

Project Progress Meeting

23rd November at
Cresswell Village Hall
7.00-8.00pm



- 1. Attendance:** Kevin Hindmarsh (Chair); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Clare McKay; Barry Mead; Geoff Crow; John McCann; John Robson
- 2. Apologies:** Christina Manners; Bob Manners; Pat McCann; Andrew Gooding
- 3. Introductions**
- 4. Task group and project updates**

Transport

The new winter schedule for the Wednesday Morpeth Market day CT service is now in operation with a reduction to two services each day. The service will make runs down Windmill Hill in Ellington on request.

The BIG Local post boxes used for processing community card applications have been re-positioned in line with recent usage and boxes have been withdrawn from the three local schools as these sites are not open on a regular basis. Boxes at the Ellington Library which is closing and the Lynemouth Institute which is often inaccessible have also been withdrawn and new boxes are now available at the new Ellington Post Office (Bank Top Store) and the Lynemouth Pharmacy.

The new issue of the Community card is underway and, in addition to the usual process using the post boxes, renewals can be made ON THE BUS during the regular service to make this transition as easy as possible for residents.

The ARRIVA Route 1 service on Sundays and Bank Holidays is now a regular service and also now runs through to Widdrington Station. We will use the Spring Edition of CELL Life to survey other Transport needs that may be requested by residents and are ready to trial these with ARRIVA if these new requests are seen as possible long term propositions.

The Youth CT service taking youngsters from the four villages to YMCA Ashington on Friday evenings has restarted and the new 1st CELL Scout group have two members trained in MIDAS which will enable the group to use CT services funded by Big Local at a reduced cost to us.

Youth

1st CELL Scout Group

The Group has been meeting for the last 3 weeks and has gone very well. The Beaver Colony is full and they have a waiting list. The Scout Troop and Cub pack are also increasing in numbers. All 3 sections are working towards the Membership badge in order that the young people can be invested. The Beaver Colony is also working towards their Challenge Award. The Scout Troop have been doing the Fire Safety Badge which will end next Monday with a visit to the Fire Station in Pegswood. The Cub Pack have been very busy learning what it means to be a Cub and setting their own set of rules. A number of members attended the Remembrance Day Service and Parade in Lynemouth and laid a wreath.

2 Leaders have completed the MiDAS mini bus training with WatBus and all leaders are currently undergoing their First Aid Training. We currently have 26 Beavers, 18 Cubs and 20 Scouts giving us a total youth membership of 64 members.

YMCA Sessions continue at Linton and Lynemouth and the Friday bus to Ashington has started again for the winter months.

Housing

No Report.

Environment

The ideas for the new plan are documented and Clare will be discussing this with our partners. Friends of Lyne Dene have asked me to inform everyone that although they remain committed they are very low on active members - recruitment drive needed to ensure the success of the Dene project

Jobs

No Report.

Strengthening Communities

We are holding our Family Festive Fun Fayre Christmas Event on Sunday 4th December at Ellington Institute from 1pm – 4pm where you can meet Santa and his Grotto and watch our range of performances from The Ukulele Group, Wagon Wheel Disco, Michelle's Dance Group and the Ellington First School Choir and Small Brass Band. A buffet and refreshments are provided.

Next meeting

Tuesday 20th December @ Lynemouth Resource Centre from 6:45 – 8:00pm