



**MINUTES FROM THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT BOARD FOR THE  
GREATER YORK COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007, 12pm  
YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST'S OFFICES, 47 ALDWARK, YORK**

**PRESENT**     Catrina Appleby (CA), Community Representative & CBA  
                  Richard Hall (RH), York Archaeological Trust (YAT)  
                  Cllr Janet Hopton (JH), City of York Council (CoYC)  
                  Jon Kenny (JK), Community Archaeologist  
                  John Oxley (JO), City of York Archaeologist  
                  Steve Roskams (SR), York Archaeological Forum (YAF)

**1. Receipt of Apologies for Absence**

All members of the Project Board were present.

**2. Minutes of the last Project Board meeting**

The minutes were agreed.

**2.1 Matters Arising**

**Conference.** The possibility of running a conference still needs to be sounded out with the Timeline York Plus groups and societies. **Action: JK to follow up at next Timeline meeting.**

**106 agreements and the Local Development Framework (LDF).** At the last meeting JO noted that 106 agreements associated with development work at schools may include public archaeology elements that would give the Community Archaeologist an opportunity to work with the school.

Consultation on the LDF is likely to take place in the summer. This will be an opportunity for community archaeology to have an input. Comment from YAF and Timeline York Plus would be useful in this regard.

**3. Community Archaeologist's Report**

**a) Contact with Community Groups**

JK reported that he is now in touch with 23 groups in and around York. The Wiki was considered to be a beneficial resource and that people should be encouraged to use it.

**Action:** JK and RH to look at the cost of upgrading the wiki to allow the collection of web statistics so that use can be monitored.

A range of research is being carried out by the community groups. SR reported that the Heslington East development will begin in the next year and that this will also feed into the research output of local groups. The project will also fund a separate post that will include a community component.

Research at Dunnington is now being guided by Steve Moorhouse, he will also be delivering one of the study days in the new programme.

### **b) Study Days**

The 2007 / 08 programme was welcomed. It was **agreed** that the new group day should be retained even if numbers are smaller. **Action:** JK to target areas that are underrepresented by groups at present. The attempts to get things under way at New Earswick may be helped by work carried out at Joseph Rowntrees School this summer. JK is offering his support to the school, On Site Archaeology are the contractors who will also be involving pupils at the school.

### **c) Reaching a Variety of Audiences**

The board discussed potential routes to allow people from varied backgrounds to benefit from the project.

People with learning difficulties can be accessed through schools in particular. The schools that can be targeted are those that have a mixed facility such as Hobb Moor. There are also opportunities at day centres such as Yeasby Bridge.

There are no large ethnic communities in York but it is possible to tap into events such as Black History Month or some of the ethnic associations such as the Indian Association. The universities also have associations that may help.

**Action:** JK to look at using archaeology in a way that enables ethnic groups and those with disabilities.

People with low incomes will benefit from the resources and study days offered by the Community Archaeologist already. But it is also possible to target particular parts of the City. For example the project might target Chapelfields in Acomb through the school, looking at Acomb Grange. Another possibility is Kings Way North in Clifton which has a lot of recent material to look at associated with the airfield.

**Action:** JK to follow up these links with JO.

### **d) Archiving Issues**

In addition to the reported work being carried out by JK and CA, the HANER facility in York City will also have an important role to play in archiving material. **Action:** JK to ensure that local groups are aware of the support available from the local authorities (York, North Yorks and E Yorks).

#### **e) Hungate Involvement**

JK reported that he has set up a system for volunteers to participate at Hungate and has also used the site as an opportunity to build partnerships allowing more extensive outreach work. Most notably so far with the York Youth Offending Team.

#### **f) Training**

JK will be obtaining training in first aid over the summer.

#### **g) Sustainability**

This item will now continue to appear in the Community Archaeologists report to keep it moving forward. JK should start to communicate with other community archaeologists in the area as the project offers services to Greater York which also includes parts of North and East Yorks. The next YAF seminar will be of particular interest in this case.

**Action:** JK to publicise the YAF seminar and to work with JO to start getting community archaeology onto agenda at Ward Committees in York City.

#### **4. Any other business**

JH reported that she will no longer be the City Mayoress. Should she remain on the project board **Agreed:** That JH has contributed a great deal to the project and she should remain on the board.

JH and CA drew the board's attention to a project being run by the Ordnance Survey to catalogue place names not held on the current edition of the OS mapping. **Agreed:** JK to publicise the project to the Timeline community.

#### **5. Date for the next meeting of the Project Board**

The next meeting of the Project Board will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 12pm at York Archaeological Trust, 47 Aldwark.

RH thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 13.30pm.