

# Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



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

**DATE HELD: Thursday 11 April 2019**

**TIME: 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs John Wears(JW), Violet Rooke(VR), Ann Keenan(AK), Ann Fullen(AF), Irene Teasdale(IT), Ron Clarke(RC) and Lorraine Birkett(LB)

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)  
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident  
Jean McCartney – Resident  
Debbie Playford – Resident  
Pauline Hume – Resident  
Val Morrison - Resident  
Newcastle City Councillor – Nora Casey  
Elaine Flynn – NUFC Foundation Kicks Project

Prior to the commencement of the meeting residents wished to obtain clarity around who was able to attend the up and coming outing to Scarborough as there seemed to be a number of conflicting messages. The Clerk confirmed that to be eligible to attend the trip you had to live within the Parish boundary and pay a precept. Proof of address would be requested on collection of tickets. However, the exception to this would be if a resident had a carer who didn't live within the boundary they would be able to accompany the resident. The Clerk confirmed that whilst everything would be done to try and keep the attendance of those on the trip to parish residents only it was easier said than done.

### **40/19. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors Karen Ferry, James Gill and Rowena Spencer.

## **41/19. 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
- Irene Teasdale – Mrs T's Café and 165 TARA and NCAT Trading Arm
- Ann Fullen – Volunteer at Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Credit Union
- Ann Keenan – Volunteer at Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Credit Union

## **41/19. Grant Applications**

### **NUFC Foundation Kicks Project (£2000)**

Elaine Flynn(EF) from NUFC Foundation attended the meeting to go through the application for grant funding and provide an update on the progress of the project.

EF confirmed that the project continued to grow from strength to strength and there were now 107 young people attending the Kicks Project at Blakelaw Park. EF commented that it wasn't just about playing football the project also took part in specialist days such as anti-bullying awareness days, visits to other projects within the area and they were also encouraging women's football.

EF confirmed that they were heavily involved in the new parks project which would hopefully enable the project to engage further with the young people attending and be able to track the progress of those attending as currently this was not always possible with the fields being open to all.

EF informed the Community Council that they had 13 projects across the North East and all sites were thriving. The Foundation were currently having their own building built next to St James Park, the Foundation were currently using St James' Park facility.

In response to a question around the diversity of the young people who were attending the sessions, EF confirmed that they had both boys and girls attending the sessions although it was accepted that there were more boys than girls however this was something they would be working on. In relation to those attending with disabilities EF confirmed that they had 3 young people who attended the sessions with recognised and documented disabilities however it was felt that there were more but this was often hard for the Kicks project to have documented. EF confirmed that they would undertake targeted sessions for those young people who required further assistance and they also worked with the project "Twelfth Man" focusing on men's mental health.

Following a discussion, the Community Council agreed to the application for grant funding in the sum of £2000.

### **Blakelaw Flats TARA – Coach Trip (£1300) and Christmas Lunch (£350)**

Residents of Blakelaw Flats TARA took the Community Council through the 2 applications for funding. Their first application was for 3 coach trips for residents of

the 3 tower blocks. The coach trips had been very successful so far with good attendance at those that had taken place so far.

In response to a question with regards to whether the TARA raised their own funding towards the trips, it was confirmed that they didn't as their experience had been if people were asked to contribute, people didn't attend the outing.

In relation to the second application for a Christmas lunch, TARA residents confirmed that this was a hugely success day with maximum attendance. Not only did it bring residents together, local school children also attended to sing and join in the day. TARA residents confirmed that they were hoping to have 25/30 residents attend however if more residents wished to attend, they would have 2 events.

Following a discussion it was agreed to fund both applications for funding.

### **Blakelaw Pensioners Association – Coach Trip (£900)**

The Clerk took the Community Council through the funding application from the Blakelaw Pensioners Association. The Council had agreed that they were happy to consider the application in the BPA's absence as all required information was present.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to grant the funding for the coach trip.

**NOTE** – At a recent budget meeting it was agreed that from April 2019 the maximum amount of grant funding a community group could apply for would be £1200. This was due to the budget for grant applications being reduced to allow for other projects to take place without having to raise the community precept. However, it was agreed that this may not have been widely advertised hence the granting in full of April's grant funding applications.

### **42/19. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

### **43/19. Election Nominations and Co-opting Process/Arrangements**

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council currently had 4 vacancies within the Parish. 1 in Cragston and 3 in North Fenham. As there would be no election on the 2 May, the Community Council could go ahead and co-opt on to the Community Council. It was felt that the Community Council should start to think about how they wished to co-opt new Community Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that Notice's advertising the vacancies would go up in the next couple of weeks.

### **44/19. Chairs Report to include Correspondence/Planning Applications**

The Chair briefly updated the Community Council on the following:

- Blakelaw Park
- Parking on Binswood Avenue
- The Chair had met with the Head Teacher of Hilton Primary School with regards to parking and it was very clear that they were attempting to do everything they could to assist in reducing the problem.

- In relation to the lifts being off in Moorland House. It was confirmed they were now fixed. A resident confirmed that YHN had been very helpful, issuing letters and offering assistance to those residents who needed help to get down the stairs.
- The Chair had met with Glen with regards to the cost of the hire of rooms within the neighbourhood centre and that it was felt it was excessive for community groups.
- The Chair was organising dates for a mental health training day.
- The newsletter was nearly ready and it was hoped that it would be distributed within the next couple of weeks.

#### **45/19. Police**

The Police were not in attendance due to shift patterns. However, the Community Council were informed that the current PCSO had been moved over to another area and Blakelaw were awaiting the arrival of a new PCSO.

#### **46/19. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors**

Cllr Nora Casey was in attendance and provided an update.

Young people from the area had taken part in a little pick organised by Newcastle Community Asset Trust.

#### **47/19. Sub-Committee Updates**

**Standards Committee** – No update.

**Communications Group** – It was confirmed that the Community Councils social media accounts continued to flourish as were hits on the website, the website would be upgraded to take in to account the withdrawal from Newcastle City council's website. The newsletter was almost finalised.

**Environmental Group** – No update.

**Blakelaw Club Football Club Juniors** – No update

#### **48/19. Financial Matters**

**Payments for Approval:-**

##### **Bank reconciliation:**

As per transactions relating to 15 March to 31 March 2019

Per Bank:		
Account 1		£500.00
Account 2		£33,240.03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,740.03</b>

##### **Less: Payments:**

Blakelaw Flats TARA – Room Hire (100582)	£120.00
Mad Alice Theatre Company (100583)	£1987.00
	<b>Total £2107.00</b>

Closing balance as at 31 March 2019 (account 2)	£31,133.03
Closing balance as at 31 March 2019 (account 1)	£500.00

As per transactions relating to 1 April 2019 – 11 April 2019

Per Bank:	
Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£31,133.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>£31,633.03</b>

Less: Payments:

Shred-it	£110.16
H V Richardson – Stationary	£101.31
H V Richardson – April 2019 Salary	£454.66
H V Richardson – Laptop Cover	£5.00
HMRC – April 2019	£90.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>£716.93</b>

Closing balance as at 11 April 2019 (account 2)	£30,416.10
Closing balance as at 11 April 2019 (account 1)	£500.00

**49/19. Any Other Business**

No issues raised

**50/19. Date and time of the next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is 9 May 2019 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.