

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 16th September 2015.

Venue: Ponteland Town Council Office, Meadowfield, at 7.p.m.

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Christine Greenwell, Robin Ramsay, Sheila Campbell, George Clasper, Rob Anderson, Mike Brown and Deputy Mayor, Joyce Butcher, representing Carl Rawlings.

Meeting opened at 19.00.

- **Apologies:** Frank Harrington, Syd Cowan, Brian Prickett, Carl Rawlings and Nirmal Sehgal.
- **Welcome:** Chairman Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present especially Joyce Butcher for representing Carl Rawlings.
- **Minutes:** Passed.
- **Minutes Arising:** None.
- **Chairman's Report:** Alma reported that Ponteland Lyons had donated £150 to the PCP and Shirley had sent a letter of sincere gratitude. The Ponteland Question Time arrangements would be discussed under Youth Activities.
- **PCP Financial Report:** Bank Balance £765.56. Minus Ageing Well balance of £177.70. Final Balance £587.86.
- **Sub Groups:**

Editorial: In the future notes will be recorded in the minutes as follows. Meeting on 4th September.

Attended: Chris Jennings, Alma Dunigan, Kath Mavin, Syd Cowan, Frank Harrington & Brian Prickett. Apologies: Christine Greenwell and Robin Ramsay.

Items raised: Discussed background to PN&V. Article for 10 year edition of magazine. Front cover and number of pages for the

celebration edition. Who to thank for their contribution. What to include, what to leave out.

Outcomes & Decisions made: Photo of members who have stayed with the PCP since the first print of PN&V, this should include the Editor.

Editor to decide if we have a larger 24 page edition.

Include a brief explanation “ how it started with a Parish Council and it is self-financing.”

Centre pages on past articles as a centre spread

Request for ideas for inclusion for future editions, from the residents.

To include an “Advertisers” thank you for their support over the years.

Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan: New subgroup of CSCG created with PTC approval.

Purpose of Core Strategy Consultation Group to discuss Core Strategy items outside the Neighbourhood Plan during the preparation of the NCC Core Strategy.

Draft Topic Papers are now being written with the support of the Planning Consultant. 4 already completed out of 7.

Preparations are ongoing for the Stakeholders Events Days on 30th Sept, 2nd/3rd Oct.

Constitution Review: Group to be asked for progress report.

Youth Activities: Arrangements for Ponteland Question Time on 23rd September nearing completion.

Venue: Memorial Hall, seating 300 + side lounge for Panel members and VIP's preparation area.

Panel and VIP's to be confirmed but including Guy Opperman and Elliot Barker from the High School.

Sarah Parkes, representing UK Youth from London.

Individual programmes on seats. 4 set questions for debate.

First 42 seats at front for VIP's, PCP and PTC.

Dobson's covering expenditure of £350.

Cowell's providing plants etc. for main hall, entrance and outside – free of charge.

Mike Brown providing 8 microphones for panel, audience and Alma.

Chairman making 5min Introduction at the event. Raising awareness of the Re-launch of PCP through Democracy Week.

Chairman Dan Brown (ex High School Head Boy) and Elliot Barker.

4 students to Meet & Greet + new member Rachel.

Trevor Walker to attend and hopefully PN&V Editor Chris Jennings.

Conclusion by Guy Opperman to make thank you's and present certificates to students.

Website to be checked this weekend.

Panel dress code discussed and decided by students.

Insurance cover of 1 year at £143.10 agreed with contribution from Dobson's.

8. Written Reports:

U3A: nothing.

Ponteland Community Trust: Brian Prickett reported that at a Ponteland Community Trust Meeting on Aug 24th the proposal for upgrading the Twizell Place play area was discussed. Further development of project held in abeyance until lease of site is finalised. Trust AGM on

Wednesday 6th October at 7.p.m. in Ponteland High School. (Robin Ramsay would address the conflict of interests between the PCP and Community Trust regarding this issue).

Ponteland Civic Society: No report.

Ageing Well: Brian Prickett reported that on August 24th the progress of setting up a bank account was discussed. The 'Winter Warmer' event will take place on Saturday 17th October in St. Mary's Church Hall from 10.00 until 12.30.p.m.

Friends of the Park: No report.

Environmental & Wellbeing Matters: George Clasper felt the re-starting of building work on the Old Mill site would cause problems, particularly of safety, on the very busy West road.

Community Transport: No report.

Newcastle International Consultative Committee: Sheila Campbell reported on meeting held on Sept 2nd. APD to be devolved to Scotland. NIA letter to Chancellor requesting variation of APD at regional airports. Airport grows 2% yearly. NIA thanked for sponsorship contribution to Ponteland. Solar farm proposed which would generate 30% of airport's need. NIA endeavouring to secure repeat of United Airlines nonstop to USA. NIA 80th anniversary year. NIA assessing impact of all passenger and freight activities to enable airport to grow in conjunction with N/cle transport modelling. Passengers parking illegally still a huge problem for airport and surrounding areas. Security screening produces on average 400 liquid items and 20 sharp items EVERY DAY. Feedback data positive.

9. A.O.B.

Shirley requested for someone to take the October Minutes as she would be on holiday. Christine Greenwell responded and she thanked her. She also informed the committee that she would no longer be printing copies of Minutes or Agendas so advised to remember to bring them to meetings.

Chairman stated she would be making a draft list of ideas for future Projects and would appreciate ideas. She then thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

- 10. Dates of future meetings:** 21st October and 18th November.
No meeting in December.