No 2 5G (NYNo25G)

1. ICNIRP (the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection) is an NGO that provides advice and guidance to the World Health Organisation, governments and Public Health England, on safe levels of exposure to non-ionising electromagnetic radiation. It is not a regulatory body and is unaccountable to any government or international authority. Its chair has said publicly that 5G presents no risk to health if countries follow the ICNIRP guidelines. However, no studies have ever been conducted into the effect of 5G on health or ecology. Furthermore, there is compelling evidence that ICNIRP is heavily influenced by the telecommunications industry. Indeed, the Court of Turin has ruled that guidance provided by ICNIRP is 'unreliable due to [industry] bias'.
 - a. Given that there have been no studies into the effect of 5G upon human health and ecology, how do you think that ICNIRP can assert that 5G is safe?
 - b. If ICNIRP is truly independent, why do you think that it is not calling for at least one material study to evaluate the effect of 5G on health and ecology? Could this be because the conclusions might prove detrimental to industry?
 - c. North Yorkshire County Council has a statutory duty to protect the health and safety of its constituents. Why, therefore, given widespread evidence of the lack of independence of ICNIRP, is the council not prepared to review the extensive and growing body of peer-reviewed scientific studies that demonstrate that radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic radiation (EMR) is not only damaging at a molecular level, but is also a human carcinogen?
2. Specifically in relation to evidence of harm, the US National Toxicology Program published the results of the largest ever study into the effects of RF radiation in 2018. The study, after peer-review, concluded that there was 'clear evidence' of a causal link between radio frequency EMR, heart Schwannoma (tumour) and glial brain tumours, prompting recommendation that RF-EMR should be re-classified as a class A carcinogen risk.

Later the same year, research conducted by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy replicated the results of the NTP study using a lower radio frequency radiation exposure, equivalent to the environmental levels produced by telecom base stations. The study confirmed a causal link with heart Schwannoma and glial brain tumours of the same histotype found in the tumours of mobile phone users.

Contrary to the ICNIRP assertion, a recent report by the Oceania Radiofrequency Scientific Advisory Association also found that, of 2,200 peer-reviewed scientific studies into the effects of RF EMR, 68% evidenced quote - 'significant biological or health effects'. The NTP and Ramazzini studies add to this body of science.

- a) Given visibility of this authoritative and damning body of science, why does NYCC not consider that a review of the evidence of severe harm should be conducted prior to the roll-out of any 5G infrastructure?



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- b) How does the council propose to protect constituents and the environment from the harm evidenced by these studies?
 - c) And, since Lloyds of London and a growing number of insurers are refusing to insure against health effects arising from non-ionising radiation, what compensation will be available to constituents, farmers and landowners in the event of harm to health and/or ecology?
3. Numerous studies indicate severe adverse reproductive effects arising from exposure to microwave radiation. Dr Devra Davies, an internationally recognised expert on electromagnetic radiation, a former professor at the Department of Epidemiology, Pittsburg, and founding director of the Centre for Environmental Oncology, states that sperm die three times faster when exposed to wifi microwave radiation.
 - a) What assurance can you provide to local farmers that exposure to RF-EMR and millimetre EMF radiation will not cause sterility in their livestock?
 - b) What compensation will be available to farmers in the event of such harm?
4. It is also reported that individuals with metallic implants such as hip replacements, hearing aids and amalgam fillings will be subject to amplified effects from EMR.
 - a) What provisions has NYCC made for informing individuals of their increased risk, and what assurance can the council give that they will not be exposed to a higher than average risk of carcinoma?
5. Research demonstrates that children, having smaller heads and thinner skulls than adults, absorb more radiation for the same exposure. Children living in Leyburn and attending Leyburn schools will be exposed to 5G radio frequencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - a) What additional guidance is North Yorkshire County Council proposing to give to parents and schools to protect children from the effects of 5G EMR?
6. With specific regard to the interests of our local land owners, the shooting community and those whose livelihoods depend upon it, the council will be aware of allegations that 5G trials in Coventry and Brussels resulted in the sudden death of numerous birds, thought to be caused by spontaneous heart failure.
 - a) What assurance can NYCC give to local land owners and gamekeepers, that 5G EMR will not cause harm to their grouse and pheasant populations?
 - b) And, what compensation will be available in the event of harm?
7. Scientific studies document the harmful effect of EMR upon pollinator populations. Bees do not return to their hives when a mobile phone is placed at the entrance, and one recent study has cited a 70-80% reduction in pollinators in the vicinity of new 5G telecom base stations.



