

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:
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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE HELD: Thursday 9 November 2017

TIME: 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Ron Clarke(RC), Doreen Jardine(DJ), Lorraine Birkett(LB), Karen Ferry(KF), Violet Rook(VR), Rowena Spencer(RS), Ann Keenan(AK), Ann Fullen(AF) and Irene Teasdale(IT)

In Attendance:

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident
Debbie Playford – Resident
Oskar Avery – Newcastle City Councillor
Leanne Risk – NCAT(Play and Youth Provision)
Sandra Beck– Kinship Carers
Peter Hewitt – Holly Court Club
Sarah Mason – NE Youth Limited

133/17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors James Gill and John Wears and City Councillors Nora Casey and Sue Pearson.

134/17. Declaration of Interests

Ron Clark – Newcastle Community Asset Trust, Post Master, 165 TARA and Trading Arm of NCAT
Doreen Jardine – 165 TARA and Newcastle Community Asset Trust
Karen Ferry – Board Member of Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club
Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with North East Ambulance Service
Irene Teasdale – Mrs T's Café, NCAT and Trading Arm of NCAT
Ann Keenan – Credit Union and volunteer at NCAT
Ann Fullen – Credit Union and volunteer at NCAT
Sarah Mason – NE Youth Limited

135/17. Newcastle Community Asset Trust Update – Leanne Risk

Leanne Risk(LR) updated the Community Council on the work that was currently being undertaken within the Ward and parish boundary. Leanne also provided a handout with what activities were on when.

LR stated that the funding that was received from the Community Council had been used for specific activities within the area this included detached working which was also funded by the Police.

It was confirmed that the funding received from Children in Need was to be used solely for work out of the Blakelaw Centre.

VR queried whether there were any clubs being ran from St Peter's Church. LR confirmed that they had tried in the past but there was currently nothing planned for the future.

136/17. Police

The Police were not in attendance. The Community Council acknowledged their reduction in staffing but the Community Council expressed concern that Blakelaw was falling off their radar. It was hoped that they would be in attendance at the next meeting.

City Councillor Avery(OA) gave a brief update in relation to the work they had been undertaken with the Police. It had been acknowledged that bonfire night had been a problem but SNAPS meeting had been taking place to in an attempt to combat anti-social behaviour.

137/17. Grant Application

NE Youth Limited - £2000

Sarah Mason(SM) recapped the information that she had provided at the September meeting.

KF raised a concern with regards to how many youths the organisation were expecting.

SM confirmed that they were expecting around about 15 youths as the room they were using was small.

OA commented that the City Councillors and Police were very much behind organisations like this as they felt it was the best way to combat and deal with anti-social behaviour.

Kinship Carers - £100

Sandra Beck(SB) from Kinship Carers explained to the Community Council the purpose of the kinship carers group.

SB explained that it was usually family members who gave up work etc to permanently look after a child of an extended family member, it was often

grandparents who under took this role. They are not paid for this or recognised as carers/parents. The group meet once a month on a Monday and were trying to make these sessions as valuable, supportive and as informative as they can. They have had a number of special guest speakers and talks in relation to first aid and welfare rights and are looking to have further informative sessions in the future.

SB explained that tonight's application was simply to buy selection boxes for a Christmas party that they would be holding the looked after children.

OA expressed his and Cllr Nora Casey's support for this group. It is believed that there are approximately 200,000 children looked after in this way with 910 of those children being looked after in Newcastle alone.

Holly Court Club - £800

Peter Hewitt(PH)took the Community Council through the grant application to hold a Christmas lunch and evening entertainment for the residents within Holly Court on the 14 December.

PH confirmed that they had had 2 residents drop out and would like to extend the invitation to Community Councillors. After a thorough discussion it was decided that Violet Rooke and Ann Fullen would attend the lunch and that Rowena Spencer and Lorraine Birkett would attend the evening entertainment.

PH also confirmed that Holly Court would be holding a Christmas fayre on the 2 December.

165 Estate TARA – Christmas Party - £500

Doreen Jardine explained to the Community Council the arrangements that were in place to hold a Christmas party for the young people of Blakelaw. The grant was to support those activities which were well attended by the children of the Parish.

Blakelaw Pensioners Association - £360

The Community Council read through the grant application for the Blakelaw Pensioners Association. The application was for their annual Christmas lunch in Gillsland. The application was specifically for their transport ie the hire of the coach.

Concerns were raised in relation to the number of those attending who actually lived within the parish boundary however it was confirmed that each person going did pay a fee to attend and that the grant was for the cost of the coach only.

Following a large amount of discussion grants were agreed as below:

NE Youth Limited - £1000 (with the option to return for further funding in the future)

Holly Court Club - £800

165 Estate TARA - £500

Kinship Carers - £100

Blakelaw Pensioners Association - £360

138/17. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 October 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

139/17. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

140/17. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors

Newcastle City Councillor Oskar Avery updated the Community Council and guests on what had been happening within the Ward. OA provided an update in relation to the Health Centre on Ponteland Road. It had been said that the centre was safe however this is not true and only one practice within the building was safe. The City Councillors were doing everything they could to secure the safety of the other services.

141/17. Sub Committee Memberships

Employment Group – The Employment Group had met recently. As this is a closed group should anyone wish to have further details they should contact John Wears.

Communications Group – As always the Community Council were reminded to provide items for the next newsletter.

There is still no Environmental Group however DJ confirmed that the path that runs down past the Jaguar garage had been severely overgrown but had now been cut back.

142/17. To Receive Correspondence and Communications

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent a number of emails and communications that were full of information that could be passed throughout the community.

143/17. To Consider Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.

144/17. Financial Matters

Bank reconciliation:

As per transactions relating to 13 October 2017 – 9 November 2017

Per Bank:

Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£35,347.74
Total	£35,847.74

Less: Payments:

Blakelaw Flats TARA (100500)	£450.00
Blakelaw Flats TARA(100501)	£247.00
Helen Richardson – November 2017 Salary(100504)	£444.00
HMRC – November 2017(100502)	£88.80

BWCP(100503)	£90.00
Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover (100504)	£5.00
Total	£1328.40

Closing balance as at 9 November 2017 (account 2)	£34,019.34
Closing balance as at 9 November 2017 (account 1)	£500.00

145/17. Any Other Business

The Community Council had discussed on a number of occasions their disappointment at the arrangements in relation to the meeting space that they currently held their monthly meetings in. The room was often unprepared with tables all over, dirty cups and plates lying on tables and biscuits ground in to the carpet. This combined with a gospel choir singing in the adjacent room, it was felt that meetings could no longer continue within the building. It was therefore agreed to move the monthly meeting to the community room at Moorland House. These concerns had been fed back to the those managing the building.

146/17. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 11 January 2018 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.