

# Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:  
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Chairperson of Council: John Wears  
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## **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE HELD: Thursday 13 June 2019**

**TIME: 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs John Wears(JW), Violet Rooke(VR), Ann Keenan(AK), Karen Ferry(KF), Ron Clarke(RC), James Gill(JG) and Lorraine Birkett(LB)

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)  
Debbie Playford – Resident  
Ann Fullen  
Sandra Beck – Newcastle West Kinship Carers  
Newcastle City Councillor – Nora Casey  
Joan Gill – Resident  
Margaret Taylor – Resident  
Irene Conway – Resident

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a resident raised concerns regarding the trees on Binswood Avenue. They are overgrown and branches are hanging low in the street and people are walking in to them. One tree in particular is over hanging this residents garden and the City Council agreed to come and trim it back however they trimmed the wrong tree. This has also happened around the Holly Court area. City Councillor Nora Casey agreed that she would pick this up on behalf of the resident.

Another resident raised a concern regarding an extension that was being built on a neighbours property that was encroaching on her property and causing a number of problems. The Community Council advised that the resident should raise her concerns with the Planning Department at Newcastle City Council. The resident has already done this without any success as they believe it is a civil matter. The Clerk provided the resident with the contact details for the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors who have a free advice service and may have been able to help.

### **63/19. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillor Rowena Spencer.

### **64/19. Declaration of Interests**

- Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with the North East Ambulance Service
- Ron Clarke - 165 TARA, Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust
- Ann Keenan – Volunteer at Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Credit Union
- Karen Ferry – Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club
- James Gill – Newcastle Community Asset Trust Board Member

### **65/19. Grant Application**

#### **Newcastle West Kinship Carers**

Sandra Beck from Newcastle West Kinship Carers attended to take the Community Council through their application for grant funding. Sandra explained that this application was to take a number of young people and their carers to a safari park just outside of Stirling.

Sandra confirmed that they had attempted to raise some funds through holding an Easter party and a pie and pea supper.

The Community Council commented that they felt that the quote they had received was excessive compared to quotes that they had received. The Clerk agreed to attempt to find a cheaper alternative to their current quote.

Sandra confirmed that 2/3 of those attending were from the Blakelaw and North Fenham area.

On considering the application the Community Council agreed that they would 2/3 of the requested grant and would support the Kinship Carers in finding cheaper transport.

Therefore, the Community Council granted £700 of the requested £1200.

### **66/19. Minutes/Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 May 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

It was noted that reports of parking around the school had been better. KF had spoken to the Football Club and asked them to speak with players and parents with regards to safe parking when at training and playing their games.

Traffic management was still a concern and it was noted that we had not yet had a response to our queries from the City Council. The Clerk confirmed that she would chase this up.

It was confirmed that the new PCSO was Michael Todd and hopefully he would be able to attend up and coming meetings.

### **67/19. Chairs Report**

JW updated the Community Council on the Mental Health First Aider Training that was being arranged in conjunction with the Ward Councillors. JW confirmed that a supplier had been found but it was likely to be held after the summer as they were very busy at the moment. The training would be a 2 day session and a variety of people would be invited. There are a number of Community Councillors interested in attending. Further details would be provided once they were provided.

### **68/19. Police Update**

The Police were not in attendance but the Community Council had received correspondence from the new PCSO.

### **69/19. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors**

City Councillor Nora Casey provided an update to the Community Council. Their newsletter was ready to go and would be distributed in the next week or so.

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

NC reminded the meeting that the Police and Crime Commissioner elections were happening in July.

RC raised concerns with regards to youths hanging around the 165 estate, if they were moved on from one point they were just gathering at another point.

### **70/19. Sub Groups**

The first planning meeting on the sub groups was due to be held on the 4 July 2019. At this meeting arrangements would be made with regards to which Community Councillors would sit on each group.

An update was provided on the community defibrillator, a launch event needed to be arranged together with the first aid training. The Scarborough trip had been a resounding success. JW confirmed that there had been a number of interested people in relation to the vacancies that the Community Council currently had. They would be written to and asked to provide an expression of interest.

### **71/19. Financial Matters**

#### **Payments for Approval**

#### **Bank reconciliation:**

As per transactions relating to 10 May – 13 June 2019

Per Bank:  
Account 1  
Account 2

	£500.00
	£24,422.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,922.30</b>

Less: Payments:

H V Richardson – June 2019 Salary & Laptop Cover	£459.66
HMRC – June 2019(100586)	£90.80
North East Ambulance Service	£1,557.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,108.06</b>

Closing balance as at 13 June 2019 (account 2)	£22,314.24
Closing balance as at 13 June 2019 (account 1)	£500.00

**72/19. Any Other Business**

A resident asked if there had been any further news on who would hold the keys for the new gates to the bunker as she was still holding them, it was agreed all those involved would continue to chase the City Council.

**73/19. Date and time of the next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is 11 July 2019 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.