

# Ponteland Community Partnership

## Monthly Meeting

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

**Attending:** Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, George Clasper, Robin Ramsay, Pratima Mehra & Uvi, Heather Thomas and Nirmal Sehgal.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Brown, Carl Rawlings and Syd Cowan.

2. **Minutes:** Passed.

3. **Matters Arising:** None.

4. **Community Issues:**

Alma commented on the plethora of planning issues that were now in the public domain: The NCC Core Strategy Pre Submission draft Plan, the Pre Submission draft Neighbourhood Plan, several other planning applications and a Community Meeting in the Memorial Hall because residents are finding this really confusing.

5. **PCP Financial Report:**

Heather Thomas reported that there is £428.95 in the PCP account but that it is due to receive £543 from Ponteland Town Council following a successful grant application to cover PCP running costs such as insurance, printing and the website. HT has also put in an application to the Community Chest for funding of the Bridleway project. The chair on behalf of the Partnership gave thanks for all her hard work and for her due diligence.

SH would be sending a letter of thanks to the PTC.

6. **Sub Groups:**

- a. **Editorial:** AD hoped there would be a meeting at the end of the month.
- b. **Neighbourhood Plan Group:** Alma reported that the consultation on the Pre Submission ended on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. All responses were received by the Planning Consultant and a review prepared a new draft. This document now requires the approval from the PNPSG before it goes forward to PTC for consideration.
- c. **Youth Activities:**

AD reported that a contact with the High School suggests the link with the School Parliament is the best way forward. A 6<sup>th</sup> former is has been introduced through Chris Jennings it is hoped they could become a Junior Reporter with a view to placing articles on the PCP website. These would be vetted prior to inclusion. It was hoped that they would also encourage someone in the year below for the future.

The Middle School has a School Council but progress on this issue will be slow.

There are 3 Scout Troops in Ponteland and it is hoped they will help on the Bridleway Project as they are expected to be involved in community issues.

## **7. Reports from other organisations:**

AD told the Committee that previously, before she took over as Chairman, other organisations had invited the PCP to their meetings but this was not now the case. She felt that we should seek representation from other bodies to come to our meeting and possibly join the committee such as:

- Sainsbury's
- The Co OP
- Rotary Club

- Green Belt Group
- Waitrose
- Cricket, Rugby and Football Clubs.

**8. A.O.B:**

AD confirmed that the website had been updated.

AD and SH to circulate public recommendations for local projects/improvements from the Community Actions of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

- 6. Date of next PCP Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in PTC Meeting Room.**