

Project Progress

Meeting

12th November 2015

Linton Village Hall



Making a Difference

in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth

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

All members at the Project Progress Meeting welcomed our new employee Kevin Stoodley (Project Co-ordinator) to CELL Big Local. Prior to his official start date Kevin will be at the Lynemouth Resource Centre for the next four Fridays (until the 4th of December) if anyone wants to meet him or you can even come in and introduce yourselves.

CELL Life (Jean Gardner)

Sadly, Gillian Mason has stepped down from volunteering for CELL Big Local. We would like to thank her for all of her work, effort and hours put in to Big Local. Unfortunately, this means that we will have to take Gillian off the Admin Account of the CELL Big Local Facebook Page.

Jean and Christina are working on the CELL Life Newsletter and are hoping to get it delivered to the public in the first week of December.

An accounts summary is going to be put into CELL Life, Rebecca and Vikki (the accountant at the Lynemouth Resource Centre) are going to update the accounts system and give that to Jean or Pat who will fit it into the Newsletter. In the newsletter we need to include the money that is allocated on the fund approval forms but has not actually come out of the bank yet.

Youth (Pat McCann)

Pat has received a response from the YMCA to say that the sessions are great and there is a huge interest within the sessions. The YMCA are hopefully going to be recruiting staff and volunteers for January.

The plan for the New Year is to have up and running:

- Monday – ISOS – Lynemouth – Age 13 to 18
- Tuesday – ISOS – Lynemouth – Age 13 to 18
- Wednesday – Linton – Age 8 years and over
- Thursday – Lynemouth – Age 8 years and over
- Friday – A mini bus provided to take members to and from the YMCA in Ashington across all four villages for young people – Age 13 to 18

Currently the YMCA have three girls who attend the sessions and are busy working on their Youth Work Level 1 as well as a volunteering qualification , these girls will then be volunteering and helping out at the Lynemouth Younger Years Sessions in January.

John is going to raise the pro-forma for the Friday Transport Bus to take the members from the four villages along to the Ashington YMCA and take them back home but a few more details are needed.

A page for the YMCA is going to go into CELL Life to give members of the villages more of an idea what is going and where the sessions are at etc. CELL Big Local/YMCA press release will be made around February 2016 promoting our collaboration. This will also go into the next CELL Life.

Strengthening Communities (Christina)

The January 2016 Opening Meeting for CELL Big Local has been arranged for Thursday the 28th January 2016 at Ellington Institute.

A help and support event will also be held in January 2016. Christina has spoken to the Credit Union about publicising the help and support that there is available for individuals such as the Food Bank, Credit Union, CAB and the Benefits Welfare.

A Community Kitty has been put together by Christina and a decision has been made that once the form is completed it will then go to the Strengthening Communities Task Group then to the Partnership for an overall decision.

The Craft Fayre on December the 13th 2015 is currently at a standstill to see whether or not it is still going ahead as we have a lack of volunteers and no one to supervise/run it. There have been a couple individuals who have asked about the Craft Fayre and Rebecca is going to contact them and let them know what is happening when a decision is made.

Neil Taylor was going to book a table to advertise his book that comes out about the four villages on Thursday 19th November at the Lynemouth Resource Centre.

Housing and Community (Liz Dunn)

As reported to the last Progress Meeting, the Group met last month with Senior County Councillors and Officers and an officer from ARCH, the arms length regeneration company and received support from these two organisations for both rationalisation of community buildings in Lynemouth and housing in the village and wider area.

Community Buildings Rationalisation Study Update - work has commenced and the consultant, Karen Wood has undertaken an initial audit of current buildings / services which is nearing completion. The final organisation to meet is the Miners Welfare Institute which is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November.

Next Steps.....

- Discussion at Trustees meeting of Miners Welfare Institute and meet with Parish Church
- Clarify the position with the Children's Centre
- Complete meetings with wider stakeholders including CISWO, ARCH and BIG Local
- Indicative valuation of sites

Housing Update – Bill is currently chasing up County Council and officer support to take forward recommendations of the Consultants report on the establishment of a Community Land Trust (CLT)

in the village. Bill has been in contact with CLT to identify if there is any more funding available to take forward recommendations of CLT report in April 2015. Have been informed by CLT that we have had one day of Stage 2 funding so are eligible for another day of support from a technical advisor.

