

Report for ETC meeting on 10/02/26. Written 03/02/26

Summary:

The main highlight of this month was me sitting on the approval & interview panel for a new head of Health & Adult Services director at North Yorkshire Council, I can say we have now appointed someone but at the time of writing it has not been announced to the public yet.

Elsewhere I attended a public meeting by the United Scarborough Residents Action Group. Around 30-40 people attended the meeting where a number of issues were discussed but also included a presentation by the Neighbourhood Board as to which projects are being backed by the first tranche of the £20m over 10 years.

Finally, all eyes are on the NYC budget which will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. I have met with Gary Fielding and discussed a number of budget issues including some proposals the Reform Group had. Although we are only 3/90 Councillors.

Locality budget:

I have allocated the last of my locality budget. So, for this (financial) year it was:

Eastfield Community Uniform £450

AFC Eastfield £1300

Westway Boxing Club £1000

Eastfield Scouts £1350

Westway Open Arms £900

The budget resets in April so feel free to mention that to any community groups who may be interested in receiving a grant, I am also happy to do what I can to support groups looking for grants elsewhere.

Residual Funding:

The localities team have begun holding engagement meetings with various community groups. No update beyond last month.

Grit bins:

Despite and inspection last July concluding that Southwold needed a grit bin and that they should replace the abandoned one on there, nothing was done by the Council. So when we had the cold snap last month there was considerable upset on social media relating to the Southwold grit bin. I can now say that the Council have refilled the grit bin and it will be added to their regular round.

I also checked the NYC map of Grit Bins to ensure that all bins marked on the map are where they're supposed to be and were filled (or at least look like they had been filled in the past 2-3 months), I am happy to say that it appears that Southwold was the only outlier in all these.

Unadopted Roads:

One issue raised with me is the large amount of unadopted roads on the Middle Deepdale and Oriens Fields developments. Some of these roads have had people living on them for almost 10 years and all building work ceased years ago. While they remain unadopted residents are tied into a maintenance contract that often rises above inflation as well as paying full Council Tax. I am still researching the matter but have queried the matter with the Council and will be taking this on as a longer term project.