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Next Town Team Meeting
7.00pm Tuesday 17 July
at the Spa Complex

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From the Renaissance Manager

Despite the discussion at the last Town Team it is surprising how you can be influenced by people who know what they are doing, and I hope you will agree that this new format is superb. Adrian Riley who also chairs the Creative Coast group has done a great job and we are keen to get your feedback, so please let us know how you feel.

We have moved forward in the communication world also with the web site, www.scarboroughsfuture.org.uk which has been overhauled and is now getting much more regular updates, plus the great new on line photograph album, which is found through the site or directly at www.scarboroughsfuturewebalbum.com. A big thank you to Bob Harris for his help with the website and Gareth Watson for the web album. Both these sites are very much for the public to use, be you a student wanting to copy elements for a project or research purposes or a town team member wanting to add some of your own pictures.

Whilst thanking people, the town team - that's you - won the Town Team of the year award at an event in Leeds recently sponsored by the business publication 'Insider Yorkshire'. It is timely that such an award should come our way as it has been regularly stated that we are a well supported Town Team, so thank you once again.

There is a great deal coming up over the next few months, so please keep a look out for what is going on.

NICK TAYLOR



Where in the world are you going this summer?

India, Spain, Italy, China... every family in Scarborough can tour the world this summer thanks to the Sure Start People's Carnival, organised by the parent volunteers of Sure Start's Parent Network.

Children from tots to teens will be given a passport and a chance to visit 40 different 'countries'. At each, they'll take part in a game, sport, craft or activity, or watch entertainment enjoyed by children in other parts of the world. Their passports will be stamped at each country they 'visit' and those who collect lots of stamps will win a medal.

This year's event has secured a grant of almost £4,000 from the Local Network Fund of the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation.

Among those organisations taking part is 'Connecting Youth Culture' which will be bringing entertainment including African drumming, American graffiti art, Brazilian samba drumming, American street dance and animal mask making.

The date for the carnival is Saturday 21 July on Barrowcliff School field, behind Briercliffe Children's Centre, and the event runs from 11am to 5pm.

The admission price is just £3 for a family ticket covering two adults and two children. Additional children pay £1, but all children must be accompanied. All the children's activities are free.

Local organisations interested in getting involved with the carnival are welcome to take part and use the event to promote their own community activities. More volunteers are also welcome. For further details, call Sure Start on Scarborough 343490.

Sure Start is a Government-funded organisation which helps pre-school children get the best possible start in life.

For more information: Contact Carrie Newton, Parent Involvement Coordinator, on Scarborough 343490.



Agenda

Scarborough's Urban Renaissance Town Team Meeting

Tuesday 17 July 2007
7.00 pm at The Spa Complex

1. Apologies
2. Matters outstanding from the previous meeting
3. Project Updates (Doug Kendall)
4. The Sands
5. Action Group Roundup
6. Renaissance Manager's report
7. Casino Update
8. What's Coming Up?
Gordon Somerville, Head of Planning Services, brings us up to date
9. Any Other Business
10. Date and Time of the Next Meeting:
7.00 pm on Tuesday 18 September 2007 at the Spa complex

Please Note: there will be no Town Team Meeting in August



For any further information, or to get yourself or a friend added to our data base, please call Nick Taylor or Linda Tindall on 01723 341346 or email nick@scarboroughsfuture.org.uk

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Minutes

Synopsis of the minutes of the Town Team meeting – June 2007

A photograph was taken of all members present to celebrate the award of a plaque for being the best Town Team in the region.

Matters outstanding from the previous meeting

The Chairman reported on two matters:

1. There had been a proposal for representatives from both the Borough and County Councils to attend a Town Team meeting to debate the future of local government. However, this had not been possible as the general public were not a consultee. Nevertheless, the Chief Executive of Scarborough Borough Council had attended an Action Group meeting.
2. Prior to the Town Team debate on local education, Thea Stein had been appointed to get the different departments of Yorkshire Forward working Together to target inclusivity and deprivation. This will include promoting Scarborough schools and colleges.

