

Ponteland Community Partnership

Minutes from 21.10.15 – taken by CG
Held at Ponteland Town Council Office, Ponteland

Time 7pm

1. Attendance:-

Robin Ramsey, Mike Brown, Sheila Campbell, Brian Prickett, Syd Cowan, Frank Harrington,, Alma Dunigan, Christine Greenwell, Pratima Mehra, Yuvraj Chauhan.

1a. Apologies:-

Carl Rawlings, Rob Anderson, Shirley Hill, George Clasper.

1b. Welcome:- Alma welcomed all to the meeting especially two guests, Pratima Mehra, & Yuvraj Chauhan.

2. Minutes agreed and signed for 16.9.15

3. Matters Arising:-

SC. Mentioned lack of publicity for Ageing Well. BP replied that posters were handed out with a good response on the day, this is a matter for Ageing Well who were aware they had missed the deadline for the PN & V.

Action BP to pass this information on to Ageing Well.

SC. also asked why the Panel for Ponteland Question Time had no children

AD. Replied the panel was chosen for their expertise on the subjects to be discussed.

4. Chairman's Report:-

a. Question Time Debate, attendance: lower than expected with positive outcome for the future. Event fulfilled expectations a very successful evening.

b. Thanks: go to Guy Opperman, Carl Rawlings, Peter Jackson, and the Students from Ponteland High School for taking the challenge on. The Chairman of the debate, Dan Brown did a fantastic job of pulling the whole evening together.

c. Sarah Parks from UK Youth, will be taking this event item to the cabinet office as part of good practice of a community event.

5. PCP & PN&V Financial Report by CG.

PN&V: no financial report this month.

PCP. Bank Balance as at 18th Sept was £765.56. A cheque for £177.70, money held in this account for Ageing Well, has now been handed to Veronica Jones & Brian Prickett on the 21.9.15.

6. Sub Groups:-

a. Editorial – No report

b. Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan:-

AD reported on the recent Stakeholder Event. Good attendance and a high return of responses.

AD PNP Stakeholders Analyses due in Nov/Dec. The PNPSG are now in a position of reviewing all documents while awaiting for the Core Strategy to move into the next stage.

RR. Stressed the Neighbourhood Plan can't dictate Housing and the Green Belt issues, these are not within the remit of the PNP. They have to try and work around the numbers given by the NCC.
AD. Next stage is the final NCC consultation followed by Inspectors Examination of the Core Strategy. c.

c. Constitution Review:-

AD. Recognised a lot of effort went into producing the original documents, amendments can be made in the future. FH. SC. & BP to consider recommendations to the original documents to allow any changes to be agreed at the next AGM. Should any of the PCP committee have any comments regarding this item please contact the action members asap. Report back asap

Action - FH. SC. BP.

d. Youth Activities:-

SC. Gave RA a list of all youth activities in Ponteland and District.

AD. RA is working with the youth and collating a catalogue of groups and activities for all ages.

AD. Ashley Brown (Youth Manager) overall budget for Ponteland is not known.

AD. The future provision around the youth building and activities appears a little uncertain, we need to make sure NCC are including this provision in the new school plans for Rotary Way. NCC needs reminding of what we have and what we need.

AD & RA are looking into new projects, particularly easily achieved, low cost budget ideas.

YC. Was asked for his ideas as a youth for the young people.

- Youth debating society.
- A web site for opinions and ideas for the under eighteen's.
- Junior Surgery at the Park or Waitrose to gather opinions from the under 18's and there parents.
- PM. We need to reach out to the young people who go to schools in Newcastle and other areas other than Ponteland.

Neither YC or PM had any knowledge that their was a youth club in Ponteland. Ponteland events for young people need to be promoted more.

AD. The High school debating group year 13 will be educating year 12, year 12 to educate year 11 on debating throughout the school population.

AD. Youth forum for 15 – 18 yr olds.

YC. Thought about this carefully and very interested to come along tonight. Committee thought he is an advocate for the younger youth.

SC. We should contact the youth service to see what is on offer.

AD asked Yuvraj Chauhan if he would like to be the JUNIOR AMBASSADOR for the PCP.

All present voted in favour of this. YC accepted.

BP. Had an informal discussion with Kieran McGrane regarding expanding the youth interest in debating.

PM. Can we get a debating society for under 16's?

RR. A meeting with Ashley Brown, RA and YC should be set up to discuss his and other ideas. Action AD

RR. The plans for the new school site have no reference to relocating the youth centre, play park etc.

PCP need to put in a recommendation to NCC regarding the youth centre and play parks, it is imperative that these activities be within close proximity to the village. Action AD & RR

AD to ask RA to attending a meeting with YC, PM, & Ashley B, and to report back with a progress report.

Action AD

PM. Promotion of youth activities is the Key.

7. Written Reports

U3A

FH. U3A has over 300 members and 35 groups.

Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee.

SC. There have been no further meetings, next meeting early December.

We were given a conducted tour of the new 14million departure area.

Various areas of concern were noted by members to raise at the December meeting.

a. parking of cars outside of residential homes by holiday travellers. Residents should notify the police and the airport are also taking a note of locations, dates and car numbers.

The police and the airport can then take any necessary action.

b. Question raised what is the possibility of safe storage of cycles.

c. Public telephones not working.

SC Will provide a report for the Jan meeting when her questions will be answered.

Ponteland Community Trust.

BP. They are holding their AGM on Tuesday, Nov 24th at 7.00pm. in Ponteland high school. All residents are welcome.

Ponteland Civic Society.

MB. Hold a meeting every 6 weeks. Producing a report regarding the trees on Callerton Lane.

Ageing Well.

BP Very successful Winter Warmer event in St Marys church on Saturday 17th Oct. Almost 100 people attended.

FOPP – no report.

Environment & Wellbeing Matters – no report

Community transport – no report.

A.O.B.

AD Project for PCP a Community Aspirations from the Neighbourhood emerging plan – elderly, mums and toddlers – Toilet Scheme, to identify agreeable retail outlets who would agree to shoppers and visitors the use of their toilets a “comfort station scheme” similar to that of the wider NCC scheme. Approved in principal by Cll Veronica J. (2 to be identified in the main street and 1 at the Broadway) Encourage shops, cafes etc to allow the general public to use their facilities FOC. This aspiration has been included into the neighbourhood plan.

Idea for the future 21st April – celebrations for the Queen’s birthday – could people be encouraged to hold a street parties, local churches, the PTC and local businesses will take care of the Bells, Beacon and Fireworks.

RR. The late bus 11.30pm on Fri, Sat & Sun from Newcastle will be cancelled from 3/12/15

Date for next Meeting. 18th Nov 2015