

Report from Councillor Milburn Douglas

Subject: River Lyne, Lynemouth Dunes etc. Up to date report on past issues at Lynemouth Dunes

In 1993 we had a traveller's site on the right hand side of Lynemouth Dunes and a coal storage yard called Lyneburn Cottage. There used to be a former ash tip next to the dune land, also we had problems with cable burning on the dunes.

In 1998 Northumberland County Council took over responsibility for the traveller's site and built a brand new site across the road from the dunes, this site is now managed and maintained by NCC.

A new committee was then formed called Lynemouth Bay Liaison Working group consisting of County Council officers, elected members of NCC Jim Wright Lynemouth County Councillor and Tom Stevenson Newbiggin County Councillor with members of Wansbeck Council and Castle Morpeth Borough Council with elected members of Lynemouth parish also Newbiggin sea coalers.

A grant was then received through European funding by NCC to clear contamination from the dune land and remove the debris left from cable burning. Quarterly meetings by the Lynemouth Bay Liaison Working group to monitor the progress of the dune land improvements were ongoing by the working group. This group disbanded in 2009 with the end of the district councils in Northumberland.

In the last three years the dune land has had rubbish cleared by The Environment Agency, Northumberland County Council Public Protection and volunteers. All of the agencies working together can and will improve the dune land.

With reference to comments regarding horses and Redworm, the professionals are presently dealing with this issue so I suggest we leave it to them.

Sewage system and River Lyne, Anne Bromley a member of the CELL Environmental Group is now working with other CELL group members forming a sub group to work with Clare Steward from the Environment Agency to discuss ways how they can improve water quality of the River Lyne. This survey will also conclude any sewerage problems within the River Lyne.

This report is to clarify the past issues relating to emails sent to local groups

Regards

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