

Project Progress

Meeting

12th October 2015

Cresswell Village Hall



Making a Difference

in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth

1. **Attendance:** Christina Manners (Chair); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Bob Manners; Kevin Hindmarsh; Jean Gardner; Barry Mead; Pat McCann; John McCann; Anne Bromley; Max Cairns; Maureen Cairns; Bill Tarbit; Peter Holloway; Collin Bell; Gillian Mason; John Robson
2. **Apologies:** Sal Armitage; Guy Nokes; Andrew Gooding
3. **Task Group & Project Updates**

CELL Life (Gillian Mason)

CELL Life has been agreed to go out in November/December time. The deadline to get all of the adverts and information in is the first week of November. All task group reports need to be given to Jean Gardner by the 6th November so that it can be sent to the printers before the 3rd week of November.

The event in January will be advertised in CELL Life and a decision has been made to use a full page for the event and then in January posters will be put up and the event will also be advertised online.

Max has agreed to put CELL Life onto the CELL Big Local website the same day as it is released so there is a hard copy for residents and also an online copy which can be viewed by anyone.

Strengthening Communities (Christina)

A meeting was held for Strengthening Communities and a decision was made to start using the community kitty. It is on a first come, first served basis and on the CELL Big Local plan there is £5,000.00 to spend within the first year. This project is to be featured in CELL Life to make sure residents know that it is available.

Every 5 months we are going to go through the CELL website and Rebecca and Andrew are going to learn how to add documents to the website so that it does not have to always go through Max.

A computer has been found at Lynemouth Resource Centre which is suitable enough to use to create the CELL Life. All we need to know is what software is needed. The computer could also benefit the Transport task group as John could use it for his posters. Gillian is going to look at prices of software with the help of Collin Bell.

Strengthening Communities used their Events money to pay for the members of the Water Walk to have their lunch at Coast Carvery as it shows support to the volunteers.

A Craft Fayre is being held on the 13th December for anyone who would like a table to sell their items or even to come and have a look around.

Housing and Community (Liz Dunn/Bill Tarbit)

Peter Holloway has been welcomed onto the Housing and Community task group.

There is funding in place to look at Community Building Rationalisation and a consultant working for the NE Social Enterprise Partnership has been visiting the Day Centre, Lynemouth Resource Centre and is waiting to visit Lynemouth Institute.

There has been an overall meeting with ISOS, CISWO and Arch as they are interested parties.

A member from Northumberland County Council wants to get involved to look at the community rationalisation and to help deal with housing and to look at the surrounding villages.

Jobs (Andrew Gooding)

We are awaiting a grant from Power to Change to upgrade new equipment for Kenspeckle and Weave and also a grant from the Parish Council.

The 2 social enterprises (Kenspeckle and Weave) both have local workers with experience in what they do. Kenspeckle has local workers, two volunteers and also has regular work placements. Weave has local workers and they have experience from previous textiles/sewing businesses.

Bill Tarbit is going to find out whether they could employ an apprentice.

Transport (John McCann)

The Morpeth shopper bus is continuing as normal. We are waiting for the new timetable to be created and put up around the villages. The Morpeth bus is committed until the end of March 2016. There are no plans for a fare or a charge for this service as this may cause a problem with how many people use it. A trial could be put in place if we have to consider a charge for this service in the long term i.e. when CELL Big Local is finished.

The Arriva Route 1 Sunday and Bank Holiday trial is still running but it needs to be used continuously. Arriva makes the final decision whether to keep it running or not at the end of March 2016.

A weekly service bus is in the process of being considered to take CELL residents from the four villages to the YMCA in Ashington on a weekly basis.

An application has been put into ISOS to test out a Community Transport/Dial-a-Ride service. We are awaiting confirmation and more information from ISOS. Ideas have been brought forward about this bus and it may be able to take residents and local members to the new Leisure Centre in Ashington. The CELL card could be used for members to get onto the bus but more information and confirmation needs put into place before any decisions are made.

The Transport task group has had the 'go ahead' from Arriva and Northumberland County Council to put up more permanent bus stop signs around the four villages instead of just using basic signs, a metal sign post has been approved to be used.

Youth (Pat McCann)

On the 7th November there was a Youth Session at Linton which received very good feedback and members enjoyed it.

Pat visited Ashington YMCA and they have excellent facilities. Ideas have come up that maybe CELL provides a bus to take local residents from the four villages to the YMCA and the YMCA worker will

be on the bus. CELL may consider funding for this to start or maybe even a trial to see if it is popular enough to keep running. YMCA and the transport TG are working together to offer a weekly pick up and drop off service from the four villages to the YMCA with a YMCA worker on board.

Bill mentioned that the Tall Ships are travelling next year (August 2016) from the Port of Blyth to Sweden (Gothenburg). Apprentices are wanted and an idea come up that we maybe help advertise and try to get a member from each of the four villages to participate and have the chance to experience it. Big Local could help fund them. The YMCA may be able to help find members along with Big Local and maybe give out additional information if it is needed.

Peter Holloway wants to advertise his Morpeth Scouts to try and get CELL Big Local members from the four villages involved and this could also fit into advertising through the YMCA.

The issues that were brought up about the signs being pulled down and the major litter problem at the Lynemouth Skate Park still needs to be resolved and something needs to be put in place to prevent this from happening on a regular basis. The skate park committee are aware of the problems.

Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)

Two fund approval forms have been sent round and we are currently just waiting for all approvals to come in. The two fund approval forms were for the projects below:

- Community engagement events and local activities
- The set up and the support of a volunteer task group

Kevin (task group leader) has been successful in completing 3/8 objectives from the Environment Plan.

The fund has been approved for the Pele Tower.

County Council, Ground works and Crown Estates are all involved now and are all putting in as much as they can to keep it successful and involving more volunteers.

The more residents and volunteers helping within the Environment, the less likely they are to prevent problems from happening. It also creates a better understanding when more volunteers get involved as they can spread the word around and get their families and friends involved which brings the community together and provides more support.

Members of the task group are considering adding the Water Group into the next plan as it is progressing with no funding at the minute and members are interested and getting involved.

Barry Mead gave an update on the Pele Tower and they are meeting with the Crown Estates about the archaeology. The project, evaluation and walks are very positive and supportive. Enquiries are being made to maybe get funding or a grant from Crown Estates. There are currently 40+ friends of the tower and in result of the meeting an opening day for the Pele Tower is being held and we are just waiting for confirmation of the selected date. Cresswell Village Hall will be open for exhibitions, flyers and feedback. June 2016 has been selected for the start of the development phase.

4. Other

Resident Colin Bell is able to help with the software needed for the computer. Christina is going to contact him about the computer equipment and software that he may have available for us.

Anne Bromley wanted information to know if any apprentices could be available for CELL Big Local. This may be considered by the task groups and partnership but there was a slight problem that there may not be enough work to employ an apprentice for at the moment.

The project coordinator job post is currently closed. There have been four applicants interviewed already and a further two are being interviewed on Thursday 22nd October then a final decision will be made on Friday 23rd October.

5. **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting has been agreed for:

12th November at Linton Village Hall, 7pm-9pm

Refreshments will be available from 6:45pm. Andrew Gooding will be the chair of this meeting.