

# Project Progress Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Lynemouth Resource  
Centre



*Making a Difference*

*in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth*

1. **Attendance:** Pat McCann (Chair); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Bill Tarbit; Jean Gardner; Christina Manners; Anne Bromley; Bob Manners; John McCann; John Robson; Paul Holder; Ian Johnston; Kevin Stoodley; Barry Mead; Max Cairns; Maureen Cairns
2. **Apologies:** Andrew Gooding; Cnlr Milburn Douglas; Kevin Hindmarsh
3. **Task Group & Project Updates**

The Chair welcomed Ian Johnston, a Cresswell resident who is volunteering to help CELL Big Local.

#### **CELL Life (Jean Gardner)**

CELL Life Winter Edition is currently available and will be delivered through all doors of the four villages this week. Thanks were expressed to Jean, Rebecca, Christina and Bob for their hard work in getting this edition out and for its excellent layout and content.

#### **Youth (Pat McCann)**

The YMCA continue to run youth work across the villages (in collaboration with ISOS who provide funds for the Lynemouth Monday and Tuesday 13+ sessions, currently attended by roughly 20 each session.

The new 8-13 year group sessions at Lynemouth start next week. Also, Thursday sessions in Linton are proving very popular with 40 individuals on the list with the regular 12-16 individuals at each session.

The 'Villages to YMCA Ashington Friday Bus' will be running on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. Already attracting interest before Christmas the paperwork will be completed by interested youth prior to commencement on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

YMCA are now employing an Ellington resident, Neil Bailey, as of today. Neil will be carrying out 15 hours a week as a youth worker for the CELL projects (Linton – Thursday, Lynemouth 8-13 years and also the Friday bus).

5 Lynemouth girls have started their NVQ1 Introduction to Youth Worker qualifications.

The door at the back of the Lynemouth Welfare is urgently needed to help with security at the Youth Sessions. ACTION: Rebecca to chase Andrew and find out when the work will be started. The work has been agreed although a Request for Funding not yet completed.

How will the YMCA get paid? Do they will need to issue an invoice?

### **Strengthening Communities (Christina Manners)**

Unfortunately, the past few weeks Christina has been tied up with the making of CELL Life – Winter Edition 2015.

The Community Kitty form is going to be launched at the Public Meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Kevin Stoodley has put a form together with a cover letter and a two page application form. The form need to be available to anyone who is interested whether it is a group, organisation or individual.

Strengthening Communities are holding their own meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. This meeting is a Help and Support Meeting to show that when the benefits change that there is help provided. It will be a meeting to show what happens next, what help can be provided outside of the meeting and who they could ask for help and also what they can do to help themselves.

### **Housing and Community (Bill Tarbit)**

#### **Community Buildings Rationalisation Study**

The Community Buildings Rationalisation Study will complete its pre-feasibility findings at the end of this month. Consultant Karen Wood has met with all village organisations and most Key Partners and will be seeking further consensus with the organisations in due course and what steps need to be taken to make progress with the Study.

#### **Housing**

Jon Watson, the consultant who completed the April 2015 Study has one day left and has agreed that he will review the County Council's current housing needs, demand and land availability work. He will then meet the Task Group for a round table discussion on his findings. His April 2015 Study and the review work above will be brought together and will set the context for further action and will form the basis of a Stage 3 CLT Grant Application.

Bill has invited Brian Renforth who is Regional Manager of the Jonnie Johnson Housing Association over on 13th January to the Resource Centre for a meeting at 1.00pm. Brian was born in Lynemouth and his parents still live in the village. The meeting is to tap into the knowledge of Brian on housing issues/matters.

### **Jobs (Andrew Gooding)**

Andrew is going to launch and explain his Star Awards Project at the Public Meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Transport (John McCann)**

The Morpeth Market day CT service continues with its winter schedule. New timetables are available and are posted in most places at present and all the usual poster positions should be updated by the end of this week.

The Arriva Route 1 Sunday and Bank Holiday service trial is continuing and will now run through to September 2016. Arriva will be making a long term decision during the summer of 2016 as to its long term prospects. It may well be that this becomes a 'summer only' service but this will depend on the usage of the service during this winter.

