

# Project Progress Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 @  
Ellington Village Hall  
7pm – 8:00pm



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

1. **Attendance:** Bill Tarbit (Chair); Christina Manners; Bob Manners; Max Cairns; Geoff Crow; Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Anne Bromley; John Robson; Kevin Hindmarsh; Mary Taylor; Neil Taylor; Pat McCann; John McCann
2. **Apologies:** Andrew Gooding; Rob Cox; Sal Armitage; Barry Mead

### 3. **Task Group & Project Updates**

#### **Strengthening Communities**

As our next task group meeting is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 there is little more than an update to report since the last meeting.

**The community garden/orchard project** is starting; we have paid one year's rental and a group of young dads are starting to clear the site with Kevin Stoodley.

**The Food For Thought (cookery) program** has 4 on the waiting list before it had even went out in CELL Life so will be going ahead in late October.

**CELL Life** is currently out to be delivered by Thru Yor Door.

**The Community Kitty** has approved for Ellington Ladies Club to purchase kitchen equipment so that the Christmas Lunch goes ahead safely. Ellington Juniors put in second application for a further £500 has not been approved.

We currently have a further 2 applications waiting to be submitted.

#### **Christmas Event:**

Rebecca, Mary and Joyce are meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 1pm at Lynemouth Resource Centre to discuss what ideas we have for the Christmas Event, the ideas will be taken to the Strengthening Communities meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. We are looking to hold this at Ellington Institute. More details will follow after the meeting.

#### **Environment**

Unfortunately, Lynn Batey and Anne Bromley have resigned from the Environment Task Group. We would like to thank them both for their involvement, work and contributions to CELL Big Local and the Environment Task Group.

At the Friends of Lyne Dene (FOLD) meeting there was a concern with the new Environment plan starting at Cresswell Pele Tower whilst the Lynemouth Dene is only half way complete. What happens with Lynemouth Dene? Kevin Hindmarsh is to clarify this and get back to the Friends of Lyne Dene group.

### **Housing & Community Buildings**

The **Community Buildings Rationalisation Project** Group (comprising of the Institute, Resource Centre, Church, Day Centre and the Welfare) were hoping to meet again in August but there were quite a few apologies due to holiday commitments and the meeting was therefore cancelled. The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for Tuesday September 13th.

The Housing Task Group are continuing to seek funding support for a part-time Landlord Liaison Officer for the villages of Lynemouth and Linton (similar to the one in the Hirst Initiative in Ashington).

This appointment was a strong recommendation from the consultant who carried out a study looking to set up a Community Land Trust in the CELL area. It was also a view supported by Northumberland County Council and other housing professionals that the priority for the villages in the CELL area that have issues with private absentee landlords was to appoint a part time Private Sector Landlord Liaison Officer.

The Housing Task Group are seeking to meet again with the County Council shortly to really drive the initiative forward.

### **Transport**

#### **Community Transport Services:**

The Morpeth Market day CT service continues with regular use by a dedicated core of CELL residents.

We will learn later this month whether the Sunday Route 1 ARRIVA service will continue as a regular part of the schedule.

There have been no further requests for CT transport from CELL village groups as yet.

### **Youth**

The Linton and Lynemouth youth sessions continue to thrive and this week sees the older age group invited back to Lynemouth. Local Lynemouth resident Ashleigh Johnson is just about to start volunteering at the YMCA and helping with delivery of the Lynemouth youth session, during her volunteering Ashleigh will also be working towards a level 3 in youth work qualification.

Unfortunately the summer events planned to be delivered have not transpired due to other commitments by the young people, however they have secured a small amount of money to be put towards a trip or events, they are now starting to look at December instead.

The plans to start up Scouting in the CELL area are progressing well with enough parents stepping forward at the meeting last month to start three sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

### **Website**

The text and the files on the CELL Big Local website are desperate to be updated and managed. Max decided a small group needs to come together for two/three meetings to get it sorted. The group now consists of: Max Cairns, Kevin Hindmarsh, Rebecca Matthews and Bob Manners. Bob is only available on Mondays. Dates will follow.

### **AOB**

Anne Bromley is concerned with Lynemouth Power Station which has been taken over by a Czech company called EPH and is being converted to Bio Fuel.

At Lynemouth Gala, the Team Explode Dance Group were discussing their need for new tracksuits with Christina. Christina gave the group a Community Kitty Application and hopefully we will be able to help them out.

John Robson questioned the Ellington Juniors Football Club application in CELL Life, it is now clarified that any request for funding over £5,000.00 and not approved in the Plan needs to be approved by the public.

Kevin Hindmarsh was speaking to Kim Barras who is currently running a home bakery. Kim is looking for funding and depending on how much it could come under Community Kitty or it may be a better idea to look into a Star Award. Kim is going to contact Rebecca or Christina.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Project Progress Meeting is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 @ Linton Village Hall from 7pm – 8pm. Refreshments available from 6:45pm. This meeting will be chaired by Christina Manners.

Bill Tarbit  
Chair  
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