

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



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Chairperson of Council: Mike Nelis

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE HELD: Thursday 14 November 2013

TIME: 6.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Mike Nelis(MN), Ann Keenan(AK), Ann Fullen(AF), Elsie Lough(EL), Ian Tokell(IT),

In Attendance:

Glenn Pendleton(GP), Blakelaw Partnership
Andrea Smith(AS) -Northumbria Police
Cecil Anderson(CA) – Holmesdale Road Tenants and Residents Association
Cal Pearson(CP) – Resident
Helen Russell(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)

52/13. Apologies for Absence:

Alan Dickie(AD)
Rachel Wright(RW)
Margaret McKenna(MM)
David Stockdale(DS)
John Wears(JW)
Mark Allibhai(MA)

53/13. Welcomes

The Chair welcomed Helen Russell to her first meeting as the new permanent Clerk to the Community Council.

Cecil Anderson introduced himself on behalf of the Holmesdale Road Tenants and Residents Association. CA briefly took the group through a number of issues he had raised in the past but felt they had not been responded to mainly he would like to

apply for grant funding on behalf of the Residents Association and that he would like to be included in the distribution list for the minutes. CA would also like a copy of the last 3 Community Council meetings. HR confirmed that she would arrange for these documents to be sent out.

54/13. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Nelis- Employee of CAB, Trustees of Blakelaw Ward Community Partnership
Cllrs Keenen, Fullen and Tokell-Trustees of Blakelaw Ward Community Partnership
Cllr Stockdale of Newcastle City Council and Blakelaw Ward Community Partnership.

55/13. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 10th October 2013 were confirmed as a true record by Cllr Tokell and seconded by Cllr Fullen.

56/13. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

47/13. Grant Applications – This should read £630 and not £500. There was a discussion around whether this had been agreed or were we still waiting on Cllr Wears agreement. All in attendance agreed that the payment of £630 should be made.

50/13. Integrated Bus Authority – It was agreed in Cllr Stockdale's absence, this item would go to the January meeting.

57/13. Police Issues

PC Andrea was in attendance and said that there had been a slight rise in disorder and Anti- Social Behaviour due to the darker nights. AS confirmed where agreements had been breached, Formal warnings had been issued.

There had been a number of incidents in the flats and they were working with residents but agreed that the lack of cameras was a problem.

AS confirmed there had been an increased Police presence on the 165 Estate following an assault on a female.

MN commented that the Community Payback Team had been working hard clearing the Bunker area to make way for the planting of wild flowers.

58/13. Blakelaw Ward Community Partnership

In Cllr Stockdale's absence, Glenn Pendleton updated the Council on the work of the Partnership.

GP confirmed that the transfer of the building was now complete and the Partnership we're now the new owner's. There was to be a meeting held the following week to discuss the purchase of the adjoining library.

GP confirmed that the youth work was going from strength to strength. Safeguarding training was underway and DBS checks were now in their 30's for volunteers and the

Partnership were in negotiations with schools to organise placements within Ofsted registered facilities ie kitchen, finance, admin, gardening. Leanne Chaytor would oversee this.

Discussion were taking place with YHN in relation to an apprenticeship programme. YHN would employ the apprentices but the Partnership would provide placement.

GP confirmed that they were in discussions with Newcastle City Council in relation to the Fenham Hut. The area needs to be completely overhauled and GP confirmed negotiations would start around £205,000. IT would Chair the Sub-Group which will deal with the transfer, other members will include YHN, NCC, Community Council The Fenham Association (Management Committee).

GP provided an update as to the Café and thanked everyone for their support.

GP confirmed going forward that he and Leanne Chaytor would be looking at work priorities and development opportunities for everyone.

59/13. Grants Applications

There were no applications to consider. A Grant form would be sent to CA for him to submit at a later meeting.

60/13. Updates from Sub-Committees

- **Employment**

The Committee met and appointment Helen Russell to the position of Clerk to the Community Council.

- **Environmental**

MN confirmed that a meeting had taken place with Alan Wears from Newcastle City Council. They would be starting the ground works with the polly tunnel being erected.

Natures Landscapes were to be given the keys to the gardens, the soil was to be tested and a stand built before the greenhouse could be put up.

- **Communications**

MN to chase RW in relation to the loveblakelaw website.

61/13. Correspondence and communications

None received

62/13. Planning Applications

None received

63/13. Financial Matters

Per Bank:	
Account 1	£500
Account 2	28,316.76
Total	28,816.76

Payments made:	
BT (Chq - 100309)	£121.68
CAB, Qtr1 (Chq – 100310)	£1150.00
CAB, Qtr2 (Chq – 100311)	£1150.00
Salary, H Russell (Chq – 100312)	£222.00
Allotment Site, Blakelaw	£8750.00

Total Payments **£11,393,68**

Closing balance as at 14 November 2013 £17,423.08

64/13. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 January 2014 in the Blakelaw Centre at 6.30pm