

Project Progress Meeting

22nd June 2016 @ Lynemouth Resource Centre 7pm – 8:40pm

1. **Attendance:** Bill Tarbit (Chair); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Jean Gardner; Sal Armitage; Andrew Gooding; John McCann; Harry Allport; Barry Mead; Kevin Stoodley; John Robson; Max Cairns; Maureen Cairns; Nathan Rogerson; Sarah Gair; Ray Dunn; Ashley Johnson; Mick Johnson
2. **Apologies:** Pat McCann; Kevin Hindmarsh; Christina Manners; Bob Manners; Geoff Crow; Rob Cox

We welcomed Harry Allport, Ashley and Mick Johnson (Lynemouth residents) and members from Ellington Juniors Football Club: Sarah Gair (Secretary), Ray Dunn (Chairman and ex Police Officer) and Nathan Rogerson (independent consultant employed by Ellington Juniors Football Club) to CELL Big Local.

3. Task Group & Project Updates

Ellington Juniors Football Club– Request for funding (Sarah Gair)

Prior to the Project Progress Meeting, Andrew Gooding and Kevin Stoodley met with members of Ellington Juniors Football Club to discuss their request for funding.

Please see below the minutes:

Meeting to discuss Ellington Juniors Football Club's request for funding

Date: Wednesday 22nd June 2016.

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Lynemouth Resource Centre

Present: Andrew Gooding, Kevin Stoodley, Ray Dunn (Chairman) Sarah Gair (Secretary), Nathan Rogerson (independent consultant employed by Ellington Juniors Football Club).

Apologies: Nil

Background: Following receipt of an application for grant funding from Ellington Juniors Football Club, amounting to £50,000 towards the development of new football pitches, changing rooms and clubhouse, the CELL Big Local Partnership Board considered and responded to the application on Thursday 9th June, resulting in a request for further clarification on a number of key points.

Following receipt of this feedback, Ellington Juniors Football Club representatives agreed to meet Andrew and Kevin in order to discuss these points, immediately prior to a review of the application

by CELL Big Local Task Group Leaders at the CELL Project Progress Meeting (Wednesday 22nd June from 7pm at the LRC) .

Responses to the key points / issues are given below:

- Is there a capital build and revenue plan in place for this project? **Ray Dunn displayed a copy of the feasibility study prepared for the project.**
- Has planning permission for the development been sought and attained? **Outline planning permission had been sought.**
- Can the club provide evidence of and a commitment to recruiting 51% of players and players families from within the four villages? (Please explain how this could be measured and reported over time). **Ray Dunn confirmed that the club would continue to recruit at least 51% of players from within the 4 villages.**
- Does the club have an inclusion & equal opportunities policy? **Sarah Gair confirmed the existence of an Equal Opportunities policy and confirmed that the club welcomed male and female players.**
- Is there a contingency plan and infrastructure in place to oversee the development and delivery of this project? **Nathan Rogerson discussed his future role and Ray Dunn accepted that more could be done by the club to prepare contingency plans.**
- Can a return clause be agreed to recoup grant funding in the event that the buildings and land are sold within CELL's lifetime? **In the unlikely event that the club disbanded, Sarah Gair and Nathan Rogerson confirmed that as a condition of Football Foundation funding, the buildings and land would be donated to a relevant local sports club (to be identified). Ray Dunn also confirmed that this event is highly unlikely given the clubs continuous presence in Ellington since 1988.**
- Is there any further clarification on the issue of pathways and boundaries (as previously discussed)? **Sarah Gair confirmed that this matter remained unresolved.**

Transport (John McCann)

Community Transport Services:

The Morpeth Market day CT service has continued to run to its summer timetable with about 20+ passengers each week. The new three (3) runs each way schedule is designed to provide a much improved inter-village service as 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. So far there has been little take up in the use of the extra service or the new Drift Cafe CT stop. If, by the end of the summer timetable, these extra services are not being used they will be discontinued. The number of Community Cards issued for the CT service now totals over 400. Over the next six (6) months we will be assessing the long term viability of this Morpeth Market day 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 Friday CT Youth Bus taking young residents to YMCA activities in Ashington has been successful during the spring period but as expected, the numbers drop significantly during the

summer months. The last running of this service will be on 24th June 2016. We will assess when to restart this in partnership with the Youth Task group and Ashington YMCA. We still want to hear from any other 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.