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- a) What risk assessment has NYCC undertaken to ensure that new 5G infrastructure in the Dales will not cause harm to pollinators, adversely impact production of crops, or pollination of moorland and gardens?
- b) And, what compensation will be available to landowners, farmers and householders in the event that crops and gardens are adversely affected?

Response for Leyburn Town Council

The Mobile Access North Yorkshire project aims to be in constant conversation with the communities we work with. By engaging with and keeping lines of communication open and honest we hope to understand how connectivity can improve lives by connecting people and communities. By listening to the communities stories we want to offer mobile solutions which support their future needs. This will include enabling 4G technology and exploring potential 5G opportunities when it comes onto market and IF, we (the project and community) believe it will enhance the end user's experience. We understand some residents have worries about new technology, hence why one of the key elements of the project is to develop conversation – so there is a forum to ask these questions. The consortium has a wealth of experience within the industry but we also have the options to call upon experts which can support any future needs of the community.

About 5G

5G is an interoperability standard and, in itself has no bearing on the issues being raised. All of the questions are about radio frequency so would be the same for 2G, 3G, 4G, WiFi, TV, Radio, radar, powerlines, and general waves from the sun and other natural sources.

The studies highlighted from the questions asked predominantly relate to the proximity effect of the actual mobile phone as, due to free space loss with distance, exposure levels are much higher to people from handsets regardless of the interoperability standard used.

We understand people have concerns but pressure groups basing their actions on this theory should, by logic, be aiming at encouraging children not to own mobile phones of any kind, limiting use time and discouraging holding a phone to your ear.

The MANY project is planning on using the same bandwidth currently in use for 4G which is in the 1.8GHz – 2.6GHz ranges which is similar or less than home Wifi routers which use 2.4GHz and 5GHz. These spectrums are already in use by the main Mobile Network Operators throughout North Yorkshire and the UK.

Mobile Access North Yorkshire's consortium members follow the latest guidance from recognised industry bodies.

Within the UK, Public Health England (PHE's) Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (CRCE) takes the lead on public health matters within radiofrequency electromagnetic fields, or radio waves, used in telecommunications. Central to PHE advice is that exposures to radio waves should comply with the ICNIRP guidelines.



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ICNIRP guidelines includes frequencies used by all mobile systems and not just 5G. While a small increase, the localised exposure to radio waves is possible when 5G is added to the existing network it is the responsibility of the industry to ensure the total remains well within ICNIRP guidelines.

Public Health England and other recognised industry bodies have concluded there is no convincing evidence that human exposure of radio waves below these guideline levels causes health effects in either adults or children.

Further to this, a recent independent study by The Institution of Engineering and Technology in 2020 found that:

- 5G technology itself, in so far as it affects radio wave exposure, is very similar to 4G and in terms of its pulsed signals, the same as Global System for Mobile communication, Digital Enhances Cordless Telecommunication phones and a version of 4G
- As there has been no dispensation for 5G safety standards, it will have to meet the same safety standards as 4G, 3G and GSM meaning 5G will be as safe as 4G, 3G and GSM.
- There are no higher frequency commercial 5G mobile antennas deployed in the UK and none are currently planned
- Reducing exposure to radio waves in the future requires more base stations in order to drive down both smartphone and base station power levels.

