

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:
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Chairperson of Council: John Wears
Clerk to the Council: Helen Richardson

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE HELD: Thursday 11 July 2019

TIME: 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs John Wears(JW), Violet Rooke(VR), James Gill(JG) and Lorraine Birkett(LB)

In Attendance:

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)
Hayley O'Shea – Resident
Val Morrison – Resident
Marilyn Irvine – Resident
PCSO Michael Todd – Police
Debbie Playford – Resident
Newcastle City Councillor – Nora Casey
Jimmy Young – Resident
Jean McCartney – Resident
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Irene Teasdale – Resident

Prior to the commencement of the meeting residents shared their concerns regarding the Roundhill Avenue development. Concerns around parking, large waggons being driven up the streets during school runs time and the site seemed to be growing beyond what had originally agreed. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Engie who had confirmed they had spoken to a resident who had raised concerns via the Community Council and they had been satisfied with the outcome. The resident confirmed that this wasn't necessarily the case. Cllr Nora Casey and the Clerk confirmed that they would write to the City Council raising the concerns of the residents and await their response.

Another resident raised awareness regarding a number of vehicles that had been broken in to in the Roundhill Avenue area. PCSO Todd confirmed he would look in to the incidents and feedback to the next meeting.

The Chair also took the opportunity to remind those attending the meeting that he would appreciate only one speaker at a time as it was often hard to follow the conversation when people talked over each other.

74/19. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillor Rowena Spencer, Ann Keenan, Ron Clarke, Karen Ferry.

75/19. Declaration of Interests

- Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with the North East Ambulance Service
- James Gill – Newcastle Community Asset Trust Board Member

76/19. Co-opt Community Councillor

The Community Council welcomed Irene Teasdale to Community Council by co-option.

The Chair took the opportunity to explain to the meeting the requirements and criteria set out to enable someone to become a Community Councillor. The Chair explained that both Ann Fullen and Rowena Spencer had been written to regarding attending the Community Council and he was awaiting to hear from them.

77/19. Grant Application

There were no grant applications.

78/19. Minutes/Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 June 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been a successful outcome for the resident who had been having trouble with her neighbours unapproved extension.

It was confirmed that trees were still a problem and Cllr Casey continued to chase the City Council for an outcome. It was noted that Binswood Avenue was still a major problem as it was becoming clear that the City Council would not be cutting them back.

79/19. Chairs Report

JE confirmed that membership to the sub committees had been agreed as below:

Environmental Group – Violet Rooke, Karen Ferry, Lorraine Birkett and Ron Clarke
Community Engagement Group – Jimmy Gill, Violet Rooke, Ron Clarke, Karen Ferry, Ann Keenan
Employment Group – Ann Keenan, Ron Clarke and Lorraine

The Chair confirm he would attend most groups.

JW confirmed that the Mental Health training was well underway and had been booked for 2 full days in October. There were 4 places for Community Councillors and another 12 places for community groups. An awareness session will be arranged once the training has taken place.

The Chair reminded everyone that the Ward Committee event would be held on the 19 September. The Community Centre were also holding a summer fair and the Community Council would have a table with information there. Community Councillors were reminded that they would be expected to attend to represent the Community Council.

The Chair confirmed that there would be a review of the Code of Conduct over the coming months.

Further concerns had been raised following residents being verbally abused on their own drives when being blocked in by people taking their children to school.

80/19. Police Update

PCSO Michael Todd introduced himself to the Community Council and residents. He updated the meeting on problems that had been happening with regards to youths hanging around the flats. He had noticed the same group of youths hanging around he did however need to establish whether they were up to no good or whether they were just “chilling”.

PCSO Todd encouraged residents to report any incidents.

Parking had been addressed but it had been noted it was now spilling in to surrounding streets.

Residents also shared with PCSO Todd problems around broken in vans.

81/19. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors

City Councillor Nora Casey provided an update to the Community Council.

City councillors Ward Event would be held in September and it was hoped that the Community Council would attend.

Cllr Casey commented that Councillors had been approached with regards to the naming of a new street. It had been thought that “Walling” would be a good suggestions. It was felt that residents should be involved.

Cllr Casey confirmed that she continued to follow up on the issues with trees and parking in the area.

82/19. Sub Groups

Communications Group – The Chair updated the meeting with regards to the Mental Health training, the ward event, the success of the coach trips and the Community Council vacancies.

Environmental Group – VR updated the meeting with regards to waste management, bins and recycling.

83/19. Financial Matters

Bank reconciliation:

As per transactions relating to 14 June – 11 July 2019

Per Bank:		
Account 1		£500.00
Account 2		£22,314.24
	Total	£22,814.24

Less: Payments:

H V Richardson – July 2019 Salary	£454.66
H V Richardson – Stationary	£84.54
HMRC – July 2019(100)	£91.00
Stanley Travel (Kinship Carers)	£645.00
Kinship Carers (Grant Funding)	£55.00
Mrs I Teasedale (Buffet)	£50.00
Zurich Municipal	£406.46
	Total £1786.66

Income:

2019-2020 Precept from Newcastle City Council	£31,000.00
Closing balance as at 11 July 2019 (account 2)	£51,527.58
Closing balance as at 11 July 2019 (account 1)	£500.00

84/19. Any Other Business

The meeting discussed arranging some training in relation to the new defibrillator. It was agreed that this should be arranged as soon as possible.

85/19. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 12 September 2019 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.