

Project Progress

Meeting

19th August 2015

Lynemouth Resource
Centre



Making a Difference

in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth

1. **Attendance:** Kevin Hindmarsh (this meeting's chair); Gillian Mason; Liz Stobbart; Peter Holloway; Lynn Bird; John Robson; Milburn Douglas; Barry Mead; Rebecca Matthews (minutes); Jean Gardner; Pat McCann; John McCann; Anne Bromley; Maureen Cairns; Max Cairns

Public: CSO Hopkinson; PC Hawkes

2. **Apologies:** Bill Tarbit; Andrew Gooding; Sal Armitage; Liz Dunn; Tom Dunn; Christina Manners; Bob Manners

3. Task Group & Project Updates

CELL Life (Gillian Mason)

The summer edition CELL Life is currently at the printers and will hopefully be back by this weekend.

Ideas for the next CELL Life are needed and this will be the winter edition going out just before Christmas.

A timetable needs to be put together for the next edition with all deadlines shown for when contributors need to get their ideas in and what they would like on their individual page or half page. ACTION: Jean & Gillian to advise this deadline date when decided.

Youth (Pat McCann)

The Youth Provision TG is now linking with the YMCA who will start a youth club in Linton on Thursdays from September. The YMCA have identified a need for the under 13 age group in Lynemouth and will therefore start an evening for them from January 2016.

Pat said that the Transport group will be working alongside the Youth group to organise a mini bus to take young residents from the four villages to the YMCA facility in Ashington where there are many opportunities and facilities available.

Skate Park: there are a few Issues with the skate park: the 3rd sign post has been pulled down; comments have been made on Facebook that there are problems between the younger and older children and litter is a big problem. ACTION: Cllr Douglas will refer this back to the Skate Park Group. ACTION: CSO Hopkinson and PC Hawkes said that they will put the skate park on their patrol and see if they can help with any of these problems.

Strengthening Communities (Christina)

The members of the Tackling Poverty and Strengthening Communities Task Groups met and decided to amalgamate them under the heading of Strengthening Communities with Christina as the Chair.

Jean emphasised that really all the Task Groups could have relevant input into the Strengthening Communities TG and should try and send a representative to each of their meetings.

Strengthening Communities has been approached by Tyne Gateway as they are interested in funding from CELL Big Local to help tackle family issues including child poverty. Several members of the task group had a meeting with the head of the charity and one of their staff to discuss what they can offer to the CELL Big Local Plan, a meeting to discuss the views and options will be held on the 14th of September at 1pm before the decision is made to either take it to the partnership or gather more information.

Rebecca needs to type up the minutes and e-mail them to Max to put onto the CELL website.

Housing and Community (Liz Dunn)

This TG has spent a lot of time on training and scoping days. The process of setting up a CLT (Community Land Trust) is quite lengthy and the Group would benefit from having some more members to help get it started.

An update is needed on empty houses in the villages. Gillian has offered to take a note when she is delivering the CELL Life around the four villages. PC Hawkes and CSO Hopkinson were asked if they could possibly help and have said that they could also make a note when they are patrolling the area. ACTION: TG leader Liz to make contact with the PC's and hand over the current list.

On the 30th September a community meeting is being held with Arch to try and move forward with the planning. An update will be given after the meeting.

Jobs (Andrew Gooding)

-No report

Transport (John McCann)

Morpeth CT Bus: John has spoken to the Watbus Company and the Morpeth CT Bus has been increasingly popular over the summer as expected and there are now over 330 residents with Community cards

This trial ends on the 30th September and we will keep this service going until September the 30th 2016 when a decision will be made on the longer term future of the service.

Requests have been made to change some timings from the end of October to the end of March as it may be dark when the bus users are travelling home. We will test this out with current passengers over the next few weeks.

Arriva Sunday Service Bus: The Arriva Sunday service trial bus has had 100+ users each Sunday so far and Arriva will carry on the trial until at least March 2016.

The Transport group have applied for extra funding with ISOS and ISOS have a plan to put money into the communities. A suggestion was made for ISOS to finance an additional CT bus for 2 different reasons:

- The first suggestion was the Book a bus scheme. This will mean that individuals within the community could ring and ask to be taken somewhere within the four villages at a certain time etc for a small charge.
- The same bus as mentioned above could also be used to do regular trips to shopping centres, community gardens or any ideas that members of the communities may have and this will also cost a small charge.

There is no confirmation as of yet as more planning and discussing will be needed to put the suggestions in place.

Environment (Kevin Hindmarsh)

At the Craft Fayre Jean and Kevin got more names and representatives for the Dene.

Lynn Bird is holding a meeting at the Lynemouth Resource Centre on the 16th September at 6pm for individuals of the communities interested in forming A Friends of the Dene Group.

If the footpath that is being put through the Dene from Lynemouth to Ellington is well used then more funding could be brought into the project, but, it is down to the residents to make sure that the new facility is used for the purpose it was provided.

Anne Bromley is holding a meeting on the 14th September at Lynemouth Resource Centre from 10am with the water quality sub group to see what could help to clear the water along the River Lyne. It is a consultation meeting to see what is possible and what they could go ahead with. Previously the river has been assessed as poor quality but an update will be given after the meeting.

An issue has been brought forward about the use of motorbikes and quads having a detrimental impact along the Dene and footpaths. CSO Hopkinson explained that the police have been trying to stop this illegal practice but it is difficult. Trying to think of different ways of tackling this problem he is going to make contact with the Cambois bike track organisers. If it is possible to find an area that could be designated specifically to the riders then it might stop the detrimental use elsewhere. He will report back when he has some information.

4. Other

If any information is needed about CELL Big Local then they can ring Rebecca at the Lynemouth Resource Centre – 01670 863000.

Lynn Bird is going to e-mail Max about the Friends of The Dene to go onto the website.

Barry Mead is holding an event for a Guided Tour of Cresswell on the 12th September and anybody who is going needs to meet at the Ice Cream shop at 2pm and it will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

5. Next Meeting

The next Project Progress Meeting is on the **15th of September** at Ellington Village Hall at 7pm.

Kevin Hindmarsh
Environmental TG Leader
Chair for the meeting: Date: 19/08/2015