



GUISBOROUGH RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY (GUISRA)  
MINUTES 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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Meeting Description:	Guisra Planning Meeting
Location	Guisborough Methodist Church
Date:	24-July-2023, 19:30
Attendees:	Personal Data (Apologies from 2 members)
Type:	Open to all

## 1. Overview of Meeting

- 1.1. The planning meeting had the following agenda:
  - Growing Guisra.
  - Walkthrough Website.
  - Progress – Shared Streets.
    - Where we are at.
    - Planning one-way systems
  - Progress – Arts Centre.
  - Actions Items.
- 1.2. The meeting was very open with good discussion on how to progress our plans.

## 2. Discussion

- 2.1. Ideas on how to grow Guisra. Michael Dakin explained that we needed to get as many residents as possible to join. This is important because when setting expectations for the council we need to have as many residents as possible behind us. Darren Smith is to include in his August business directory. **Action:** Michael Dakin (MD) to provide a write up and photo of arts centre visit with project leader and sponsor.

Members suggested producing some posters to place in businesses around Guisborough. **Action:** MD will create draft poster and then somebody with a decent level of design skills will improve it. Members to review and agree content.

We need to get coverage from media. Members felt the Northern Echo and Darlington & Stockton Times were good options. **Action:** We will reach out to the media once we have a firmer plan for the arts centre as that is of high public interest. It was also suggested that we should reach out to the Parish council. This discussion led to the discussion about when we engage councillors and the council (see 2.2).

There was also a view that we could better engage with Facebook groups and pages. MD explained that Guisborough News and Views generally failed to allow our posts on. **Action:** We agreed that MD would provide the Guisra Facebook group details to other members and they could share articles from the Guisra group to other Guisborough Facebook pages.

**Action:** Members will mention Guisra to people they know and also suggest they sign up for the newsletter.

## 2.2. Timing of engagement with other groups

It was agreed that for the time being we will focus on building our projects before reaching out to outside groups such as councillors and the council. However this is not far from taking place as work is being carried out. PH suggested we need to build a skilled team of members who can advise on subjects such as urban design. BC said he has a contact that can provide guidance.

Councillors are welcome to join Guisra, but we wish to avoid involvement from political parties as we highly value our non-partisan status.

## 2.3. Shared Streets: MD described the work carried out on street design so far and how speed limits cannot be enforced through signage. Research has shown that speed limits are achieved by road design.

MD described the website – not in particular detail as he will provide links to meeting attendees via email. **Action:** MD provide link to shared streets *SS001 – A171, Church Lane to West End.*

MD and PH to meet and work on putting a firm project together for Shared Streets.

We discussed the name “Shared Streets” and agreed this will be the project name for the time being. The term refers to overall urban design and how it can be enhanced to make the town more liveable and mobility friendly. **Action Item:** MD to arrange meeting with PH to create project order / priority.

## 2.4. Arts Centre Progress:

Bernard Clarke walked us through his progress. He has begun the process of reaching out to other art centres and organisations that support art centre realisation.

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- BC will organise visits to arts centres
  - Produce draft proposal for funding
  - Work with Katherine A-G and Kath R to build project
  - Reach out to a number of local artists. BC has names
- Action:** Project meeting with MD on Wednesday morning

2.5. Meetings in August: It was agreed there would be no in-person meetings in August. **Action:** MD to organise online meeting for mid-August. This will give an opportunity for others to attend who cannot make an in-person meeting.

2.6. Any other business.

Nothing was raised

### 3. Action Items

- 3.1. Action Items as detailed in 2.1 to 2.6
- 3.2. Create and distribute meeting minutes – MD / KH

### 4. Meeting Closed – 20:51

### 5. Next Meeting

- 5.1. Virtual meeting – Date TBC, Time 19:30 – Online