We will be providing a CT service in support of the YMCA initiative to accommodate youth residents from the four villages at the Ashington YMCA on Friday evenings starting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. YMCA have their own publicity to advertise this initiative and we have also advertised this service on the current Transport group poster.

ISOS have made a decision not to proceed with our application for funding to enable us to trial a CT/Dial-a-Ride service in the four villages. This is a particular disappointment since it was ISOS that encouraged the Transport Group to apply for the funding.

John now has the artwork ready for a more permanent CT bus stop sign to be used in the four villages and hope to have these produced by the end of January. This will be a helpful step as we continue to find the temporary laminated signs are disappearing shortly after being posted.

### **Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)**

Kevin and his Environment Task Group have met with contractors to price up a path from the allotment and are just awaiting a price. This spend will be from Crown Estates.

Kevin has applied to Tesco's carrier bag fund for benches, picnic tables, way marking, entrance feature and interpretation. This would complement crown estates spend and meet the CELL target of creating stopping points.

### **Pele Tower**

Barry Mead has applied for lottery funding. His application was in two days before the deadline and copies of his application form will be put onto a disc which will be held at the Lynemouth Resource Centre.

Barry has applied for £819,000.00 (+VAT) and will find out if his application is successful or not by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. If the application is successful and Barry has permission to start it will be carried out in June 2016 and it will eventually be opened as a visitor's attraction.

### **Planning for the Annual Public Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January**

The sub-committee for this event have decided on the following:

Venue: Ellington Institute from 7pm – 9pm.

Kevin Stoodley has put together a draft flier to be put up in local shops and attractions. Changes still to be made but residents of the four villages will be able to see these posters around their villages shortly.

Free buffet for residents who attend which will be provided by staff at Coast Carvery.

Task Group Leaders will have their own table for members of the public to visit and find out any information they like or ask any questions. Photos of any projects that have been carried out by CELL will be displayed either on the tables or around the room. ACTION TG Leaders

KevinS is meeting with Pete Duncan on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January and is going to ask if we could borrow the display boards that were used at the last Public Meeting.

The Big Local DVD will be played as members of the public are coming in. Copies of the DVD are available for residents but not on the night. If anyone would like a copy they will have to leave their name and address and we will get the DVD to them.

The public will sign a registration form with their details and also a feedback form.

A raffle will be held and drawn on the night of the meeting. All residents who attend will fill in their feedback slip which will be numbered and used as a raffle ticket to win a £25.00 hamper from Kenspeckle.

Rebecca and Christina will set up and start to prepare for the evening at the Ellington Institute on Thursday morning.

Chair Pat to provide 'Welcome & Introductions' and 'Closing comments'. Maureen Cairns has agreed to do the 'Story so Far' as long as a script is prepared. ACTION: TG Leaders

A timeline of the night has been discussed but will need to be confirmed by everyone and may need changes made. This will be confirmed at the next planning meeting which is held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. At this meeting Task Group Leaders will need to bring along anything that they need for their table or displays etc as this will be the last planning meeting before the Public Meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. ACTION: TG Leaders

#### **Anne-Marie Trevelyan's Visit**

Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP is visiting the LRC on 15th January and will meet with: Mark Burdon; Bill Tarbit; Councillor Milburn Douglas; Christina Manners and Andrew Gooding. It will be a fairly informal meeting to introduce Anne-Marie to the Day Centre plans, Community Buildings Rationalisation Study, Community Land Trust, Weave and Kenspeckle, and the work and ambitions of the Strengthening Communities Task Group, amongst other things.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

Anne Bromley has requested to have all meeting minutes to be put onto the website. It was pointed out that not all meetings held within the task groups produce formal minutes. The monthly Project Progress Meetings are held in order to keep residents updated and the Minutes of these meetings are posted on the website. ACTION: If TG Leaders do produce minutes of their meetings please send to Max for inclusion on the website.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

The next Project Progress Meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 @ Lynemouth Resource Centre at 7pm. Refreshments are available. The meeting dates until June are in the current CELL Life.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Pat McCann  
Chair