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CITY COUNCIL

Morley Summit

Friday 12th Marchst 2010
Morley Town Hall

Attendees:	
Cllr Robert Finnigan	Leeds City Council / MTCMB Chairman
Town Cllr Steve Jones	Morley Town Council / Partnership Chair
Keith Robinson	Morley Chamber of Trade President
Cllr Terry Grayshon	LCC and Morley Town Councillor
Cllr C Beverley	Leeds City Council
Damian Molloy	Churchgate, Gildersome
Cllr Shirley Varley	Morley Town Council
Cllr T Leadley	Morley Town Council, Leeds City Council
Cllr J Sanders	Morley Town Council
Cllr W P Whitehead	Morley Town Council
Cllr Joe Tetley	Morley Town Council/ Royal Society of St George
Cllr K Stephenson	Morley Town Council
Cllr C Beevers	Morley Town Council
G R Jennings	Land Securities
James Larmuth	Land Securities
Peter Cook	White Rose Shopping Centre
Tim Flanagan	Arise / IPSL
Bob Thaxter	Crispins / MTCMB
Colin Crabtree	Resident
Neil Ramsden	
J Redmond	
G.P. Teal	Happysaks Bags
A/PS1099 Hebden	West Yorks Police
PC6771 Senior	West Yorks Ploice
Anita Weston	Morley Leisure Centre LCC
Sharon Gard	Morley Leisure Centre LCC
Robert Mitchell	Oxfam
Tony Garrit	GMT
Keith Lander (Chair)	Area Management
Tom O'Donovan	Area Management
Sarah Henderson	Area Management
Peter Mudge (PM)	Town Centre Manager

The Morley Summit was arranged by the Area Management Team and held in Morley Town Hall on Friday 12th March 2010. It attracted 32 attendees from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

The event was chaired by South Leeds Area Manager, Keith Lander, and the panel was:

Cllr Robert Finnigan – Chair of the South Leeds Area Committee

Keith Robinson – Morley Chamber of Trade President

Town Cllr Steve Jones – Morley Town Centre Partnership Chair

Peter Mudge – Town Centre Manager – Morley and Rothwell

Attendees were welcomed by the Chair who introduced the panel and said this represented the clear structure for Morley with all the key bodies involved in improving the town centre. The Chamber driving the town centre forwards with help from the Partnership and organisations, services and business.

Keith said the Summit programme had been amended this year with greater emphasis on the Town Centre Awards evening which was to be held in the town hall immediately after the Summit. He said the Summit would start with a 10 minute overview from the Town Centre Manager after which would follow a slot of 40 minutes for the audience to raise positive ideas to support the developing Morley town centre. He reminded the audience that at the end of the meeting people should place their questionnaire forms in the box beside the door before leaving.

Peter Mudge drew the audience's attention to the Morley Summit booklet which had been placed on everyone's seat. He then gave a resume of the TCM Work Programme for Morley. He said the economy had dominated all activities throughout the last year however the planned way forward for Morley, approved by the Outer South Area Committee and partners, had remained viable and attainable despite the recession. The basic premise of this way forwards is for the town centre to better meet the needs of the area by becoming stronger and making better use of available and attainable resources. The greatest resource was the support of the community and this was to be highlighted by Outer South Area Committee at The Year of the Volunteer event to be held in Tingley the following weekend. Peter said he hoped that volunteers and potential volunteers would attend the event.

He then drew attention to the make-up of the Town Centre Management Board and its partnership working with the Morley Chamber of Trade and Commerce; developing a three year plan for the Chamber to become a leading voice and funding source for the town centre. Next he said TCM events and promotion are targeted at local residents encouraging them to shop and socialise in the town centre. He noted that if each of Morley's 50,000 potential shoppers spent an extra £5 per month in the town centre it would lead to an extra £3m per year – approximately £10,500 per business.

Partners and specific offers throughout the town centre were highlighted and the summary concluded with reference to ongoing monitoring of town centre and forthcoming events.

Following this 10 minute overview, Morley Leisure Centre Manager Sharon Gard gave a brief resume of when the new leisure centre would be opening and what it will contain.

The Chair thanked the speakers, invited questions, and then moved onto the remainder of the meeting. He said he had some discussion points prepared by the TCM but first he welcomed questions from the audience.

Question 1) Graham Teale said there were many less people at the 2010 event than at

previous Summits and therefore should the event be rearranged?

Cllr Finnigan agreed that the number of attendees was far below that at the two previous Summits.

Peter Mudge said this had been anticipated and previously discussed with Graham. He said the Partnerships provided ongoing opportunities to discuss ideas on a more regular basis and that the social aspect now occurred through the Town Awards evening following the Summit. .

Town Cllr Steve Jones said the next Town Centre Partnership meeting is to be held on July 5 and in future they will be held four times a year with the Summit forming one of these. He said he hoped the Partnership meetings will gain ever greater numbers of representatives from the business sector to discuss ideas in a wider forum with other users of the town centre.

Question 2) Bob Mitchell asked if the Council was planning to continue live brass band music in Dartmouth Park?

Cllr Finnigan confirmed that it was and Peter Mudge said he would supply Bob with the details of when this is happening.

Question 3) Bob Mitchell asked if people felt there were enough events for the town's youth?

Cllr Finnigan said that in addition to the leisure centre, a new playground was currently being installed and discussions are well underway for a new skatepark which is being designed in close partnership with users of the site.

Cllr Grayshon said local bands Melvin and Roswell would be bringing live music to the town hall on 22nd May to raise funds for the Help for Heroes campaign.

Peter Mudge said he always welcomed new ideas to benefit the youth as they were the town's future. He said a range of projects were underway by various providers and these included the town council's street entertainments on Saturday's from May to July, the YourSpace evenings held twice weekly for teenagers at JD's Nightclub, the funfair which is due to come to Scatcherd Park in July and the recently launched monthly folk club which will hopefully soon be followed by a regular comedy club.

The meeting ended at 6pm.