The Sandside Anchor – A presentation by Joyce Jesson, Chair of Scarborough Sub-Aqua Club

The Town Team heard an informative presentation on the background to the club, what its members do in terms of wreck recovery, artifacts, research, marine archaeology, video and photography work etc, to give them an understanding of why the anchor had been removed during the Sandside works and why its siting is important to them. The Club wanted the views of the Town Team on where the anchor should now be sited and locations proposed included Timber Wharf, Vincent Pier Tollhouse Roundabout and St Nicholas Cliff Gardens. The Club had developed criteria to assist in this decision. It was proposed by the Town Team that the Timber Wharf would be most suitable with a possibility of moving to the West Pier after that had been redeveloped. The Town Team thought that the anchor was a piece of heritage to preserve and display, be publicly accessible, be mounted on a plinth with a plaque giving the anchor's history.

Project Updates (Doug Kendall)

Sandside – should be completed in the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Visit by European Secretariat – Doug had shown 2 representatives around sites in the Borough and they were pleased with the projects.

Creative Industries Centre – is moving on quickly. As reported last month, a 'topping out' ceremony has been performed.

Business Park – The 'small' pond has been dug out; a planning application for offices has been submitted with 4 sites earmarked for development.

The Futurist – Nick Hart, Urban Space Group Chair

Nick led an open discussion on the future of the Futurist site as a follow up from the last meeting when time ran out. Nick proposed 5 areas for debate and the Town Team made the following suggestions:

Strategic considerations

A 2,000 seater theatre should be retained (fears were expressed that if the theatre were lost another one would not be built).

Development Options

The development could be expanded into the hillside and/or as far as St Nicholas Gardens. If the development went higher than four floors, this could be detrimental to the view from the public area opposite the Royal Hotel.

Facilities

Sports and recreational, community facilities could be included.

Cinema/Underground car park/Access from King Street via an escalator/Restaurant with an outside area to take advantage of the views. Hotel/Residential/Casino were also possibilities to consider.

Architectural Design

If the theatre were retained, the operational difficulties of attracting big shows must be overcome. If a new build is considered it would be important to ensure the highest standards possible. If the building were refurbished, best use of materials should be made.

The building could be sub-divided into different areas when the whole theatre is not needed, with multi functional rooms to cater for seasonal activities.

Community/Economy

Consideration needs to be given as to whether a theatre would be a key economic driver for the area. Similarly, consideration needs to be given to providing affordable facilities for families and young people. Great publicity should be included on tour programmes. The town would be going down a step in the cultural league if it can't provide a large venue for shows/events. We need to attract the public from outside the area through, for example, provision of a restaurant, bars, casino to increase consumer spend.

The above ideas will be included in the consultation process at the Town Hall.

Action Group Roundup

The Town Team Executive now meets every other month and the Action Group Leaders meet in the month in between. The Action Group Leaders have held their first meeting and should improve communication between the Groups.

Urban Space Group – At their next meeting, on 10 July, Gordon Somerville will be talking about what the planning system can and cannot do.

The newly reformed Harbour/Sandside Group had their first meeting in June.

Renaissance Manager's Report

The Urban Renaissance website is being refurbished and a new site www.scarboroughsfuturewebalbum.com has been set up. Anyone with photos that promote Scarborough, please e-mail them to Nick to put on the website. There is no copyright and photos will be available for anyone to use. Nick asked the Town Team for their views on the redesigned newsletter. It was agreed that the use of colour was an improvement.

Casino Update

The British Casino Association had taken the Government decision on the allocation of the Casino licences to judicial review in the High Court, but the case has been rejected. The next step is for the Government to lay orders in Parliament for the allocation of the licences and this is awaited. The Borough Council's Licensing Committee are to visit a Casino in Leeds to look at how it is operated.

What's Coming Up? Gordon Somerville, Head of Planning Services

Benchmark will be talking on the Sands and their new proposals at the July Town Team meeting. At the July meeting of the Planning & Development Committee there will be a report on the growth of Scarborough, including new housing allocation figures.

