

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 16th November 2016

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, George Clasper, Syd Cowan, Robin Ramsay, Pratima Mehra & Yuvi, and Heather Thomas.

1. **Apologies:** Rob Anderson and Nermal Sehgal.

Welcome: Chairman Alma Dunigan welcomed everyone present.

2. **Minutes:** Passed.

3. **Matters Arising:** None.

4. **Chairman's Report:** Alma drew the Committee's attention to the several applications and consultations in which Ponteland is currently embroiled.

She reported that the PCP had not been invited to the Dissington Estates Stakeholders consultation regarding the proposed Dissington Estate Garden Village 2,000 home application which has the support of the NCC.

RR pointed out that consideration had to be given to the fact that this development would include a relief road and further flood prevention for Ponteland.

The Banks Group West Clickemin Farm proposal had been followed by a 400 home scheme on green belt land behind Cheviot View and another 200 houses on the triangle.

A further proposal is for another 400 homes on the east side of the A696.

5. **Letters Received:** None.

6. **PCP Financial Report:** The PCP Bank Balance now stood at £429.82 after Payment of £147.22 for Public Liability Insurance.

7. **Sub Groups:**

a. **Editorial:** No report.

b. **Neighbourhood Plan Group:**

AD reminded members of the importance of sending in their comments regarding the final consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan that can still be viewed online until December 16th at pontelandneighbourhoodplan.co.uk.

c. **Youth Activities:**

The furtherance of a Youth Forum has the support of the PTC but members felt that a wider age band should be targeted to engage with a wider spectrum of membership encompassing pupils from the Middle Schools (one now proposing to be an Academy) and the High School. The group appreciates the contribution that Yuvi and his two other Forum members have and will give, this is now turning into a much bigger project than anticipated, starting with the age of 11yrs upwards and should progress throughout their school careers. The Heads of both schools were known to be open to new ideas and Yuvi and Pratima would try to open a dialogue with them in the Christmas holiday.

Yuvi reported that his last Youth Forum meeting was on 19th October and his next on Sunday. They were working on the logo for a poster and a presentation at the other schools.

AD would ensure that an article appeared in the January issue of PN&V.

8. **Written Reports:**

- **U3A:** Nothing to report.
- **Newcastle International Airport:** No report.
- **Ponteland Community Trust:** No report.
- **Civic Society:** Nothing to report.
- **Ageing Well:** No representative.
- **Community Transport:** No representative.
- **Environmental:** GC had nothing to report.
- **Friends of Ponteland Park:** No report.

9. Future Projects for grant funding:

This necessitated much discussion on two levels:

Easily attainable and Long term.

HT had obtained a list of previously attained projects funded by the Banks Community Fund and suggested items such as new tents for the Scouts, a new mower for the FOPP's, staging for the Memorial Hall or website maintenance and insurance for the PCP.

Long term suggestion from FH was funding for a better surface on the Bridal Way backed by RR who suggested contacting NCC Tim Fish who would be able to help on costing bearing in mind that there would be a volunteer workforce and usable plant.

10. A.O.B. Nothing.

Date of next PCP Meeting: Wednesday 18th January 2017 in PTC Meeting Room at 7.pm.

Meeting ended at 8.45.