

Project Progress Meeting 22nd September 2016 @ Linton Village Hall 7pm – 8:00pm

1. Attendance: Christina Manners (Chair); Bob Manners; Jean Gardner; John Robson; Kevin Hindmarsh; Pat McCann; John McCann and Bill Tarbit (Minutes)

2. Apologies: Andrew Gooding; Barry Mead ; Geoff Crow; Rebecca Matthews; Anne Bromley

3. Task Group & Project Updates

Youth Task Group

YMCA Report on sessions at Linton and Lynemouth: “Our sessions have been going well with young people still engaging. Linton session is seeing regular attendance of between 10 - 20 children each week, Lynemouth is still very sporadic in its attendance. However we engage around 10 young people minimum each week, but this can also go up to 30 in peak times.

Since January, we have worked with 153 individual young people from across the CELL area and this will only increase over the winter months.

We have just carried out a two week trial running older sessions again out of the Welfare. This was met by the age bracket 13 - 18s with an attendance of around 14 young people. However their behaviour soon became an issue with the younger people. These sessions are now being discussed between youth staff and volunteers to look at how they can be managed and run differently. Over the winter months when it is colder outside it is important that the 13-18 age group still have access to a safe and welcoming environment if it does not affect the younger age sessions which have seen great improvements in their behaviour.

We are looking to reinstate the weekly bus from the 4 villages to the Friday YMCA session over the winter months from November. Staff are currently in the process of finalising this so there should be an update in October.

Staff and young people are currently looking at how they can improve the inside of the Welfare building to better accommodate the sessions. Two simple suggestions have been made: to remove the superfluous glass partition (there is already separate fire doors to both areas and can be removed at low cost and with no impact) and to carpet tile the floor. Additionally, giving a couple of walls some colour on to make the space seem much more inviting to young people and the community groups who use it.

One major issue we have recently had has been the lack of respect from other community groups using the building. Both the pool table and cues have been broken. This happened after the table had just been recovered at the projects expense. It has boot marks all over

the felt and one of its legs were smashed off. This is in the process of being fixed. We have also had an issue with the heating. Since the work has been completed to the new rear door the heating in the main room does not seem to come on, only down the corridor. This is something we are currently waiting to hear back from the NCC worker who is based inside the building.”

1st CELL Scout Group

Earlier this year CELL Big Local were approached about helping to set up a Scout Group in our area. Thanks to Peter Holloway, Ellington Resident, this is now coming to fruition. He is a Group Scout Leader for a Morpeth Group and through advertising in CELL Life and the local schools he has now attracted enough adult volunteers to set up a Group with 3 sections for ages 7 to 14. There will be Beaver, Cub and Scout sections starting after half term and based at Ellington School. The adult volunteers are currently going through the necessary DBS checks, initial training and visiting established sections to further their knowledge of running their sections. The new group will be run by Trevor Sutton, a Lynemouth resident. He has many years experience in the Scout movement and has now secured the relevant volunteers needed for a Group Executive Committee, ie Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Their inaugural meeting is next week. This means it will not be run as a branch of the Morpeth group but autonomous and has been named 1st CELL Scout Group therefore ensuring that our residents understand it is open to all those in the CELL area. To have such a comprehensive Group established all at once is evidently unprecedented and the Scout District are obviously very impressed with the level of local volunteering.

There are currently enough young people signed up to join so I understand there won't be any further advertising for the time being.

Strengthening Communities Task Group.

Christmas Event

Rebecca, Mary and Joyce met on Monday 22nd August at Lynemouth Resource Centre to start planning the Christmas Event which will be on Sunday 4th December 2016 at Ellington Institute which has been booked for 12:30pm – 4:30pm, it will be open to the public at 1pm till 4pm and the half an hour before and after is time allocated for setting up.

A variety of different things going on through the day, such as:

- Visit Santa's Grotto – Children will be able to visit Santa and receive a small gift.
- Michelle's Dance Group
- Ellington First School Choir
- Mary Taylors Ukulele Group
- A selected few Craft Fayre Stalls
- Joe Oliphant & Group is going to provide a Children's Disco where we could possibly include a few party games.
- Face Painter that attended Lynemouth Gala
- Tombola and all funds will be going to a charity (Wheelchair Tennis).
- Neil Taylor will be selling his History Book – The Four Villages.
- Small Buffet?

- Christina to check at Ellington Institute to see what we can do about drinks and refreshments. Can we provide tea, coffee and juice? All other drinks could be bought at the bar?
- Kids Craft Table – We are going to set up a small table for Children to be able to colour in or write a letter to Santa. We will create a Post Box for Children to post their letters to Santa.

Rebecca has confirmed with Vikki Thompson at Lynemouth Day Centre that we can use one of their large red chairs as Santa's seat in the Grotto. (Confirmed 07.09.2016)

We are hoping to have a family fun activity packed day. We will be putting in an application for funding for this event as the last ones we have planned did not require any funding as we used the money we received from Stall Holders. We are hoping to get around £800.00 to make our day successful. The application for funding will be put in after Tuesday 13th September when Christina returns back to work.

