

Partnership Meeting



Making a Difference

in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth

15th November 2017 at
Lynemouth Resource
Centre 3.00-5.00pm



Attendees:	Guy Nokes (Chair), Clare McKay, Lesley Crow (minutes), Bill Tarbit, John McCann, Pat McCann, Liz Dunn, Heather Wallace, Bob Manners, Christina Manners
Apologies:	Kevin Hindmarsh, Rob Cox, Sal Armitage

		Actions
Welcome & declarations of interest	It was noted that Rob was unable to attend due to a family matter and Guy agreed to chair in his absence. The Chair welcomed Liz Dunn and Heather Wallace to the meeting as guest observers and reminded them of the need for appropriate confidentiality. Introductions were made and it was noted that Liz was on the original Steering Group. Heather gave a brief summary of her background and her involvement as a Linton Resident within the community.	
Minutes of September meeting	The minutes of the 12 September 2017 meeting were agreed, and signed off for uploading to the website.	
Matters arising	<p>Guy updated the visitors on the LTO and arrangements for CELL and the expectation from Local Trust that there needs to be governance and authenticity from local residents and the Partnerships. We are currently slightly low on the number of members.</p> <p>Liz queried how much she could participate in the meeting as a guest observer, members agreed she could speak openly. Liz informed the group that there had been no progress with the Baron's Walk project in the Dene, and is worried that they could lose the funding for this. Clare reminded everyone that Groundwork have a new manager in post who is still finding her feet and getting up to speed with projects.</p> <p>Community Places research - Clare had liaised</p>	Clare to chase up

	<p>Dan and he has the information needs but will come back to Clare if anything further is needed.</p> <p>Data protection - Clare has now got back all paperwork from members.</p> <p>Communication with partnership - Clare is using Doodle, which is free, and this is working well to arrange meetings, and there is also a function to vote on issues.</p> <p>Big Local Shared Learning Event - Rob attended the event in Hartlepool and will be asked to feedback when available.</p> <p>CELL admin support - Lesley was appointed and started on Monday.</p>	<p>Clare/ Rob</p>
<p>LTO/finance update</p>	<p>Members stated that the finance document was difficult to read as the figures are too small. Clare will review this.</p> <p>Clare/Rob submitted a spend review for the LTO at the end of September. There is a significant underspend due to two large projects being delayed (Ellington Playpark & Lynemouth Buildings Rationalisation), so the next payment will not be drawn down from Local Trust until January.</p> <p>YMCA are having ongoing difficulties setting up the CELL account, as the bank are asking for all signatories to be notarised and this has taken time as everything is done by post. Rob expects this to be completed soon.</p>	<p>Clare</p> <p>Rob</p>
<p>Christmas Events</p>	<p>It has been previously discussed that CELL would support Christmas events in each of the four villages. CELL has agreed to print flyers to support the Lynemouth and Linton events, though Liz wondered whether CELL could also contribute to refreshments for Lynemouth. CELL are having a stand at the Ellington and Linton Christmas Fayres and providing Christmas trees for Cresswell and Ellington Village Hall.</p> <p>Additionally a carol service has now been arranged for 6.00pm in Linton Institute on Christmas Eve. There is no church in Linton and it is hoped that if people attend the carol service there may be scope to introduce a church service once a month in the village. Liz is meeting Joanna from Widdrington Church and said that it may be</p>	

