

**Partnership Meeting**  
**Tues 10th July, 5.00pm at Cresswell Village Hall**

Attendees:	Clare McKay, Guy Nokes (acting Chair), Kevin Hindmarsh, Rob Cox, Heather Wallace, Shirley Johnson, Alwyn Taylor (minute taker) Bob Manners, Christina Manners, Sal Armitage.
Apologies:	John McCann, Pat McCann, Liz Dunn, Peter Holloway

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<b>Welcome &amp; declarations of interest</b>	Clare informed the meeting that Peter was expected to be late. Guy thanked everyone for attending and it was agreed they would talk about the Housing Proposal later to allow Peter to arrive. There were no declarations aired.	
<b>Minutes of May meeting – confidentiality</b>	The minutes of May's meeting were talked through and agreed, with Clare agreeing to upload the minutes onto the Website.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	None.	
<b>LTO/finance update</b>	Rob passed around the Finance Update pointing out there was still a big underspend and asked for any questions. Clare explained there was an extra column added for the amended project budgets, but there could still be further underspend on the total. A query was raised about the cost of the Groundwork projects but Clare said the budget still would not be exceeded. A few details still needed to be confirmed but any amendments to the Pele Tower project should achieve almost the same outcomes at no additional cost to CELL. Guy said it had been predicted that all Big Local areas will have spent their money by 2020. Some areas are struggling but there were no worries here about expenditure. The update was passed.	
<b>Recruitment update</b>	Rob reported he had shortlisted candidates with the help of Clare and Shirley, and were looking to do interviews next week. All applicants stated they	

	<p>could start immediately, hopefully the week after. Sal declared a formal interest as she knows one of the applicants. Clare proposed an improvement to the induction process by introducing the new Support Worker to each geographic area giving them a more rounded view of the job.</p>	
<b>Project legacy</b>	<p>Guy began by saying that the Project Legacy meeting had looked at what had been achieved and whether the projects had longevity, thus creating a feeling of a legacy going forward within the four communities. It was noted that the support given to the Scouts was positive as they appear to be self sustaining. Clare felt that the Partnership needed to start looking at the next project plan and think about what was achievable. Sal commented that some groups had built up from their beginnings citing the Watbus group as an example, who have been looking into other options to keep the bus going. The issue of providing CELL plaques to funded projects was again raised, as there were examples of projects where funds had not been acknowledged. It was suggested that Clare arrange to have plaques produced and we send these out with any grant.</p> <p>Clare reported a local group Action for Children have put in a Community Kitty application, to support families in Lynemouth and provide activities involving children. The group are keen to come to one of our meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that more effort needed to be made to engage with the community and Clare acknowledged that she hasn't had enough time to do this. It was felt that the new Support Worker once appointed will help greatly with this. Guy finished by saying the points covered at the Legacy meeting had been agreed.</p>	Clare
<b>Partnership Members' Survey</b>	<p>The meeting was asked to look at the online survey and feedback on problems or issues arising. Everyone was asked to complete this.</p>	

<p><b>Local Trust visit to CELL Big Local</b></p>	<p>Sal reported that Lyndsey Street from Local Trust has requested a visit. Guy was puzzled as to why she wanted to come and asked if Clare could find out the rationale as to why. Clare to contact Lyndsey and deal with the request.</p>	<p>Clare</p>
<p><b>CELL Big Local premises</b></p>	<p>Clare began by explaining that a decision needed to be made soon about the long term plan for the CELL office base. If the Institute is not to be a long term base, then alternative premises need to be found very soon. The issues with the building as it stands are inadequate heating in the room, no disabled access to the 1st floor, and no separate space for private meetings. Clare reported she had looked at other premises in Lynemouth but they were expensive and had no amenities. Linton Village Hall was suggested as an alternative but it was felt that the less central location ruled this out. Clare felt that the improvements needed at the Miners' Institute were achievable and would benefit the community longer term, as well as providing a benefit to a community organisation from the CELL rental income. She also said the committee was willing to help with improvements if we gave them a commitment to stay longer. Any joint bids for grants etc would be likely to be more successful than a single bid. It was agreed that the base should remain where it is.</p> <p>At this point Shirley had to leave the meeting due to prior commitments.</p>	
<p><b>Update on Big Connect weekend</b></p>	<p>Heather attended the weekend event. She said over 400 people were there, staying in various hotels. She thought it had been well thought out and executed. She attended workshops that would benefit her including a Fundraising Workshop and How to Get People to Fundraise. The event had been filmed throughout. She thought it was a good opportunity to link up with others and she made a possible future contact for CELL Big Local whilst there. Clare asked if her time there had been useful for Linton, Heather thought the Fundraising</p>	

	Workshop would benefit them.	
<b>Housing Task Group Report</b>	As Peter had been unable to attend the meeting, his report was discussed briefly. Clare explained that the Empty Homes Project had been on the back burner for some time but was now being re-examined. There were various options to explore, but one proposal was to manage properties on behalf of landlords, rather than buying them ourselves. There are lots of problems with the standard of housing in Lynemouth but it is difficult to get NCC to carry out enforcement action. Peter plans to go to the next Parish Council meetings to put forward these proposals. We would need to find new people to join the Housing Group to help take on this proposal as it cannot be done with just the existing group of people, the workload would be too high. Everyone was in support of taking forward the proposal as it stands.	
<b>AOB</b>	Bob reported to the meeting that CELL Life was going out for delivery next week.  Christina informed the meeting Lynemouth Gala was being held on 25th August, that we intended to use the Gala to launch the new loan scheme with Northumberland Community Bank for business startups.  Heather requested that Linton Colliery Community Group has a standing item on the agenda going forward. They are currently trying to fundraise for a new play park and mining memorial for the village.	
<b>Close</b>	The next meeting was agreed for the 11th September and Guy declared the meeting closed.	