

PROJECT PROGRESS MEETING

19st MAY 2015
ELLINGTON
VILLAGE HALL



1. **Attendance** – Pat McCann (this meeting’s Chair); John McCann; Tom and Liz Dunn; Barry Mead; Cllr. Milburn Douglas; Kevin Hindmarsh; Anne Bromley ; Gillian Mason; Liz Stobbart; Bill Tarbit

Public - Rhu Liddle; Kelly Towers; Katy Young from Ellington Play Group.

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- Katy – hakudakat@gmail.com

2. **Apologies** – Andrew Gooding; Guy Nokes

3. **Project Updates**

- **Transport (John McCann)**

Morpeth Market day Minibus: This service is running each week and will continue to do so until 30th September. The take up is still light but increasing and there are now over 250 Community Card holders. Most of the Bus stop signs have been removed either in error or deliberately and these will be replaced. NCC has approved a small fixed sign on normal bus stops where we use them. We have yet to design and supply these new signs.

Arriva Service 1: The trial (re-instating a Sunday and Bank holiday service) has been registered with the Traffic Commissioners and the trial will commence on Sunday 24th May. Arrive/NCC will produce new timetables to show this service.

Matched Funding: We have been approached by ISOS with a view to them providing some additional funding for our Community Transport plans. We are still working to establish how this can be done.

Community Transport subsidies for local groups: We want to hear from any local group who may wish to make use of Community transport for some group activities that we may be able to subsidise. We believe we may be able to pay up to 50% of the cost of such CT use from BL funds. To date we have had no response though the CELL Life magazine which is advertising this offer has only just been distributed.

- Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)

Groundworks are doing applications for match funding for the Environment Plan as set out in the approved CELL Big Local Plan.

Meeting of the Environment Group on 27th May.

Groundworks are working with Crown Estates in the Dene.

Proposal to widen the footpath in the Dene with Parish Council funds and CELL Big Local funds.

- Housing and Community Buildings (Liz Dunn)

The Group have held a scoping day with Jon Watson and a report has been produced on a potential Community Land Trust.

The consultant felt that the Group should be more ambitious and more strategic and suggested producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

- Poverty (Christina Manners)

- A letter has gone out to B & Q and Shades of Green for donation materials to help start a community garden project.

The Wansbeck Food Bank - has an average of 5 clients a month although this does not sound like many that is 15 families that have had to rely on the local food bank since February.

CAB – we have not had a lot of signposting to service. All clients come into see Bacmans with a query and they have managed to help 20 clients.

Credit Union – Christina has attended all relevant training and operates this from Bacman's office. Not very busy at the moment.

We are looking at several small projects such as the community garden; recipes to go with the food packs etc.

Bacmans is looking to produce a volunteer training pack to manage and support and train volunteers that wish to help the food bank, CAB, credit union but also other projects in the CELL area.

Group are still looking for others to join and next meeting of the Group is on Friday 22nd May at 10.00am

Big thank you to CELL Life – several calls regarding the services since it was delivered.

- CELL Life (Gillian Mason)

Some problems with printing of CELL Life.

Have developed a web site for bulk buying with a start this summer.

CELL Life would like to put on a craft fair in the summer as part of "Strengthening Communities".

Gillian needs to complete a proforma for funding support (agreed in principle to support at £100.00).
Proforma from Andrew Gooding.

Gillian raised the issue of a need for a Bank account to raise invoices for the adverts in the CELL Life.

Also raised was the need for Rebecca to record her time spent on CELL Big Local work vis a vis Lynemouth Community Trust.

Christina has done a training manual for Rebecca.

- Youth (Pat McCann and Hayley Brown)

Pat welcomed the three members of the Ellington Play Group which had been set up recently to try and develop a play park in the village for toddlers, juniors and pre-teens.

Pat said that there was funding available in the approved CELL Big Local Plan for informal play parks (£30,000 allocated in 2016).

After discussion there was an agreement and offer in principle of £10,000 towards the Ellington Play Park proposal.

- Jobs (Andrew Gooding) – No report

4. Any Other Business

- Peele Tower at Creswell – Agreed in principle that £5,000 could be offered that would go towards the costs of putting the bids for funding together.

- Gillian raised the need for possible funding to tidy up land behind Queen Street in Lynemouth – a former garages and allotment site. Dougie asked for details.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15TH JUNE 2015 Cresswell Village Hall

Pat McCann (May Chair) 27.5.15