	beneficial for Heather to also meet her.	Liz to liaise with Heather
Partnership Review	Clare noted that she has only received four forms back. Guy stated that these are needed to give to Local Trust for governance reasons and so they are updated on the 150 Big Local partnerships. Clare passed round a sheet that required members to print and sign their names to allow Local Trust to contact individuals for surveys and opinions.	
Public transport research	John has met with Arriva to discuss costs and the possibility of trialling a later bus service from either Ashington or Morpeth in the evening. This would be 1 ¼ hours later than the current last bus; any later and the cost would increase significantly. The proposed cost is thought to be £100.00 per week. It is suggested that the trial would run on a Thursday and/or Saturday from Easter next year and would run through the summer months. The bus will connect with either the X18 or X22 and may go through to Widdrington. Clare said that money should be spent on publicity to promote the trial and John said that it would also be heavily promoted in the next CELL Life magazine.	
Update on work in Linton	A residents' meeting in Linton took place on 01 November 2017 which around 30 people attended to put their ideas forward. There are 5 or 6 things people of Linton would like to see in their village. Some ideas CELL can help with but other ideas would need the support of the Parish Council or the County Council. There is a further meeting on 29 November 2017 and Clare has the names of 10 people who said they would attend another meeting. Clare mentioned that one resident felt that the small size of the village made it hard to justify large expenditure, however Partnership members felt that this should not be a reason not to do it where the circumstances are right.	
Partnership Terms of Reference	Clare sent out an updated partnership pack last week that was expanded to cover wider volunteers and staff members and is now a general information pack covering the background, policies and other information. The Partnership's Terms of Reference was out of date and needed to be updated and made accessible to new people. Clare has not received feedback from everyone as yet but it will be signed off once all members have	All members to read and provide

	<p>read the document.</p> <p>With regard to voting rights of members, Clare stated that, prior to the YMCA becoming LTO, Rob had had voting rights within the Partnership and had queried what his voting role should be now. Local Trust have expressed some flexibility on this as long as conflicts of interest are strictly recorded, however Liz felt that to safeguard and protect Rob he shouldn't have a vote. Everyone agreed, and Clare will feed this back to Rob.</p>	<p>feedback</p> <p>Clare to feedback to Rob</p>
Local Trust visit	<p>Rachel Rowney's visit on Friday 10th included a tour of the area and a brief stop for a coffee at the youth drop-in. She was given some background on the needs of the 4 villages and the current projects and there were discussions around the type of challenges faced by CELL. Rachel expressed no concerns, and seemed to understand the routes the Partnership had taken.</p>	
Project legacy	<p>Guy attended a Big Local meeting in Leeds where there was some discussion around project legacy. Some Big Local areas have nearly spent all their money. Guy thought that it would be beneficial to have a session in the New Year to talk about legacy as there is likely to be £100,000 going back into local areas with a further £20,000 - £25,000 at a later date. Guy said that its important to discuss what people perceive as 'legacy'.</p>	<p>Session in the New Year to be arranged Guy/Clare</p>
A.O.B.	<p>Partnership - John wanted to be clear to the 2 guests that not everyone in the Partnership is involved all the time and that the Partnership would benefit from new members. The meetings are every 2 months for around 1 ½ hours and asked the guests to consider joining. It was felt that new members would bring different skills to the partnership and more people would mean less pressure on individuals to attend every meeting. Heather's input would provide a much needed link back into Linton too.</p> <p>Clare noted that after sending a Doodle for January everyone's preferred meeting time seemed to be a Wednesday 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm. She requested to vary this to allow Sal to attend occasionally, and to alternate for future meetings.</p> <p>Buildings Rationalisation Project - Bill mentioned there had been a meeting with Karen</p>	

	<p>Wood regarding this and that a further separate meeting would be needed to discuss this further.</p> <p>Small Loans opportunity – Having had confirmation from Local Trust that we are unable to provide any start up funding for local private businesses, Christina approached Northumberland Community Bank (previously the Credit Union) to see if they could offer loans on our behalf. This would be based on our providing the capital and any interest charged would offset their costs. As members were happy with this idea in principle, Clare and Christina will meet to discuss this further. Guy also suggested contacting Niamh Goggin, from Small Change, for advice.</p>	<p>Clare/ Christina</p> <p>Guy to speak to Niamh</p>
Date and time of next meeting.	Tues 9th January 2018, 5-7pm at LRC	