Quickline Communications Limited are the lead partner within the Mobile Access North Yorkshire project and the accountable officer. As a wireless ISP operator working across Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Cumbria, they have a wealth of experience in connecting rural communities. All of Quickline Communications Limited spectrum planning to be utilised on the MANY project is managed and issued under licence by Ofcom. Ofcom regulates the use of radio frequencies by mobile networks. Whilst Ofcom are not responsible for setting Electromagnetic Field (EMF) safety levels, they do test EMF levels near to mobile phone base stations to ensure they comply with the latest guidelines.

North Yorkshire County Council have become part of the consortium because they are committed to supporting the delivery of a modern communications network to county residents, as can be found in the 2020 – 2024 Council [Plan](#).

Compensation can only be decided upon should a case be proven and individual councils will not be the bodies responsible. Therefore, it will be the claimants responsible to offer sufficient proof that relevant ailments were caused directly by the operation of mobile mast infrastructure.

The MANY project is committed to following the latest recognised guidance and ensures communities that it will keep up to date with any future guidance relating to mobile coverage.

<https://leyburntowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Response-for-Leyburn-Town-Council-Final-Version.pdf>



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Appendix 3- Cemetery Charges from 1st April 2019

EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS* (Interment Fee payable on Burial)

Exclusive rights 250.00

INTERMENT FEES - PARISHIONERS

Up to 12 months old Nil
1 year to 16 years 55.00
Over 16 years 250.00
Ashes in Existing Grave 100.00
Ashes in half-space 100.00

NON-PARISHIONERS

All prices doubled for non-inhabitants of Leyburn

OTHER CHARGES

Gravestone/plaque on ashes plot 75.00
Inscriptions Free
Memorial plaque on memorial wall 50.00
(none of above doubled for non-inhabitants of Leyburn)

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

Burial of Ashes/Reservation of Plot 100.00
(Also scattering ashes top border of Cemetery)

INTERMENT FEES - PARISHIONERS

Interment Fee 50.00
Burial of second ashes in plot (Inhabitant) Nil
Burial of second ashes in plot (Non-Inhabitant) 30.00

NON-PARISHIONERS

All prices doubled for non-inhabitants of Leyburn

REFUND ON EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

Refund of 50% of sum paid only if within ten years of original reservation

* From January 2019 anyone wishing to be buried in Leyburn Cemetery will buy Exclusive rights to the plot and then pay an Interment Fee upon Burial



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Appendix 4- House & Home Stock to be displayed

Following a meeting with the Owner of House and Home on Tuesday 11th August 2020, he has confirmed that he would like to put out the following items:

- Garden Items
- Swing Bins
- Metal bins
- Compost on trolleys (trolleys to be no higher than waist height)

House & Home would like to rent land across the shop frontage and approx 1/2 metres back towards the road. The owner has made assurances that this will not interfere with parking spaces and has confirmed that he has Public Liability Insurance to cover this and will provide the relevant certificate.



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Appendix 5- Letter from Moors and Dales Races

I am writing to you in your capacity as Clerk to Leyburn Town Council

As you may recall we held our Race the Train trail race on 8th March this year, and we are keen to hold the event again next year. We are a small, family run, trail-running race company (Moors and Dales Races), with events in the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales areas, having enjoyed many years of running and biking from our home in Northallerton.

You will probably also recall that we experienced significant adverse weather in the weeks preceding the race, and in line with the council's request, diverted the route from the path along the Shawl nearest to Leyburn, to an alternative route along Risebar Lane. Although the extreme weather and resulting difficulties were unusual, we would like to reduce the risk of similar difficulties next year by moving the event to a slightly later date, and are currently working towards the dates of either Sunday 23rd May 2021, or Sunday 6th June 2021. We will again have a TRA permit with its associated public liability insurance and will be seeking approval from the district council Safety Advisory Group and land owners. If there is any remaining Covid-19 risk, we will of course follow health and safety precautions and any industry standard guidance that may have been introduced by that date.

