

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 21 September 2016

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, George Clasper, Syd Cowan, Frank Harrington, Pratima Mehra and Yuvraj Chauhan, Heather Thomas

1. **Apologies:** Rob Anderson, Mike Brown, Christine Greenwell, Sheila Campbell, Carl Rawlings, Robin Ramsay, Nirmal Sehgal

Welcome:

Chairman Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present.

2. **Minutes:** Passed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Chairman's Report: Dissington Estate Enquiry by Design event:** Alma reported that an invitation had been received by a number of groups including Ponteland Town Council, Ponteland County Councillors, Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Ponteland Civic Group, Ponteland Green Belt and Ponteland Community Partnership to attend a workshop on the Dissington Estate proposal. A number of these groups had met and declined to accept the invitation. A letter had been written to the Prince's Foundation explaining the decision.
5. **Letters Received:** A letter was received from Grant Davey, Leader of Northumberland County Council on 23 August 2016 in relation to the plans for schools and leisure facilities in Ponteland.
6. **PCP Financial:** At the Annual General Meeting at 31 March 2016 there was £633.02 in the account of Ponteland Community Partnership. One cheque has been paid to JP Media for work on the website for £56.25. There was £576.77 in the account of Ponteland Community Partnership at 21 September 2016.
7. **Sub Groups:**
 - a. **Editorial:** Nothing to report.

- b. **Neighbourhood Plan Group:** Alma reported that the group were preparing to release the final consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation would run from 1 November 2016 to 16 December 2016. The Neighbourhood Plan would be available on the website and at Ponteland Town Council Office. The final consultation would be publicised within Pont News and Views. Comments would go direct to the plan consultant for analysis.

Friends of Ponteland Park and the Lions were thanked for their response to the Local Green Spaces for Ponteland as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- c. **Youth Activities:** Yuvraj Chauhan, Youth Ambassador was in the process of setting up a youth forum. Alma Dunigan reported that one of the community actions in the Neighbourhood Plan was to increase activities for young people. This would endorse a youth forum.

6. Written Reports:

- **U3A:** Nothing to report
- **Newcastle International Airport:** Nothing to report
- **Ponteland Community Trust:** Nothing to report
- **Civic Society:** Nothing to report
- **Ageing Well:** Nothing to report
- **Community Transport:** Nothing to report
- **Environmental:** Nothing to report
- **Friends of Ponteland Park:**
 - Oxbow Lake:** A site at the top of the steps to the Ox Bow Lake has been levelled and fenced to make safe seating for people with wheelchairs and pushchairs.
 - Bluebells:** Seven thousand bluebells and 3,000 snowdrops and crocuses were planted in Ponteland Park on 17 September 2016 in honour of Sally Allan. The site is to be known as Sally's Walk. A further 1,000 bluebells were planted in Fox Covert Lane area by Friends of Ponteland Park in August.

Wildflower Meadow: Britain in Bloom Judges in Summer 2016 have stated that the wildflower meadow within Ponteland Park is beautiful with appropriate native plants grown by an expert plantsperson.

7. **A.O.B:** SPD Consultation Workshop, 20 September 2016, Ponteland Leisure Centre: Frank Harrington reported on a workshop he had attended in which four options had been discussed for the triangle in Ponteland. Northumberland County Council would be producing notes on the consultation.
8. **Date of next PCP Meeting: Wednesday 19 October 2016 in PTC Meeting Room.**