

# Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:  
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## **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE HELD: Thursday 8 November 2018**

**TIME: 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs John Wears(JW), Ann Fullen(AF), Karen Ferry(KF), Violet Rooke(VR), Doreen Jardine(DJ), Ron Clarke(RC), Irene Teasdale(IT) and Lorraine Birkett(LB)

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)  
Cllr Nora Casey – Blakelaw Ward Councillor  
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident  
Debbie Playford – Resident  
Jean McCartney – Resident  
Northumbria Police

### **134/18. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors James Gill, Ann Keenan and Rowena Spencer

Apologies were also received from Newcastle City Councillors Oskar Avery and Linda Hobson.

### **135/18. Declaration of Interests**

- Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with the North East Ambulance Service
- Ann Fullen – Volunteer at Newcastle Community Asset Trust and volunteer at the Credit Union
- Karen Ferry – Board Member of Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club

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- Doreen Jardine – 165 TARA and Newcastle Community Asset Trust
- Ron Clarke - 165 TARA, Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust
- Irene Teasdale – Mrs T's Café and 165 TARA and NCAT Trading Arm

### **136/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **137/18. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **138/18. Grant Applications**

#### **165 TARA – Children's Christmas Party**

Community Councillor Doreen Jardine(DJ) took the Community Council through the application to hold a Christmas party for the children within the Parish area. DJ confirmed that this year they had increased the age range to up to 12 years old to make the event more inclusive. DJ also confirmed that this event had been successful over the years and was great for community spirit.

#### **165 TARA – Afternoon Tea**

Community Councillor Doreen Jardine(DJ) took the Community Council through an application for funding to hold an afternoon tea for older residents who lived within the Parish. DJ confirmed that it was hoped that they would have 100 people attending the event just prior to Christmas.

#### **Holly Court Christmas Lunch and Bus Trip**

Residents from Holly Court were in attendance to take the Community Council through their application.

#### **Jelly Tots Messy Play**

It was agreed that this application would be considered at a later date due to the applicant not being in attendance. The Clerk is to contact the applicant and ask if she still wishes to apply for funding.

#### **Blakelaw Pensioners Association**

It was agreed that the Clerk would read through this application due to the applicants being unable to attend but all the necessary documentation had been supplied including quotes.

**The following Community Councillors left the room whilst a discussion took place with the regards to the below grants:**

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**165 TARA – Irene Teasdale, Ron Clarke and Doreen Jardine  
Holly Court – Irene Teasdale (due to having a close relationships with  
residents at Holly Court)**

## **Discussion**

### **165 TARA – Christmas Party**

The Community Councillors discussed the information that had been provided. It was noted that there was no quote for the disco and that funding had been requested to provide a meal to the volunteers. The Community Council felt that by the nature of volunteering this meant volunteers didn't receive any sort of paid/benefit reward (other than the feel good factor). The Community Council therefore agreed to fund £450 of the £500 requested but that this funding should not be released until the quote for the disco had been received.

### **165 TARA – Afternoon Tea**

The Community Council discussed the information that had been provided. It was agreed that this would be a good event for the older residents within the area and that funding would be agreed in principal but that until exact numbers were known the amount of funding would not be agreed. It was agreed that organisers would need to ensure that only residents within the Parish were funded by the grant funding and that numbers would need to be confirmed with the Community Council at the 6 December budget meeting. Concerns were raised in relation to the cost of hiring a room within the Blakelaw Community Centre, it was felt that these were becoming excessive especially when those organisations using them were community groups/charities themselves with very little money.

### **Holly Court**

The Community Council discussed the information that had been provided and agreed to grant the funding application in full.

### **Jelly Tots Messy Play**

It was agreed that this application would be considered at a later meeting as the applicant was not in attendance and the community Council wished to have the opportunity to ask questions with regards to the grant funding application.

### **Blakelaw Pensioners Association**

The Community council considered the information that was available. It was noted by the Community Council that the Blakelaw Pensioners Association kept in regular touch, completed their application correctly providing all the necessary documentation and followed up their application with the monitoring forms after their event. The Community Council thereafter agreed to funding this application in full.

### **139/18. Police Update**

The Police were in attendance and confirmed that things had been relatively quiet ie there had not been many disorder complaints. They had distributed a questionnaire to the residents of Abercrombie Place and were awaiting the results of that. It was queried whether they would consider undertaking a questionnaire in other areas of the Parish. The Police confirmed that it could be looked in to.

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The Police again took the Community Council through the benefits of a Criminal Behaviour Order following a number of incidents in the Binswood area.

DJ queried what action was being taken regarding a number of horses that had appeared in a garden on Amersham Place. There had also been a number of motorbikes riding around Chessaur Avenue. The Police confirmed that these incidents were being looked in to but it was important that residents were contacting the Police and informing them of these incidents.

### **140/18. Chairs Report**

JW shared his most recent Chair's Report with the Community Council (copy attached).

### **141/18. Training**

The Chair confirmed that everyone's attendance was required at the training session that had been arranged through NALC on the 13 December and the budget discussion would be held on the 6 December 2018.

### **142/18. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors**

City Councillor Nora Casey updated the meeting in relation to issues within the Ward. The PDSA were holding an event on the 20 November between 10-4pm where residents could go and hear about the work that they did and take their pets along.

There would be a meeting arranged for the 17 January 2019 between 6 and 7.30pm to discuss the next stages of the Park Life Project.

The Ward Councillors newsletter was nearly ready for distribution to residents.

In relation to parking concerns at the 3 high rise flats, it was confirmed that they were simply awaiting a date for the bays to be painted in.

Cllr Casey also encouraged people to take part in the People's Budget on line via the Newcastle City Council website.

### **143/18. Sub Committee**

**Standards Committee** – No update.

**Communications Group** – JW is the chair of this group and updated the Community Council in relation to social media, notice boards, the newsletter and VR continued to update the website.

**Environmental Group** – VR updated the meeting following her attendance at the recent Newcastle Transport Meeting. The next meeting of the Environmental Group is in January 2019

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## **Blakelaw Club Football Club Juniors – Awaiting grant application**

The Clerk also updated the meeting on the forthcoming Christmas Market trip to York on the 8 December 2018.

## 144/18. To Receive Correspondence and Communications

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent out a number of different items of correspondence that should be passed on to those that may be interested in attending.

## 145/18. To Consider Planning Applications

Planning continued to send through information on planning applications.

## 146/18. Financial Matters

### **Bank reconciliation:**

As per transactions relating to 12 October 2018 – 8 November 2018

Per Bank:

Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£47,073.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>£47,573.94</b>

### **Less: Payments:**

Stanley Travel (100550)	£545.00
Blakelaw Flats TARA(100551)	£400.00
Blakelaw Flats TARA(100552)	£350.00
NCAT(100553)	£220.00
John Wears(100554)	£59.95
Helen Richardson – Salary November 2018(100555)	£454.66
Helen Richardson – Consumables(100556)	£62.37
HMRC – November 2018(100557)	£91.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2182.98</b>

### **Payments in:**

HMRC VAT Return	£596.14
Closing balance as at 8 November 2018 (account 2)	£45,487.10
Closing balance as at 8 November 2018 (account 1)	£500.00

## 147/18. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 10 January 2019 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.

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