

PONTELAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Monthly Meeting

Date: 19 October 2016

Venue: Ponteland Town Council Office, Meadowfield at 7 pm

Attending: Mike Brown, Syd Cowan, Alma Dunigan (Chair), Christine Greenwell, Pratima Mehra, Yuvraj Chauhan, Robin Ramsay, Heather Thomas

1 **Apologies:** George Clasper, Frank Harrington, Shirley Hill, Carl Rawlings

Welcome: Chair Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present.

2 **Minutes:** Passed.

3 **Matters Arising:** None

4 **Chairman's Report:**

Notes had yet to be sent out by Northumberland County Council for the SPD workshop held on 20 September 2016. Alma Dunigan stated that the conclusions of the SPD would be reported to Northumberland County Council's Cabinet on 25 October 2016.

5 **Letters Received:**

6 **PCP Financial:** There was £576.77 in the account of Ponteland Community Partnership at 19 October 2016.

Alma Dunigan stated that public liability insurance for the Ponteland Community Partnership had expired. The premium for 2016-2017 was £147 per year. It was agreed that the premium would be paid subject to a check by Alma Dunigan that it met the needs of Ponteland Community Partnership.

7 **Sub Groups:**

- a **Editorial:** Nothing to report.
- b **Neighbourhood Plan Group:** The final consultation on the neighbourhood plan would be available online at pontelandneighbourhoodplan.co.uk from 1 November 2016 to December 16. There would be a drop in at Merton Hall on 5 November 2016 from 10-1. It could also be viewed in hard copy from 9.30-12.30 at Ponteland Town Council Offices in Meadowfield Industrial Estate and comments made.

In terms of community actions on the neighbourhood plan there were three potential community led projects. One of the projects involved the setting up of a youth forum to help inform the Ponteland Town Council and other organizations youths views.

- c **Youth Activities:** Yuvraj Chauhan reported that two initial meetings with several friends had taken place to establish a youth forum. Explanation had been provided on the purposes of a Youth Forum. A logo was being designed and a poster prepared. Discussions had been held on increasing the number of members and on potential fund raising activities. Consideration would be given to use Pont News and Views to publicise the activities of the Youth Forum.

8 **Written Reports:**

- a **U3A:** Nothing to report
- b **Newcastle International Airport:** Nothing to report
- c **Ponteland Community Trust:** Nothing to report
- d **Civic Society:** Nothing to report
- e **Ageing Well:** Christine Greenwell reported that the Winter Warmer held on 14 October 2016 at Merton Hall was successful and attended by over 68 people.

f **Friends of Ponteland Park:** Nothing to report

g **Environmental Issues:** Nothing to report

- 9 **Any other business:** There was a brief discussion on the Northumberland Community Chest Scheme. Heather Thomas reported that higher priority would be given to small community groups with income less than £10,000 per year, initiatives which support development of sustainable long term projects and groups not receiving grant from the Community Chest in the past. Projects needed to be valuable to the local area and not able to secure mainstream funding from the Council with a value of up to £10,000. The deadline for final applications for the year was 6 January 2017. The average project award was £2,500. A copy was made available of projects that had been successful in the past across Northumberland.

There was some discussion on potential projects and Ponteland Town Council schemes including Twizell Place play scheme. There would be further discussions at the next meeting of potential projects for the PCP taking into account the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 10 **Date of next PCP Meeting: Wednesday 16 November 2016 in Ponteland Town Council Meeting Room.**