

Ponteland Community Partnership

Monthly Meeting

Date: 18th April 2018

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

Attending: Alma Dunigan, Shirley Hill, Frank Harrington, Heather Thomas, George Clasper, Robin Ramsay, Nirmal Sehgal, Christine Greenwell, Chris Brummitt, PC Darren English and Special Constable Callum Wilkins.
Observer Yvonne Ferguson.

AD Welcomed the Police to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Brown, Chris Winks, William Moses, Andrew Tucker
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes:** Passed
4. **Matters Arising:** SH confirmed sending of thank you letters for donations from Ponteland Town Council, Ponteland Rotary Club and Ponteland Lyons Club.
5. **Community Matters:**

AD informed the committee that the Schools Complex was still awaiting confirmation from the Secretary of State. Guy Opperman was involved at Westminster.

6. **Review of Aims:** The acceptance of the previously discussed Review of Aims were proposed by SH and Seconded by FH.

Existing Constitutional Aims

- **To identify the things that really matter to people who live and work in Ponteland Civil Parish that will improve the quality of life.**
- **To work with all interested/involved parties to develop acceptable ways of meeting these needs.**

Proposed amended Aims

- To raise the profile of the Ponteland Community Partnership
- To identify activities, aspirations and projects for those who live or work in Ponteland that will improve their quality of life.
- To work and share ideas with other like minded organisations to develop acceptable ways of meeting these needs.
- To encourage greater community participation in activities.
- To access funding and support for viable and sustainable activities and projects

7. **Youth Review:** AD summarised difficulties regarding an under provision in Ponteland compared with other areas. Yuvi our Youth Ambassador continues to meet monthly with friends to form a Youth Forum. A Youth Reporter was being sought for the Website no interest so far. Air Cadets and Scouts have developed a good relationship for Community Events.

8. **PCP Financial Report:** At 5th April 2018 there is £1079.70 in the PCP account including £45.70 remaining from Bridleway Project for publicity.

During the period 5th March to 5th April 2018 £500 was received from Ponteland Town Council towards running costs for the PCP. £100 was also donated to the PCP from Ponteland Rotary Club.

9. **Sub Groups:**

- **Management Meetings:** Andrew Tucker was co-opted onto the committee to join new subgroup.
- **Editorial:** No meeting.
- **Projects:** The final stage of the Bridleway Project would go ahead on 21st April and with the flower planting 2 weeks later.
- **Local List Project** requires the Town Council and the Civic Society to agree the process.
- **Dog and Cat Shelter** project could entail too many issues.
- **Guy Opperman** to promote 20 mph speed limit around the schools but needs community approval.

10. Reports from other organisations:

Friends of the Park:

Walk around Ponteland Park with PTC Environmental Working Party.

Circulation of Spring Newsletter.

A.G.M on 24th April 2018 at Merton Hall at 7 pm followed by a Talk by Kevin O'Hara on "Pine Martens – Back from the Brink". He is the Pine Marten Project Officer for the "Back from the Brink" programme, working with the Vincent Wildlife Trust.

Civic Society: No Report.

Memorial Hall: RR reported hopeful that high rise in insurance premium would be offset by rental income.

Community Trust: No change.

Greenbelt Group: No update.

Ageing Well: NS confirmed that the 'Step into Spring Event' was taking place on 19th April from 9.30 in Merton Hall - Report for next meeting.

11. A.G.M Matters:

Members urged to send in nominations to SH.

NH Suggested name badges for members.

AD showed members the Plaque awarded to the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group by the Darras Hall Estate Committee; for all their hard work. Planning Policy 4 included the Principles of the Trust Deed's Covenant Consent. It has been agreed to display at the PTC offices.

Meeting closed at 8.10. Date of next PCP Meeting: A.G.M on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 in PTC Meeting Room at 7.p.m.