

East Tynedale Parish & Town Council Forum

Minutes of meeting held on 17th January 2019 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall

Present: Tom Martin (Chair), Mike Senior (Horsley), Graham Curry (Corbridge), Chris Cuthbert (Mickley), Alisoun Gardner-Medwin (Heddon), Maggi Hunt (Stocksfield), David McKenzie (Riding Mill), Anne Rutherford (Bywell), Marguerite Perry (Shotley Low Quarter), Lisa Robinson (Albemarle Barracks); Monica Anderton (Bywell and Secretary). Also in attendance: Andy Dean – CAN and Jude Deeks, locality officer for NHS in Northumbria.

1. **Apologies:** Neville Gray (Ovingham); Peter Pescod (Ovington) and Louise Pringle (Heddon).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **AGM Business:** Because of the late issuing of papers, this was agreed to be deferred until the next meeting; the accounts would be noted under finance item.
4. **Minutes** from meeting of 25th October 2018: Agreed as a true record
5. **Matters Arising:** Maggi Hunt noted they had been in discussions with Hexham about the possibilities of employing someone for civil enforcement regarding dog waste but parking issues are more important in Stocksfield. Some sort of sharing will be necessary because of the associated costs.
6. **Empowering Local Communities Programme (NHS):** Jude Deeks is the Locality Officer in Tynedale for the above project which overall is aiming to empower communities This is only a 2.5 year project so as much help as possible is required. They are looking at communities to find out what exists, what is needed, possibly support existing projects. Initially a 6 month mapping project is being carried out of what already exists in the area. It is often the case that one project has no idea there may be another similar one nearby where resources and experience could be pooled and duplication avoided. The health and well being of the community is the main aim of the project, to identify groups, people who help and people who needs help and any assets which may be locations or small pots of funding or just willing volunteers. The officers are based in Tynedale at Hexham, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe and they work with CAN throughout the County. They ae working with GPs surgeries to signpost help. Jude is happy to visit any Council to talk about the project as it is recognised that Councils already know a lot of what is needed by the project. It is a start of the NHS being better involved at the community level. If anyone wishes to contact Jude, she can be reached at Judith.Deeks@northumbria-healthcare.nhs.uk

Andy Dean, CEO of CAN gave a brief summary of the services that CAN offer these days. CAN is concerned with Village Halls (the original reason for being established in 1951) – recognising the quality of such with their Hall mark; CAN supports Parish and Town Councils through NALC and Stephen Rickitt who is based with them. It also runs a number of projects aimed at improving life in the county such as the warm hubs, rural employment hubs, community led housing etc. It is a Rural Community Council and part of ACRE. Corbridge, it was noted is one of the first councils to be managing its' own small social housing units. There are opportunities to come from the North of Tyne Development and the Borders Initiative. Andy can be reached via info@ca-north.org.uk

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6. **A69 proposals:** MA and Anne Rutherford updated people on the current state of play. The Parish Council have hired a barrister to help with the actions suggested. Because there will be a public Inquiry, the roundabout at Hexham is going ahead without the Styford one at present. The consensus by locals is that there is no need for the work to be done at Styford, or at Shaw House Farm cross roads. Following the most recent public meeting, a small group of volunteers has been identified who will undertake a number of actions under the guidance of the parish council who will have to make any official comments. It is noted the County council weren't consulted either. **As it affects a wider community, Bywell Parish Council welcome any community input or assessment on how other parishes might be involved.** The Council website which is part of the Newton & Bywell Community website has separate pages regarding any information or notices about the A69. The website can be found at www.newtonandbywell.org

7. **NCC Consultation on Parking Charges:** As far as locally is concerned, mostly at Prudhoe and Haltwhistle, the proposal has been withdrawn in view of the objections received.

8. **Reports from other bodies:** Nothing of significance to report

9. **Finance:**

a) Balance – The balance shown on the accounts summary for 2018 is £974.88

This does not include 2 late payments from Heddon and from Shotley Low Quarter. There was also confirmation received from Sandhoe that they had withdrawn from the Forum and Matfen will be removed as they have never responded to any emails in the last 3-4 years. Owing to an error, Corbridge Council paid twice and it was **agreed** to refund them £90.

b) Secretary's payment for current quarter of £105.00. **Agreed**

10. **Constitution** : The rewrite is ongoing but will be circulated for comments before the next meeting, which will be the formal AGM.

11. **AOB:** a) ~ Lisa updated the Forum on her continuing work with families and children in particular to improve their lot re settling into schools and the life in the community. How importantly this is taken to be depends on the current senior commanders on the camp site at any time. The MOD appear to be aiming to have people moving around less in the future so their well-being becomes more important. The tree planting project has been a huge success so far and needs to be continued. There is a vast camp site which can be filled. This is a 5 year project. It was suggested that Egger in Hexham be approached as they support tree planting to replace trees they use in their products.

12. **Date of next meeting (AGM)** – 25th April 2019 at 7pm at Newton & Bywell Community Hall.