

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 18th November 2015.

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

1. Attending:

Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Robin Ramsay, Rob Anderson, Brian Prickett, George Clasper, Syd Cowan and Nirmal Sehgal.

2. Apologies:

Frank Harrington, Carl Rawlings, Mike Brown, Sheila Campbell, Christine Greenwell, Pratima Mehra and Yuvraj Chauhan.

3. Welcome:

Chairman Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present.

4. Minutes: Passed and signed. Thanks to CG for taking in SH's absence.

5. Minutes Arising: None.

6. Chairman's Report: Alma to report under Youth Activities

7. PCP Financial Report from CG:

Bank Balance £678.40. including two un-presented cheques. A cheque of £177.70. given to Ageing Well thus closing their account with PCP. PN&V balance as of 31.10.15 was £9.976.17.

8. Sub Groups:

a. Editorial – No report.

b. Neighbourhood Plan Group:

AD reported that the Website was undergoing a complete overhaul, which was likely to take several weeks; this was needed in readiness for the next community consultation after the New Year.

c. Constitution Review:

Now underway and recommendations to be presented to January (2016) meeting. AD suggested if members wanted to raise issues on the constitution could they forward them to Syd Cowan or Brian Prickett.

d. Youth Activities:

AD reported that a very useful meeting had taken place with Ashley Brown, Pratima Mehra and son Yuvraj Chauhan (Junior Ambassador).

Suggestions made:-

- Current Youth Activities should be included on the Website.
- Youth Surgery at Waitrose.
- CJ to create an article for the January edition of PN&V on the appointment of Junior Ambassador which will include ideas for the future e.g. the Junior Enterprise Project with a £100 start-up fund for a successful application.

RR commented that there is no Youth Provision for Ponteland in the latest consultation on the core strategy and suggested a formal letter should be written to NCC pointing this out. The PCP would expect to at least maintain the provision and would welcome an enhanced provision for the young people.

BP reported that Twizell Place ownership is still in legal consideration.

AD to seek clarification from Ashley Brown as to what and how funds are spent.

9. Written Reports:

- U3A: No report.
- Newcastle International Airport: SC confirmed – no meeting until 2016.
- Civic Society: MB reported that it is involved with responses to NCC's core strategy proposals particularly relating to Ponteland. The Society is also assembling a record of items which, in the general opinion, are valued by the community of Ponteland. Any suggestions would be welcome.
- Ageing Well: BP reported that the group held a review meeting on 2nd November about previous months 'Winter Warmer'. A 'Step into Spring' event is being considered for 14th May 2016, in St Mary's Church Hall.
- Ponteland Community Trust: BP reported that the Trust is holding its AGM on Tuesday 24th November, at 7.p.m in Ponteland Community High School. All residents are invited.
- Friends of the Park: A new contact should be sought.

- Community Transport: No report from DG but RR said efforts were being made to replace the late Friday/Saturday night 74 route service.

10. A.O.B.

Concerns about Merton Way, Village and Library: RR recommended a letter to be sent to NCC, regarding retaining the Library in the Village Centre.

AD stated that in the months of August and December meetings would only be called for urgent business.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th January 2016.