

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 19th April 2017

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, Heather Thomas, Robin Ramsay, George Clasper, Syd Cowan and Nirmal Sehgal.

Alma Dunigan welcomed two prospective new members, Frank and Patricia Stephenson who sat and observed the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Brown, Pratima Mehra and Yuvi and Carl Rawlings.
SH then imparted the news that Sheila Campbell had resigned due to ill health and passed round a card for all to sign.
2. **Minutes:** Passed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Child Protection Policy to be included in the Constitution.
4. **Community Matters:**

Alma reiterated that the 'call in letters' had gone in to the Secretary of State with an addendum to follow early next week.

FH agreed on signing of letter.

5. PCP Financial Report:

Heather Thomas reported that at the end of the year 31st March 2017 there was £3,108.20 in the PCP account of which £2.200 is for the Old Railway Line Bridleway Project.

In addition in April £200 had been received from Ponteland Lions and £250 from Ponteland Rotary Club for the same project. These receipts had been banked and the PCP now has £3558.20 at 19th April 2017.

6. Sub Groups: New Format:

Management Committee Meetings
Editorial Subgroup
Projects Subgroup
Funding and Financial Subgroup
Youth Forum Subgroup

Management Meetings to be held as and when necessary to speed decisions and processes.

Bridleway Project:

AD summarised the first part of the Bridleway Project.
25th March the Scouts and Youth Ambassador had planted 60 Wild Life Flowers and 25 trees with advice from Heather Forshaw from FOPPs.

Display Pedestals:

AD and FH had been to Hexham to look at Differentia's factory and seek recommendations as to wood and display for the pedestals. As a result of negotiations the price was reduced to £2.400 for 2 display pedestals. One for 'Heritage' and one for the Wildlife and Natural Environment. Colin Morgan would help with choice of photographic materials.

Funding Fair:

AD and HT went to a funding fair in Ashington with a variety of prospective sources:

- Heritage Lottery
- Community Foundation
- Love Northumberland
- Greggs Environment Trust
- Joyce's Trust

In addition Tony Plum of Ward Bros would be approached for support Newcastle Airport had been contacted and indicated their assistance with the last section of the Bridleway, to include Airport history Contacts made with Ian Hedley contact Regeneration Team NCC Marc Johnson CVA (Community and Voluntary Assoc.

Northumberland Strategic Partnership – dormant at the moment worth bearing in mind.

Hexham Community Partnership Ltd.

AD and FH visited this group aided by 4 part time staff. They have a fund of volunteers and run events, projects and tourism. AD had a subsequent meeting with the Manager who was happy to give helpful advice.

- 7. Reports from other organisations:** Currently we received reports from the Friends of the Park and the Civic Society. In the future we hope for additional contributions from:

The Greenbelt Group

The History Society - Mike Brown

The Community Trust – Robin Ramsay

The Memorial Hall – Robin Ramsay

8. A.G.M. Matters Wednesday 17th May 2017

SH to send out 2016 Minutes

Send Agenda – include Child Protection Policy

Ask members for nominations

9. A.O.B.

Presence at Party in the Park discussed

Possibility of space in PTC tent

Syd Cowan brought to the attention of the committee two further village publications not thought to rival PN&V but to bring to Chris Jennings attention.

Syd then announced that he was standing down from the committee for health reasons. Alma expressed the gratitude from the whole committee for his many years of loyal and valuable service.

Future Projects

AD wished to list ideas for future projects:

- Twizel Place
- School Pond – Callerton Lane
- Ponteland Village Heritage Trail

Create database of volunteers with whom to make contact for future projects.

Presence on Face Book via Ponteland Online.

Meeting closed at 9.p.m.

Date of next PCP Meeting: Annual General Meeting Wednesday 17th May 2017 in PTC Meeting Room at 7.p.m.