Any Other Business

1. The building painted lilac on the corner of Eastborough/Sandside and the shop frontage of Subway were discussed.
2. It was felt that the North Bay promenade looked a lot smarter with the new beach chalets and colour scheme.
3. The Council was thanked for the action they had taken on the run-down building on Victoria Road.

Action Group Focus: Creative Coast

Picture the scene: An upstairs room in a local pub. A dozen or so local creatives - designers, artists, poets, website developers - sat on sofas and bar stools chatting as a group. A friendly atmosphere. Laughter. An impromptu and passionate discussion inspired by the evening's guest speaker. Plans being made to promote Scarborough's creative businesses and individuals. Business cards being exchanged. Possible collaborations being discussed. Welcome to Creative Coast.

Creative Coast grew out of shared recognition within several renaissance action groups that if the North Yorkshire Coast was to build a reputation as a vibrant home for the creative

industries able to compete on an equal footing with cities in Yorkshire it needed a Network to connect local creatives and businesses.

Creative Coast is comprised of creative practitioners (100+ at the last count) from across the borough and beyond, not just Scarborough town. Events in 2006-7 have included guest speakers, free training and networking opportunities as well as generating ideas and representing the creative industries on the town's Creative Driver Partnership. The group also recognises the central role that art and culture can and should play in the renaissance of Scarborough and hopes to help keep that focus along with other groups such as the Art & Culture forum.

An outward looking focus has led Creative Coast to develop a working partnership with Creative York who along with Create - the Scarborough-based Arts & Cultural Development agency - provided a link to regional networks. A potent mix of creativity and business nous is what drives the group and the fact that Scarborough is already home to creative businesses and individuals with a national profile demonstrate that this isn't a group of amateur artists but part of the fastest growing business sector in North Yorkshire.

There's a strong belief amongst the planning team that Scarborough has all the pieces in place to be a vibrant arts and culture-driven town but desperately needs some joined up thinking. The group is already uniting creative practitioners and the next step is to foster permanent links with education and the wider cultural scene.

Links with secondary schools are already strong thanks to the 'Digital Scarborough' events in 2005 & 2006. This year Creative Coast sponsored a student award with Creative York at the Yorkshire Coast College Art & Design degree show. The award was voted for by visitors to the show's opening night and was won by Costume Design graduate Jessica Wood. Jessica received a book, a cash prize and a business support package. Other efforts to 'join the dots' have included a joint social evening with students from the University of Hull School of Arts & New Media and members of the BBC backstage project. There are also discussions taking place to establish a mentoring scheme

between students and local practitioners. The group looks forward to building stronger links like these in the hope that this will both attract employers into the area and encourage students to set up businesses in and around Scarborough.

For all this ambition and drive, Creative Coast events are actually quite low key and have a friendly relaxed atmosphere that it hopes is welcoming to anyone who works in, is studying, or educating the creative industries. If this sounds like you, then do come and join in.

A membership form can be downloaded from www.creativecoast.net where a flyer containing details of the current series of events can also be found. News, extra meetings and details of other events and offers are emailed directly to members.

“ Art & culture can and should play a central role in the renaissance of Scarborough ”



Creative Coast launch event, Easter 2006

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Student Award presentation, Yorkshire Coast College June 2007

Thundercats roar in the South Bay

After some frightening changes to plans at the last minute that would have sent some organisations into a spin, Thundercats came to Scarborough for the whole of their world championships.

What a wonderful time they had. The snag was the water was rough when they wanted it flat and smooth when they needed surf. The weather was incredibly harsh for the long haul day when they needed to cover 100 miles (at 55 mph in a tiny boat, that takes some endurance) and this caused many of the fleet to retire with several injuries such as cracked ribs.

The sea frets played their part too but only one race had to be delayed by a day.

The final prize giving was a great night especially as an English boat came second overall crewed by Sean Fisher and Bradley Bosman. South Africa was the dominating country taking eight out of the first twelve positions. The rest were English, with Sweden, Poland, Germany and New Zealand also represented.

