

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 15th June 2016

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, George Clasper, Syd Cowan, Sheila Campbell, Pratima Mehra, Heather Thomas, Mike Brown.

1. **Apologies:** Robin Ramsay, Carl Rawlings, Christine Greenwell, and Rob Anderson.

Welcome:

Chairman Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present.

2. **Minutes:** Passed.

3. **Matters Arising:** The Revised Constitution was adopted, proposed by Frank Harrington and seconded by Syd Cowan.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

Alma said that she had very little to report other than she had not received any information from the new Senior Manager for Youth Provision, Sharon Stirling, but surmised that she was probably assimilating previous data.

5. **Letters Received:** None.

6. **PCP Financial:** No change from last month.

7. **Sub Groups:**

a. **Editorial** – A complete change of structure is being considered and Robin Ramsay is dealing with this. The most important factor being that PN&V must be non-Political.

b. **Neighbourhood Plan Group:** Alma reported that there would be a new Planning Consultant starting on 24th June who would be reviewing everything done to date and defining the material for completion before the final consultation.

AD also informed the meeting that the Darras Hall Trust Deed and By-laws were being considered under the Heritage section of the

Neighbourhood Plan. This covenant could not be included in its present form as it was written over 100 years ago and is not compatible to current planning terms. The aim is to include the principles of the Trust Deed which would then be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

- c. **Youth Activities:** Youth Ambassador, Yuvraj Chauhan, was absent from the meeting for personal reasons.

Alma, Rob Anderson, Pratima Mehra and Yuvraj would be having a meeting to consider Youth Activities. The consultation on schools takes place on 12th July 2016.

6. Written Reports:

- **U3A:** Syd Cowan would seek new representative from U3A and notify SH.
- **Newcastle International Airport:** Sheila Campbell wished to ask the Committee if she should continue to give reports as Robin Ramsay, at the previous meeting, had commented that it was a repetition of what was already received by the PTC. The Chairman said that as only a few members were Councillors she asked SC to please give very brief reports.
- **Ponteland Community Trust:** As Brian Prickett had retired another representative would be sought.
- **Civic Society:** Nothing to report
- **Ageing Well:** A new source of information to be found.
- **Community Transport:** A new source of information to be found.
- **Environmental:** GC had noted that the 'dump' adjacent to the Airport roundabout was again huge but AD explained that the PNPSG would like this area for future commercial use. GC was also perturbed by the effect on the landscape of the new development of apartments on the old Mill Site and by the fact that it had not incorporated a wildlife corridor along the River Bank as stipulated. PTC to be asked for clarification.

- **Friends of Ponteland Park:**

Oxbow Lake: A suitable site at the top of the steps to the Ox Bow Lake to be levelled and fenced by the autumn to make safe seating for people with wheelchairs and pushchairs. The PTC had obtained a grant from the Big Lottery Fund for this.

Events:

A.G.M. held on 26th April with 39 members attending Marian Foster's illustrated talk on Gardening on the Radio.

FOPP had had a stand and display of work at 'Stepping into Spring' and Party in the Park.

Park Seats:

A survey of member's opinion had been undertaken in relation to the PTC decision to replace sapele wood seats in the Park with recycled plastic. A report is in preparation which will be sent to the PTC.

Bluebells:

Thousands of bluebells will be planted in the Park by volunteers this autumn funded by the generosity of Ponteland donors.

7. A.O.B:

A.G.M. Reflecting upon the A.G.M. AD realised that Shirley Hill (Hon Sec.) had been omitted from the thanks of appreciation and she wished to rectify this. She said how much support she had received from SH during her transition into the Chairmanship but also for her continuing support and hard work.

The new forms for the signatories for the Nat West Bank had to be sorted out.

At the next meeting AD wished to focus on new Projects for PCP.

AD to forward the Community Value List to SH.

8. Date of next PCP Meeting: Wednesday 20th July 2016 in PTC Meeting Room.