

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 20th September 2017

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, Robin Ramsay, Heather Thomas, George Clasper, Mike Brown, Pratima Mehra & Yuvi, Chris Winks and Nirmal Sehgal.

1. **Apologies:** Alan Varley.
2. **Minutes:** Item 6 Greenbelt report 2nd para deleted.
3. **Matters Arising:** For the benefit of those unable to attend the August Meeting AD summarised the basic details set out for the next phase of the Old Railway Line Project.

Policies: After a minor amendment to the Health and Safety Policy it was unanimously accepted.

4. **Community Matters:**

AD & FH had attended a meeting outlining the replacement plans for the High School and Leisure Centre. There was a simple model on view and well informed staff. Henry's Hut was to stay but the Skate Park and Play Park would be moved.

AD (as Chairman of PNPSG & PCP & FH as Vice Chair of PCP) would be having a meeting with NCC Planning regarding the Play and Skate Parks.

Referendum:

AD reminded everyone of the importance of voting on the 28th Sept.

5. **PCP Financial Report:** HT reported that at 20 September 2017 there is £1051.95 in the PCP account. During the period £159.25 was paid to JP Media for website updating.

The PCP has received an invoice for £35 from Voices Northumberland for designated person safeguarding training for SH and a renewal insurance premium notice with Merkel via Brokerbilty of £151.20 which will leave £865.75 in the PCP account.

The insurance cover includes:

£2.000.000 Public liability/products liability

£250.000 Professional indemnity

£250.000 Management liability

The net premium has remained the same between 2016 and 2017 at £135 but there is an increase in the insurance premium tax at 10% to 12%.

6. Sub Groups:

Management Meetings: No meeting.

Editorial: No meeting

Projects: 4th November planned start for next phase of the Bridleway if funding is in place. Prudhoe Scotts express interest in joining in.

Funding & Financial:

HT showed the Community Chest Completion Report to committee and the Declaration was agreed and accepted by all.

Youth Forum:

The situation is at stalemate at the moment, due to a number of schools issues. An alternative approach with the Scout and Air Cadets in Ponteland should be investigated.

7. Reports from other organisations:

- **Friends of the Park**
- Beaver's Pond Dipping led by Heather Forshaw.
- Crocus Planting near Waitrose Bank on 14th Oct at 10 am volunteers welcomed.

- Work in Ponteland Park: Meadow cut regularly by Heather Forshaw. Paths cut back.
- Erosion & the River Pont in the Park
FOPP have had a guided walk from Tyne Rivers Trust to show the completed work to combat erosion in the River Pont, which is impressive.

- **Civic Society**

Mike Brown had nothing to report.

- **The Memorial Hall**

Robin Ramsay reported that the upstairs room had updated electrics and new fitted carpet. The Lounge Bar was also about to be refurbished.

The Community Trust's Business Plan for the Memorial Hall was rather too late.

- **Greenbelt Group**

Chris Winks confirmed that the Greenbelt Group Boards were now down.

8. A.O.B.

Chris Winks suggested contacting the Air Training Corp Squadron at 7A Kingston Park who have incorporated Ponteland Members. AD asked if he would make enquiries.

Ageing Well representative to be Nirmal Sehgal.

Meeting closed at 8.15.

Date of next PCP Meeting: 18 October 2017 in PTC Meeting Room at 7.p.m.