

Strengthening Communities Meeting

Friday 4th November 2016

Lynemouth Resource Centre – 10am

Attendees:	Christina Manners (Minutes); Rebecca Matthews (Minutes); Kevin Stoodley; Clare McKay; Mary Taylor; Joyce Bell
Apologies:	Jean Gardner; Stephen To

The previous Strengthening Communities Meeting minutes/ Task Group Report were agreed by all.

New Plan

We have been trying to decide as a Task Group as to what we can include in our New Plan.

A decision was made for the Strengthening Communities Task Group to include a new project in the new plan called the 'Mens Shed Project'. We think this could be popular in Lynemouth and we could maybe consider using the Port-a-cabin at Lynemouth Resource Centre. The Mens Shed Project will be open to all four villages but up to now it will be based in Lynemouth (this could always change). The Mens Shed Project could run taster sessions of bricklaying and woodwork etc.

Event

We are just about organised for our Christmas Event at Ellington Institute on Sunday 4th December. We have organised for Ellington First School Choir and Small Brass Band, Michelle's Dance Group and Joe's Wagon Wheel Disco and the Ukulele Group to come along and perform for us, a buffet will be supplied from Susan Matthews, you can visit Santa's Grotto and also write your Christmas List. We will be serving tea, coffee and juice and all children will receive a party bag.

Action Point: Rebecca to print off Santa letters and colouring pages.

Community Kitty

- **Process:** The Community Kitty application form comes through to CELL Big Local, the Strengthening Communities Task Group then either agrees or disagrees, if agreed it then gets taken to the Partnership and unless there is any serious/major objections then we can go ahead and agree it. If the Task group disagrees we will either ask for more information/details or let them know they were unsuccessful and give them the reasons and maybe they could come back and try again or we could point them in a different direction which may benefit the individual more.

- **Bowling Club:** The Strengthening Communities Task Group have agreed the application, Christina is to send this around to the Partnership and see if they have any objections.

Community Garden

The Community Garden funding application form has been agreed. Kevin Stoodley will be ordering the items and equipment as he needs and the invoices will be passed to CELL Big Local to pay.

Food for Thought

The Food for Thought Project has been agreed and approved by 51% of the Partnership. We are awaiting the new start date but it will be in the New Year.

CELL Life

The CELL Life draft currently has 24 pages. We will have CELL Life at the printers by next week (w/c 7th November 2016) and delivery will start the last week of November by a company from Kenton, Newcastle.

Dementia/Alzheimer's Group

Christina has been approached by Mark Burdon regarding promoting the CELL area as dementia friendly. This can be considered for our New Plan as it would be an excellent idea to get businesses and volunteers trained as dementia friends.

Next Meeting

Our next Strengthening Communities meeting is on Friday 6th January at Lynemouth Resource Centre, starting at 10am.