The route we propose is the same as last year: I have attached a map for your further information. The event will finish at Wensleydale Railway Station, Leyburn. We will be running two races, one longer route of 14 miles which will start in Leyburn, on Leyburn Shawl. The short route, of 5.5 miles, will start at Redmire train station. Both races will pass through the outskirts of Redmire, through Preston under Scar, and finish back in Leyburn. The race is slightly different in that runners of the shorter route will take the train to the start in Redmire, and both the long and short route runners will be racing against the train to return to Leyburn. We would like to propose starting the long course race on Leyburn Shawl as in our original plans this year, but with the option to use Risebar lane as a contingency if required. Starting on the outskirts of Leyburn rather than at the station avoids runners passing in groups through the town centre (we would register runners at the station but walk them up to the Shawl for the start at around 9.45am). By the end of the race the runners would be well spread out as they proceed from the Shawl to the finish at the rail station.

The short course joins the long course as it passes through Redmire station. The route is mostly on public rights of way, and takes in areas around Leyburn, Preston under scar, Castle Bolton and Redmire. The only exception is a short section on permissive paths through Gilfield / Condenser woods, where we have permission from Bolton Estate to pass through.

We are mindful of ground nesting and shooting seasons, and wish to minimise any adverse impact on, and maximise benefit for, the local community, businesses and environment by avoiding clashes with other sporting and community events.

As well as a great experience for runners, the race has also proven to be a great opportunity to raise the profile of Wensleydale railway, as well as generating some revenue for their ongoing projects: much needed following the effects of Covid-19 this year.

As for this year's race, we are limiting runner numbers. We are limiting entries to 300, split across the two races. We aim to put on a well organised and enjoyable event for both participants and community alike, and hope to promote what we feel are the considerable charms and beauty of the area with our choice of route.

Signed:

Date:

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We have already contacted and had agreement to re-run the race from many landowners, and will be contacting the remaining landowners in due course. We did contact all landowners following our race this year, and had no complaints. However, as in previous years, we also wanted to check with the Town council that the event will not cause any issues for you, and to ask permission to hold our long course race start (max 150 runners) on the Shawl.

I appreciate that there will not currently be a face to face town council meeting at which to bring this up. However I am writing in order to put the request on the agenda for any potential meetings that may come about (as I am aware that some councils have started holding virtual meetings via Zoom and other media), or for the first meeting if and when they resume in time. If you are able to indicate a likely time frame when it might be considered that would be really useful

Please could you let us know if there are any other community or other events which you are aware of which might influence the proposed date and route plans.

With kindest Regards

Race Director

PLEASE NOTE AMMENDMENTS BELOW TO THE PROPOSED DATE

Dear Beccie

Unfortunately we have run into a problem with the proposal to move our trail race to May / June, due to the proximity of some parts of the race route to ground bird nesting areas. We have looked at alternative months, particularly those which are drier months, but March remains our only possibility. This was a particularly wet month in 2020, but we would hope the weather might be less extreme next year, although we appreciate there is no guarantee of this. With this in mind, we would like to amend our previous request, and ask if the Council would be happy for us to hold the event on Sunday 7th March 2021? We would, as this year, be flexible to use an alternative start via Risebar Lane rather than the initial part of the Shawl, should severe rain make this appropriate.



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Appendix 6 – Information on Community Asset Mapping

A community asset mapping can help to develop a picture of the community to shows its capacity and potential. This information can be used to gain a better understanding of community priorities and create neighbourhood action plans, which make the best use of the local assets.

Box 1. Five steps to conducting a community-led asset mapping exercise

Step 1. Meet those people who become the core group that will take the lead.

Step 2. Contact the individuals or groups who are active in your community – both formal and informal networks. This will identify the individuals who can do the mapping.

Step 3. Through face-to-face conversations, door knocking and other approaches such as storytelling, these individuals collate the assets and talents of individuals in the community. The residents who get involved recruit more people to help who, in turn, carry on mapping more individuals.

Step 4. Identify the resources and assets of local associations, clubs and volunteers.

Step 5. Map the assets of the agencies including the services they offer, the physical spaces and funding they could provide, and the staff and networks they have. Depending on the local vision, the maps can be extended to include physical, economic and cultural assets.



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FACTSHEET

Asset Mapping

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What is Asset Mapping?