ARRIVA Route 1:

The Arriva Route 1 Sunday and Bank holiday service trial continues and although it is no longer funded by CELL Big Local our advice to residents is still ***"Use it or lose it"***. This is now part of the normal scheduled services and Arriva have confirmed that they will assess its long term viability at the end of the coming summer season.

CT Bus stops:

Despite our best efforts we have not yet had the promised Community Transport bus stops with more substantial, semi-permanent signage installed by the NCC. This is primarily an administrative issue for the NCC Highways department as the signs are now available and in their hands. These should be in position at all regular stops by the end of June.

Strengthening Communities (Christina Manners)

Budget

CELL Accounts – Training and volunteer training needs to be as one.

A section on the Accounts System to add notes underneath the Task Group's breakdown needs to be included as we need to include the money we receive from Craft Fayres etc.

Community Orchard

Following the offer of a half-plot on the site of Lynemouth Allotments by Lynemouth Parish Council, Kevin S confirmed that William Leech Campus (Lynemouth School) is keen to manage the site and lead on its transformation into a Community Orchard, providing that CELL Big Local can cover the cost. A lot of work needs done to the allotments and we would potentially have to replace the fencing. We have £4,000.00 in the plan; we are just waiting for Christina to receive more information from the Hirst Welfare about a Cooking Project for Strengthening Communities as the funds may have to be allocated between the Cooking Project and the Community Orchard. On the plus side, if the project does not work out as planned we can always give the allotment up.

Cookery Project

Christina from the Strengthening Communities Task Group has met with the Hirst Welfare to discuss the opportunity of a Cooking Project. For an 8 session course held at Hirst Welfare for a group of 8 people (timed around school times etc) will be £2,400.00 and this gives the 8 people involved a food hygiene certificate and they also take away the meal they make.

We could then use the 8 volunteers who are interested in the Cookery Project to become CELL Big Local Volunteers and train other interested individuals.

CELL Life (Jean Gardner)

John McCann from the Transport Task Group and Bill Tarbit from the Housing and Community Buildings Task Group would like an advert included in the next CELL Life Newsletter.

Action: John and Bill to contact Jean Gardner.

Housing (Bill Tarbit)

Housing Task Group is looking to appoint a part-time officer from the County Council's Housing Team to deal with Social Landlords in the villages of Lynemouth and Linton. A meeting with the new Head of Housing at Northumberland County Council is being organised to discuss this in more detail and to see if there is County financial support for the appointment.

Community Buildings (Bill Tarbit)

The Community Buildings "Steering Group" had its first meeting on Thursday 23rd June at the Resource Centre with all 5 community organisations affected by the relocation and co-location attending the first meeting. A presentation was made by consultant Karen Wood and Tony Kirsopp from Northumberland County Council on the outcome of the study and public consultations. There was overwhelming support for progress to be made and funding is being sought to take the plans to a more detailed stage.

Jobs (Andrew Gooding)

The opportunity for two apprentices (1 x Kenspeckle, 1 x Weave) was first promoted at Christmas 2015 and unfortunately, there was no takers. Andrew has been working with the Northumberland College in Ashington to try and get this promoted again in July 2016.

The Lynemouth Day Centre plans for Home Care are being worked on by Mark Burdon.

Monday Night Drop In (Andrew Gooding and Kevin Stoodley)

The drop in at Lynemouth Resource Centre on a Monday night is getting a lot better and picking up more than expected.

Pele Tower (Barry Mead)

Barry Mead has two events coming up at Cresswell:

- **Sunday 31st July 2016:**
Festival of Archaeology 2016 – Cresswell Curiosities is a free guided walk around the village including entry into the 15th century Pele Tower. Meet outside of Cresswell Ices (NE61 5LA) from 2pm – 4pm. Flyers will be distributed and advertised. The flyer can also be found on our website: www.cell-biglocal.org.uk or you can contact Barry Mead for more information on 07986018242.
- **Saturday 10th September 2016:**
Opening day at Cresswell Pele Tower, more details to follow.

Any Other Business

Kevin Stoodley has been offered a full time job and will be leaving CELL Big Local within the next few weeks. We would all like to say a massive thank-you to Kevin for the impact he has made on CELL Big Local and all of his hard work and effort.

Next Meeting

The next Project Progress Meeting is on Wednesday 20th July 2016 @ Cresswell Village Hall from 7pm – 8pm. This meeting will be chaired by Kevin Hindmarsh.

Bill Tarbit
Chair
22/06/2016