To have this event in Scarborough was worth over £500,000 to the local economy from the spend of the competitors and the spectators. The coverage we are about to get from the satellite channels will be considerable as there are five half hour shows going out soon on Sky Sports 1,2 and 3 as well as Sky Sports Extra. They will be shown seven times each week for the five weeks and then passed onto other satellite companies over the rest of the world, so Scarborough will be seen in every corner of the globe. Not bad to have come as a result of a two minute telephone conversation.

Many thanks are due to the sponsors Scarborough Borough Council, Yorkshire Forward, Microlink Computers, the Golden Grid Restaurant and countless other local organisations who gave their time to helping organise such a super event. Scarborough Sub Aqua Club need a special mention for their help with providing all the safety boats.



For some exciting pictures and the full results, please go to www.thundercatracing.co.uk or alternatively look at some on our own web album.



Dates for your diary

MEETINGS JULY 2007

- 2 Monday Creative Coast Planning, 10.30am, Renaissance Office
- 4 Wednesday Arts, Culture and Festivals, 5.00 pm, Stephen Joseph Theatre
- 5 Thursday Active Transport, 5.30 pm, Renaissance Centre
Forum for Tourism, 7.30 pm, Scarborough Bowls Centre
- 12 Thursday Urban Space Group, 7.00 pm, Royal Hotel Cavalier Suite
- 17 Tuesday Town Team, 7.00 pm, at The Spa Complex
- 18 Wednesday Creative Coast 'An Artists's Survival Guide', 5.30 for 6.00 pm, upstairs at the Merchant, Eastborough
- 24 Tuesday Harbour and Sandside Action Group, 7.00pm at Enterprise Centre, Aughtborough Street

MEETINGS AUGUST 2007

- 1 Wednesday Arts, Culture and Festivals, 5.00 pm, Stephen Joseph Theatre
- 2 Thursday Active Transport, 5.30 pm, Renaissance Centre
Forum for Tourism, 7.30 pm, Scarborough Bowls Centre

Also coming in August—a one day visioning workshop on the Futurist and Foreshore Road. Details will be published at: www.scarborough-renaissance.blogspot.com

FESTIVALS

What's on around the area in JULY...

- 20-22 8th Annual Scarborough Seafest
- 21 Sure Start People's Carnival, Briercliffe Children's Centre, Barrowcliff School
- 23-29 Scarborough Fayre and Summer Continental Market, Westborough
- 25-29 Four County Cricket Championship
- 28-29 1940's Wartime Weekend, Scarborough Castle
- 24, 26, 31 Sun Court Film Festival, Scarborough Spa (& 2 August)

...and AUGUST

- 2 Sun Court Film Festival, Scarborough Spa (see above)
- 4-5 Medieval Combat, Scarborough Castle
- 9-12 Beached Festival (H2007)
- 12 National Speed Car and Bike Hill Climb, Oliver's Mount

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.00—12.00 and Friday 19.00-21.00, Free Coaching at Scarborough Bowls Centre (Please pre-book at Reception—01723 353992)

 Details of various events around the Borough can also be found at www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/content/whats_on and www.hightidemagazine.com


If you have an event you would like us to publicise, please let us know.

Seafest 2007

The hugely successful Seafest will take place this year from Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July (inc) down on Scarborough's west pier and in venues around the old town. Events over the weekend will include cookery demonstrations, music artistes and visiting vessels. Marquees on the pier will play host to a real ale brewery, children's activities and displays from various organisations and artists. Further details to follow.

Scarborough Fayre & Summer Continental Market

Scarborough Fayre will take place from Monday 23rd July until Sunday 29th July (inc). The week's events focus on top class street entertainment for all the family with stilt walkers, jugglers, children's entertainers, face painting, street theatre and music. Running in conjunction with the Fayre, the ever popular Continental Market will return on Thursday 26th July until Sunday 29th July (inc). Located on Westborough there will be approximately 40 stalls selling a huge range of produce from Europe, including homemade soap, cheeses, pates, jewellery, wooden toys and much much more. It is truly something not to be missed.

 For further details on any of the above events, please contact Town Centre Management.



Summer Continental Market