

# Project Progress Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 @  
Linton Village Hall  
7pm – 9pm



*Making a Difference*  
*in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth*

1. **Attendance:** Pat McCann (Chair); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Jean Gardner; Sal Armitage; John McCann; Andrew Gooding; Kevin Stoodley; Bill Tarbit; Kevin Hindmarsh; Barry Mead; Geoff Crow
2. **Apologies:** Rob Cox; Christina Manners; Bob Manners; John Robson; Max Cairns; Councillor Milburn Douglas
3. **Task Group & Project Updates**

#### **Pele Tower (Barry Mead)**

Unfortunately, Barry's application for the Heritage Grant was unsuccessful. On the other hand they were told that it was a 'strong bid' and they were the only group asked to reapply in June 2016 with a modified bid. He may then come forward to CELL Big Local for further help. A final decision will be made in September 2016. Barry has no Plan B if his application is not accepted.

#### **CELL Life (Jean Gardner)**

CELL Life has been delivered around the four villages. We are currently waiting to receive our invoice and report to let us know what houses did not receive the newsletter.

#### **Youth (Pat McCann)**

The youth sessions at Linton & Lynemouth continue to be well attended and the Friday YMCA bus is funded through until the end of June and continues to be well used.

#### **Strengthening Communities (Christina Manners)**

##### Tall Ships

At the Project Progress Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Max thought that the applicants for the Tall Ships should contribute to paying the costs of the trip but this was replaced with a 'pledge' from the applicant/s to help CELL Big Local in a way of their choice.

After discussing the paperwork, a decision was made to include the Tall Ships costs in the cover letter as this will give interested applicants an idea of the costs themselves. The updated version is on the website now to access. We currently had 1 x applicant from Cresswell and 1 x applicant via the YMCA.

### Community Kitty

The Community Kitty has had one application for new football kits for Ellington Juniors Football Club. This application benefits the 145 children that are on the books for the team who play in competitive matches every weekend. This application was successful.

### Website

Christina is going to contact Pat to see what is happening with the CELL Big Local website, what changes are to be made and also who will be making the changes.

Rebecca has made a start on removing old documents from the website and trying to tidy it up. A meeting needs to be put in place for someone to go through the old documents with Rebecca to decide what needs to be kept and what needs removed.

### Other

Christina and Jean have been discussing ideas for a 'CELL Big Local Summer Event' and have decided to hold a beach party on the day of the Tall Ships (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August) start their journey. The event could be held at Cresswell Village Hall and this will give people a chance to see the boat pass. Jean has booked Cresswell Village Hall.

### **Housing and Community Buildings (Bill Tarbit)**

#### Community Buildings

The Consultant has met with Harworth Estates and is shortly to meet with ARCH before finalising her report.

#### Housing

We are still seeking additional funding support from Partners to appoint a part time Private Sector Landlord Liaison Officer.

#### **Jobs (Andrew Gooding)**

Vikki Thompson is back to work at Lynemouth Day Centre after being off for maternity leave. The 'Home Care Project' is currently being discussed with others. The process is progressing.

#### **Transport (John McCann)**

The Morpeth Market day CT service has continued to run successfully through the winter months with about xx passengers each week. It is now running to a new summer timetable with three (3) runs each way on in order to provide a much improved inter-village service. The extra run now provides the opportunity for residents to travel between the villages **AND** return home within the day's schedule. For example, residents in Linton can now use the morning service (leaving Linton at 10.45) to travel to Lynemouth, Ellington and Cresswell and return home (leaving Ellington at 14.55) using the CT service. The new timetable also includes some new stops which are being trialled following recommendations from regular users. The number of Community Card holders who are entitled to use this service now totals over 350. Over the next six (6) months we will be assessing the long term viability of this service in preparation for the next part of the Big Local Plan for the period 2017 to 2018 and to help this we will endeavour to have an occasional Big Local presence on the service in order to get feedback and converse with users to assess any changes that can be made to make this service more useful and attractive to residents and viable in the long term.

The Arriva Route 1 Sunday and Bank holiday service trial continues and is now no longer funded by Big Local. It is now part of Arriva's normal services but its long term viability will be assessed by Arriva at the end of the coming summer season. Our advice to residents is still **"Use it or lose it"**.

We have the agreement of NCC to mark the Community Transport bus stops with more substantial, semi-permanent signage. These should be in position at all regular stops by the end of April. NCC is helping us to produce these signs and will install them at each site on our behalf.

Community Transport subsidies for local groups: The Friday CT Youth Bus taking young residents to YMCA activities in Ashington is proving successful. This service is scheduled to continue until June 2016 when it will be assessed for its longer term viability by the Youth Task Group and Ashington YMCA. We still want to hear from any local group who may wish to make use of Community transport for some of their group activities. We would like to request members of such groups to encourage their leaders/committees to contact Big Local.

#### **Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)**

Kevin is meeting with the Environment Task Group and then we will be updated.

#### **CELL Big Local Website**

It was agreed that an Archive section needs to be added to the website.

Rebecca has made a start transferring historical documents. Rebecca can maintain the ongoing transfer once the criteria for doing so are established. **Action: Pat/Max/Christina.**

#### **Any Other Business**

None.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Project Progress Meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 @ Ellington Village Hall from 7pm – 9pm. This meeting will be chaired by Bill Tarbit.

Pat McCann  
Chair  
22.04.2016