

Project Progress Meeting

20th October 2016 at
Lynemouth Resource
Centre 7.00-8.00pm



- 1. Attendance:** John McCann (Chair), Pat McCann, Sal Armitage, Kevin Hindmarsh, Clare McKay (Minutes), Jean Gardner, Geoff Crow, Harry Alport
- 2. Apologies:** Bill Tarbitt, Max Cairns, Andrew Gooding, Rebecca Matthews
- 3. Introductions**
- 4. Task group and project updates**

Youth

The community transport for the Friday YMCA groups is restarting on 4th November. This hasn't run over the summer due to lack of use but is expected to pick up again with the darker nights.

The leaders for the Scout groups are currently being trained and the first meeting is on Mon 7th November. More than 60 young people have registered, with the majority from Ellington and Lynemouth. The groups will cover the 6-14 years age range and will include both male and female scouts. Young people aged 14+ can take part in the young leaders' programme.

Strengthening Communities & Tackling Poverty

Funding applications to both the Community Kitty and £500+ pots were discussed, and there was also some discussion around the procedures for the review and approval of grants. It was confirmed that all £500+ applications would go to Partnership Board for discussion, while Community Kitty grants would be reviewed within the Strengthening Communities group and details emailed to Partners for any comments. All current applicants will

be sent feedback, and the confirmed and accepted grants will be minuted at the November Progress Meeting.

Jean now has most articles for the next CELL Life newsletter and confirmed that this edition will be delivered by a Newcastle-based company by the end of November. She is exploring the possibility of future editions being delivered by the Scouts.

Environment

Ellington Juniors are experiencing some problems in relation to fencing off the land which has been donated by Rio Tinto. Part of this plan would enclose a footpath which is used but is not a recognised right of way. It is a requirement from their funders that the land be fenced off, and there was some discussion around options including gating this area. This will be explored further and confirmed by December.

There are problems with fly-tipping around the Dunes area in Cresswell and we are working with various organisations to try to address this. CCTV has been installed to combat similar problems in Druridge Bay but it appears that this is not an option for Cresswell. (Update: NCC have now taken measures to prevent access to this area.)

£6,000 has been pledged from Groundworks to complete work on a footpath linking the Second Bridge to the path which comes out at the bottom of Ellington Bank. There will also be some work done with Sustrans volunteers to create some new cycle paths.

Cresswell, Ellington and Linton will be eligible to benefit from the £133,000 p.a. wind turbine fund, but unfortunately Lynemouth is not part of this agreement.

There will be a tree planting day in Lynemouth Dene on Sat 12th November, and a Winter Walk is also planned and will be advertised in CELL Life.

Housing

A project approval form was submitted in relation to the costs for the Private Landlord Liaison Officer covering Lynemouth & Linton, and the matter discussed at the October Partnership Board. While

the project has been approved in principle the timing may be delayed due to the possible need for this to be included in the next Project Plan.

Transport

The Morpeth Market Day bus schedule will be changing from 2nd November, to reduce from three to two trips each Wednesday during the winter months. The community Transport for the YMCA groups will restart in November to accommodate the higher demand in the winter months.

450 community cards have been issued so far to residents, though only around 60 of these make regular use of the community transport. The cards are due for renewal from January onwards and these will be processed on board the bus by the Watbus driver's assistant.

Arriva have confirmed that the route 1 service on Sundays and Bank Holidays will be continued long term and extended to also include Widdrington Station.

Some of the CELL Big Local post boxes are going to be moved due to lack of use. They will be removed from the schools, Ellington Library and Lynemouth Institute and new ones will be placed in the new Ellington Post Office and Lynemouth Pharmacy.

We have agreed to pay for MIDAS driver training for two of the scout leaders, allowing them to access community transport more cheaply, and also to assist Watbus when additional drivers are needed.

Jobs

The group is currently exploring opportunities for apprenticeships within enterprises in the CELL area, as well as working to further develop the already established social enterprises.

A.O.B.

We currently have Project Progress meetings booked until the end of the year. It was agreed we would ask Rebecca to look at dates for future meetings.

There was a query around whether the project had insurance cover for volunteers taking part in activities such as environmental work. Kevin will check with Groundwork in relation to our liabilities in the case of an accident, and this will be discussed further.

Next meeting

Wednesday 23rd November, 7.00-8.00pm, Cresswell Village Hall