Ideas for the next Plan

1. What is continuing?

Need articles for CELL Life as soon as possible with a 21st October final deadline

We need reports for projects that have gone on in the current plan, Jean has agreed to cover CELL Life, Rebecca has agreed to cover the Events and Christina has agreed to cover the Support Service and Community Kitty. Joyce, Mary, Rebecca and Jean approved to continue the following projects:

- Support Service
- Community Kitty
- Website
- Community Events

- Staff Costs

2. What new projects?

The Community Cooking (if the pilot is successful) will be running in October 2016.

Community Orchard

Kevin Stoodley has a group of young dads that he is working with and has kindly offered to start managing the clearing of the allotment ready for the school to use in October 2016. Neil Taylor may be interested in doing a walk around the Lynemouth Dene and the Community Orchard (allotment) once complete.

Website

Max, Rebecca, Kevin and Bob have met together to discuss changes to the website that need to be made to make it more user-friendly and efficient and are proposing to meet again shortly.

CELL Life Newsletter

We have had a few problems with the company delivering the last Newsletter as a large number of Lynemouth residents did not received it. Christina has contacted the company and we are awaiting a report from them. There will be no charge made for this delivery.

Agreed to seek two quotes from other delivery companies; and also to consider using the scouts to deliver the next Newsletter. Next edition of the Newsletter needs to be at the deliverers by the 11th November with a hoped start to deliver by Monday 14th November.

Community Kitty Applications:

1) The History Group's Community Kitty application has been approved by Rebecca, Jean and Joyce. The only thing to be added to the application form is the amount of years (over 20 years) it has been running for to show they are successful.

2) The Scout Group Community Kitty application has been approved by Jean, Rebecca, Mary and Joyce.

These have been circulated to Partnership members for final approval.

Environment Task Group

The next meeting of the Task Group is scheduled for 6/10/2016 at 1.00pm

We have a plan for years 3- 4 but Guy made some observations which will be discussed on 6/10/2016.

Groundwork NE secured funding from Banks Mining Community Fund and Tesco and completed the section of hard core path from the first Bridge to the second bridge. I just found out today that the Crown Estate were very impressed and may make a further £6000 donation to complete the final phases. This means the muddy walk which featured on our Big Local Film in 2014 is now a hardcore footpath.
RESULT!!

There are a few issues with FoLD because of two resignations but there is a strong core of people and hopefully more volunteers can get involved when they see the progress being made. FoLD have secured more trees/shrubs from the Woodland Trust and recently raked the meadow to encourage the growth of wild flowers - so things are happening!

On 3/10/2016 Lynemouth Parish Council in conjunction with the Rotary Club are planting 5000 purple crocus bulbs to raise awareness and educate children of the horrors of polio. (Purple is the colour of the dye that is painted on the little fingers of children inoculated.) Local School children are involved but volunteers are also

needed - bring your own dibbler . The result of our labour will be a purple carpet of flowers in the Spring.

Housing & Community Buildings Task Group

The Community Buildings Rationalisation Project Group (comprising of the Institute, Resource Centre, Church, Day Centre and the Welfare) met on Tuesday September 13th. Good progress is being made in seeking funding for the next stage of appointment of Architects and detailed feasibility studies which it is hoped will be making good progress before Xmas. Arrangements are being made to meet ARCH, CISWO and other funders who can support the project with capital funding.

The Housing Project Group are completing an application for funding support for a part-time Private Landlord Liaison Officer for the villages of Lynemouth and Linton (similar to the one in the Hirst Initiative in Ashington). This it is hoped will be considered by the Partnership at its meeting in October with, if approved, an appointment made before Xmas.

The Group have met with the County Council Private Sector Housing Team to progress the above project and with Banks Mining who appear supportive of a flexible capital fund that might provide assistance for garden tidy ups, small repair/maintenance works, decoration grants – work that might be able to be undertaken by local unemployed people.

Transport Community Transport Services Task Group

The Morpeth Market day CT service continues with regular use by a dedicated core of CELL residents. A new winter schedule will be published shortly to confirm the timetable from 2nd November when British Summer Time will have ended.

After deciding that the Sunday Route 1 service would cease during the winter months, ARRIVA have now agreed to run the service continue through the coming winter season at least and is not under any threat of withdrawal for the time being. Although the service is not yet economical ARRIVA believe the trials have shown there is potential demand building for the service. A new schedule and timetable for this service will be available shortly and will probably include an extension of the service to Widdrington. WELL DONE to those residents using this service and showing that if you USE IT you may not LOSE IT!

Agreed that we would put an advert in the next CELL Life promoting the service.

The Youth CT service taking youngsters from the four villages to YMCA Ashington on Friday evenings is expected to restart after the clocks change at the end of October. We are awaiting confirmation from YMCA before publishing any more details

Any Other Business

Post Boxes – Agreed to reduce ~~the and reposition the number of~~ CELL Big Local post boxes to the following locations –

- Post Office, Linton
- Bank Top Post Office, Ellington
- [Ellington Institute \(still to be contacted\)](#)
- Health Centre, Lynemouth
- Lynemouth Resource Centre
- Lynemouth Pharmacy (agreed to contact Mark Burdon, the Pharmacist)
- Drift Café, Cresswell
- Golden Sands Caravan site, Cresswell

Agreed that the above information would go in the next edition of CELL Life with suggestions from the public for other sites.

Next Meeting- The next Project Progress Meeting is on Thursday 20th October 2016 @ Lynemouth Resource Centre from 7pm – 8pm. Refreshments available from 6:45pm. This meeting will be chaired by ????