

Ponteland Community Partnership

Meeting on 17th October 2018 at 1900 in Ponteland Memorial Hall Meeting Room.

Present: Alma Dunigan, Frank Harrington, Shirley Hill, Heather Thomas, George Clasper, Nirmal Sehgal, Chris Winks, Chris Brummitt and Ben Guadagno.

Apologies: Robin Ramsay, Will Moses, Mike Brown, Pratima Mehra and Yuvi, Alan Varley and Christine Greenwell.

ACTION

Declaration of interest: None.

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th September 2018 passed.

Matters arising: None.

Community Matters:

AD introduced Ben Guadagno, aged 17, a Year13 student from the High School who had met with AD and the NCC Youth Participation Officer at the High School to agree a way forward for a youth plan. His role will be that of a Student Advisor to the PCP and to contact both Head teachers with the view of surveying students on their existing spare time habits.

AD/BG

AD would send BG a provisional list of questions for the survey for him to peruse and change as necessary.

BG would be a co-opted member and it was hoped there would be a follow-on student in the New Year.

He is a member of the National Youth Parliament.

New Members Pack: completed.

AD

Community Partnership Policies: Signature register for policies circulated to attendees.

SH

Treasurer's Report: HT reported that at 5th October 2018 there was £1.689.11 in the PCP account.

Payments since previous report included: £47.50 to JP Media for publicity on the website for the Old Railway Project and £192.50 for updating the website.

£209.89 had been spent on the purchase of Bulb Planters and Compost.

Habitataid has been paid £655 on wild daffodils, snowdrops and wild primroses – which will appear in the next bank statement.

HT had written a report on the 3 measurable objectives as an aid for submission to Community Foundation Tyne and Wear Northumberland – Local Environmental Fund

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detailing the work and expenditure of the £3689 award for the Old Railway Line Project. She was thanked for her hard work.

Subgroups:

Management: all items included in the agenda.

Editorial: nothing to report.

Projects:

Old Railway Line Previous project on the Bridleway from Rotary Way to Airport, 3 educational pedestals, tree planting, wild flower planting, reinstatement of fence and old railway track and publicity; all have been completed within the allocated time. Extensive monitoring report with evidence and photos has been completed and submitted online by the deadline date. Community Foundation satisfied.

AD

Bulb Planting First and second stages of the Bulb Planting events 29th September by the Air Cadets, 6th October completed by Air Cadets, Explorer Scouts and Scouts completed.

AD

A request for volunteer assistance was made for the 13th October to a resident 'X' to include on their facebook page. AD received a response that accused her of stopping an article going into the PN&V, of the Editor showing bias and the Town Council being political. After consultation with the Editor and the Town Clerk AD sent a reply back to 'X' and sent CC to the Editor and the Town Council. Nothing has been heard since.

13th October final stage cancelled due to bad weather.

AD

16th Oct & 17th Oct bulb planting took place by AD & husband and a rescheduled date of the 20th October for litter pick.

2019 Future Projects Way Markers A new application made to Community Foundation for Way Markers. Project to start Feb/April 2019 and linked to NCC Health & Well Being Strategy, highlighted in 'Ageing Well' 'Step into Spring' event 18th April.

AD/AP

2019 SSI Grasslands Project, Educational Pedestal, English Nature has given approval now we can proceed by approaching DHEC (landowner) through Andrew Pile and set out parameters for application to Community Foundation. Meeting to be arranged.

AD

Data Protection Photo Consent Form to be devised for signing by volunteers, parents, leaders or guardians.

All

Invitation to attend the 7th November Community Foundation AGM

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Youth Forum

Refer to first item on Projects

Neighbourhood Plan Action Group Nothing to report

Reports from other organisations:

Friends of the Park:

HT reported that the Waitrose shrubberies had been cleared and replanted.

Ageing Well:

NS reported that the Winter Warmer event would take place on 18th October and 14 groups would be participating.

Any Other Business:

HT wanted a letter from the Committee sent to Barclay's Bank, Ponteland objecting to its closure in January 2019 but as this was not in the remit of the PCP it was refused.

RR wished to notify members that the Memorial Hall is holding a 'Quiz Night' with a pie, pea and mash supper to raise funds for the Hall on 19th October. Tickets are £10 a head. He felt if the PCP could put a team together it would be fabulous!

ALL

Date of Next meeting: Wednesday 14th November at 1900 in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room.