



Making a Difference

in Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth

**Partnership Meeting
5pm, Tues 11th September 2018
at Lynemouth Miners' Welfare Institute**

Attendees:	Guy Nokes (Chair), Clare McKay (Minutes), Bob Manners, Christina Manners, Pat McCann, John McCann, Sal Armitage, Liz Dunn.
Apologies:	Shirley Johnson, Heather Wallace, Kevin Hindmarsh

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Welcome & declarations of interest	Guy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prior to beginning the meeting John shared with the group that he intended to step down from the CELL Partnership at the end of this project plan (April 2019). Guy formally thanked John for his years of involvement with CELL Big Local, and this was echoed by the rest of the group.	
Minutes of July meeting – confidentiality	The minutes were approved with only one amendment: the Lynemouth Gala was 25th Aug, not 24th. It was agreed that, in future, the Partnership sign a hard copy of the minutes when approved at each meeting.	
Matters arising	The two planned visits from Local Trust are now being co-ordinated to arrange a single visit, pencilled in for 26th Oct. Guy, Rob, Clare and Bacmans are available for this.	
LTO/finance update	The finance update was shared and there were no questions. Clare informed the group that the finance updates are all shared via the website. Guy asked if the website usage stats could be sent round with the next weekly update. Clare also informed the group that we would soon need to draw down another payment from Local Trust.	Clare
Preparation of Yr 5-6 Plan	Process/ timetable - a loose timetable for community consultation and the preparation of the next project plan and budget was discussed and agreed. Clare will type up and pass this round. There was some discussion around the need to think much more closely about the legacy of CELL Big Local in determining the projects to be included in the next plan. There was also some discussion around the possible need to commission services to increase capacity, or work with national organisations with a presence in the area. Also need to meet with other local funders (e.g. LEADER, wind	Clare

	<p>farms) to discuss opportunities to work together. As well as using various methods to consult with the community it was also agreed to arrange an event to meet with partner organisations to discuss their issues and priorities within the CELL area, and consult on future plans. This will be arranged for November.</p> <p>Facebook consultation It was agreed that community consultation for the above will begin with a Facebook consultation, focussing on a different priority theme each week, and offering a prize draw for suggestions. This will be followed up by the same opportunity for residents via the next CELL Life and by email to the mailing list.</p>	Clare
Community Consultation - Newcastle University	Clare updated the group on progress with the Newcastle University group sessions. Four sessions are provisionally planned, including one with Bacmans service users.	
Query about LCT funding	Clare has received a query from a resident regarding the funds provided to support LCT, how the decision was made to provide the financial support, and whether efforts should be made to recoup some of this from the Administrator following the sale of the Resource Centre. The Partnership felt that the funds had been provided to LCT in good faith as a grant, and while we had hoped that they would lead to sustainability of the organisation, everyone was aware of the risk involved. It was agreed that CELL Big Local had no realistic claim on the funds being returned. Clare will feed this back to the enquirer.	Clare
Role of Chair/Vice Chair	Following their kindly volunteering to take on the role, the Partnership formally approved Christina taking on the role of Chair, and Shirley the role of Vice-Chair.	
A.O.B.	<p>Pat asked about the new Enforcement Officer being recruited by the Lynemouth Parish Council. Liz confirmed that the role would operate 2 days per week and would focus on littering, dog-fouling, fly-tipping and waste removal, with powers of enforcement.</p> <p>Rob informed the group about a negative news story due to appear on BBC about a YMCA in London. He reminded the group that YMCAs are all separate, unrelated organisations.</p> <p>Guy informed the group that a few members of the Linton Colliery Community Group had resigned recently. Guy/Clare would offer support to help try to resolve any issues.</p>	Clare/ Guy

	<p>Guy queried progress on the improvements to the CELL office space. Clare confirmed that we will soon be getting additional radiators, and we are looking at procedures around office safety and lone working. Jacqui has also started some community consultation around the benefit of installing a lift.</p> <p>Pat mentioned that a Cresswell resident had expressed an interest in getting involved under the youth theme. Pat will arrange a task group meeting soon.</p>	Pat
Close	Date and time of next meeting: Tues 13th November, 5pm at Lynemouth Miners' Welfare Institute	