Every community has a tremendous supply of assets and resources that can be used to build community and solve problems. Asset mapping is the process that helps to discover and connect these assets.

Asset mapping involves generating a map or inventory of the resources, skills and talents of individuals, associations and organisations. The process is not just about data collection – it is about connecting people to others on the basis of their assets, it is about self-realisation, empowerment and leadership development.

It is therefore vital that residents and their associations do the asset mapping themselves so that they i) build new relationships, ii) learn more about the contributions and talents of community members, and iii) identify potential linkages between different assets.

Connectors are central to the asset mapping process and play a key role in identifying the talents and interests of local residents and the potential resources available through local associations. The asset mapping process should seek to map the following:

1. Individual Assets – gifts, skills and capacities
2. Groups and Associations – formal and informal groups and networks
3. Assets of Local Institutions
4. Physical resources – e.g. meeting places, unused land and green spaces and economic exchange
5. Economic resources *→ money*

Through one to one Learning Conversations Connectors engage with and talk to their neighbours with the express purposes of finding out:

- ⇒ What people care about enough to do something about
- ⇒ What gifts and talents they would like to contribute to the community
- ⇒ What would need to happen for them to join like-minded locals in the community building effort.





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Asset Based Community Mapping Walk

This exercise will help you to start building an Asset Map with detailed information about the streets and the people in your neighbourhood. This is not a desk-based exercise, you should be out in your neighbourhood making discoveries through conversation and observation. It is a good exercise for Community Builders to complete in the early stages of a community building programme with interested local residents as it will start to reveal local Community Connectors.

Step One: information gathering

While on walkabout and in conversation with others (this could be Community Connectors or local residents) consider the following questions about the different streets in your neighbourhood:

1. What needs community attention - distinct from systems attention?
2. What obvious assets do we have that we can use to attend to the things that need our community's attention?
3. What hidden assets (treasures) do we have that, if we found and connected, would help?

Step Two: mapping

Bring everyone together at a central location so that the information gathered can be shared and mapped.

- ⇒ Decide how you would like to plot the information. A good place to start is with a large sheet of paper and draw on the main road(s) in the area and a few key landmarks across the neighbourhood that will help to orient people
- ⇒ Use different colour dots (or markers) to plot the 'Bumping Spaces' - the places where people come together naturally or as part of a group. Make sure you get the obvious but also less obvious e.g. in Cheltenham off the Bath Road, there is a Militaria shop (sells old military stuff). Every Friday morning at 10am the owner, Steve, runs a coffee morning for the 'old boys' who live locally, and they reminisce about the old days.
- ⇒ Now plot local associations, where three or more people - mostly unpaid - gather together to do stuff they care about, from chatting to changing the world. It's useful to use a different colour to map the associations around the bumping spaces e.g. Pub might have a darts groups and poker night, etc.)
- ⇒ Once you've plotted all the associations you know about or can find, think about who might be

Community Connectors in and across these groups and thinking through how you might be able to involve them. Agree who will have a Learning Conversation with each of the groups over the coming weeks and invite them to be part of the community building programme.

⇒ Finally, you should think about neighbours and other local residents who are not connected to existing associations and to begin to have a conversation with each of these, perhaps a few (5 a week), asking three questions:

1. What do you really care about enough to do something about it? Or what's your 'thing'?
2. What would someone who knows you really well say you are good at? Could you use these in any way to do something about 1 above?
3. Would you be ^{ing} willing to meet with other people who share your ^{ing} passion if I organised it?

Encourage the community builder to meet weekly for the next 6 weeks to download with the connectors. Then convene your ideas fair.



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Appendix 7 – Two Ridings Foundation grant

The Two Ridings Foundation have opened grant funding to parish and town councils to assist to make their villages, communities or homes more resilient, particularly for infrastructure support in relation to flooding and ensuring community resilience going forward.

Two Ridings recommend that the Council seek expert support to identify works that need to be carried out and Two Ridings can provide some contact information for relevant people if needed.

Applications are to be completed by Wednesday 2nd September so it can be considered at the panel meeting on 8th September.