Bill has also been informed that we would also be eligible to apply for Stage 3 of the Start Up Fund. The deadline for this is November 13th, with possible approval at the CLT meeting in January. If we were to a Stage 3 application, then consultant, Jon Watson could probably help us with business planning as part of stage 2. Bill has been trying to contact consultant Jon Watson.

Bill is going to be asking Peter Holloway if he wants to get more involved within the Housing and Community Task Group.

Jobs (Andrew Gooding)

A grant has now been received from Power to Change to upgrade new equipment for Kenspeckle and Weave and also a grant from the Parish Council.

Both businesses will have an apprenticeship programme that will be starting in January 2016.

The two fund approval forms that were put in for the Jobs Task Group have been approved and they are:

- Social Enterprise
- Star Awards

Transport (John McCann)

Permanent bus stop signs have been approved to be put up around the four villages so we are currently waiting for these to be produced then they shall be put up.

The notices that are around the villages are out of date and need updated sooner rather than later. The Winter Timetable needs put up to show members who use the Morpeth CT Bus that they have been changed. The Winter Timetable will be running until the clocks go forward in March 2016.

The Arriva Route 1, Sunday and Bank Holiday Service are still running and will continue until the end of March 2016 at least. John is meeting with them next week for an update and to see how it is going from their point of view.

John has still had no response or dates yet from ISOS about the match funding to help out with the community transport. We were informed by a member at the meeting that there is a problem with ISOS funding at the moment and this may be why the response is delayed.

Hopefully a bus will be running soon to start taking young residents from the four villages to and from the YMCA in Ashington but more details are needed first such as the times etc. Also, a form will be going out to parents to sign to make sure they are aware that their children will be going to the YMCA.

Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)

Kevin put in two fund approval forms and they have both been approved. There have been a few questions which got answered last night at the meeting and everyone is happy for the projects to go ahead after a few slight changes have been made.

The Environment Task Group and Groundwork's have been working together tidying up Lynemouth Dene and there have been a lot of positive comments about it and also about the new footpath.

Pele Tower (Barry Mead)

Barry has finished his draft to go to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the deadline is the 3rd December 2015. The funding will be to go towards archaeology and training skills etc. They are meeting on the 10th of March 2016 to find out whether the fund was successful or not. If successful we will then go through what is called the "Permission to Start" process so actual work on the Pele Tower project won't start until about June 2016.

With the size of the potential grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund there will be two phases of work:

- Development Phase
- Delivery Phase

The Development Phase will be from June 2016 to June 2017 – this has an estimate cost of £80,000 plus VAT and the Delivery Phase will be from July 2017 to July 2018 – this has an estimate cost of £600,000 plus VAT.

Barry is going to send the completed documents to Rebecca and a couple of others to have a look at and to keep a copy themselves.

Meetings are going ahead with Crown Estates about match funding. Also, maybe more funding could be asked for from CELL Big Local in the future.

Barry wanted to thank Gillian Mason and Jean Gardner for helping out at the Pele Tower opening day and to also thank Rebecca for printing the posters to advertise the event.

January 2016 Event

A date has been set for the January Meeting and it will be held on Thursday 28th January at Ellington Institute. All other details still need to be confirmed but it will be definitely held in the evening.

The January Event will be advertised in CELL Life. At the meeting ideas were mentioned about having a section in CELL Life saying 'Do you want to know?' and then underneath the questions that could be answered at the event or maybe even 'Come to the event and find out...' or 'What happens next' etc. This may get more individuals involved as they might not have known that they could find out this information at the meeting.

Also on the back page of CELL Life a questionnaire may be considered to be put in so that the public have the chance to ask any questions or answer any that we put on and they would leave contact details so that we could get back to them with any answers.

4. Other

Rebecca is to send Jean a copy of the Fund Approval Spreadsheet once Pat has added in her pro-forma for fund approval.

The current positions of where the projects are up to for the 'CELL Big Local – Where are we now?' table that is to go into CELL Life need to go directly to Jean Gardner.

Rebecca, Christina and Kevin will hopefully start working on the CELL Big Local Facebook page as it is a good way to send information around and to advertise anything.

5. Next Meeting

Monday 4th January – 7pm @ Lynemouth Resource Centre.