

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:
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Chairperson of Council: Ron Clarke
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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE HELD: Thursday 11 January 2018

TIME: 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Ron Clarke(RC), James Gill(JG), Karen Ferry(KF), Violet Rook(VR), John Wears and Irene Teasdale(IT)

In Attendance:

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident
Debbie Playford – Resident
Jean McCartney– Resident
Oskar Avery – Newcastle City Councillor
Nora Casey – Newcastle City Councillor
Linda Hobson – Labour Candidate in May 2018 Elections
Paul – North East Ambulance Service

1/18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors Ann Keenan, Ann Fullen, Doreen Jardine, Rowena Spencer and Lorraine Birkett

2/18. Declaration of Interests

Ron Clark – Newcastle Community Asset Trust, Post Master, 165 TARA and Trading Arm of NCAT
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
James Gill – Newcastle Community Asset Trust

3/18. Discussion re Defibrillators in the Community and the Role that North East Ambulance Service can play

Paul ???? attended from the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) to talk to the Community Council about the use of community defibrillators.

Paul talked to the Council about the different types of defibrillator unit that can be used. Defibrillators can be kept outside in secure boxes (community defibs) which are easily accessible to everyone in the community or kept inside local businesses and buildings. These are obviously less accessible as they are only available whilst the building is open. There was a unit in the Blakelaw Club but this was obviously restricted to their opening times. NEAS also commented that it was not registered with them. KF will speak to the Club and ask if they would like to move it outside and the Community Council would pay for the secure unit and also register the unit with NEAS.

NEAS will provide a free 2 hour training course if community defibrillators are bought. There would be a training charge if they were to be placed in buildings as they become an asset of that building. The approximate cost of each unit is around £1600 plus a secure unit to house the unit. The running costs are approximately £15 per year in terms of electricity as the unit needs to be plugged in at all times. The life expectancy of a defibrillator battery is around 4/5 years. Pads last 3 years if not used and are £30 per pair, these are renewed after each use. Regular checks were required by 2 identified persons, these checks were feedback to NEAS.

Paul then showed the Community Council how the unit worked.

The Community Council agreed that this was definitely a project they wished to support and whilst there were concerns around the vandalism of the units if kept outside it was felt that youths could be educated by youth projects around the importance of looking after them as they saved lives.

The Community Council agreed that the next steps would be to decide where the units should be placed, how many units should be purchased, permission needed to be secured from any property owners and how the units would be made secure ie light, metal or plastic box.

4/18. Police

The Police were not in attendance. Cllr Nora Casey provided a brief update following a meeting she had held with the Police the previous day. One of the issues to come out of that meeting was that the Police believed that incidents of fire did not seem to be as much of a problem. Resident Debbie Playford commented that the Police and Fire Service were not talking to each other as fire related incidents were still a problem.

IT and RC felt that the area had been quiet of late.

Resident Margaret Kilpatrick had received a letter from another resident within the Blakelaw flats regarding youths in the building. 101 had been called but no-one had responded and at a premium of 50p per minute with the possibility of being on hold for 40 minutes plus residents were reluctant to ring them.

Cllr Avery commented that the ongoing cuts to the Police were a problem but Cllr Casey was happy to take forward the Blakelaw flats resident complaint.

5/18. Grant Application

There were no applications for funding to consider.

6/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

7/18. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

8/18. 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. Cllr Avery commented that it was unlikely that the existing people in the health centre would take it on but it may be possible for the pharmacist to take it as his daughter was a Doctor and they had been pulling a case together. There were concerns raised regarding the walk in centre but it was confirmed that this was one of the highest used in the area so this will stay and be upgraded.

Resident Debbie Playford commented that more people would use the surrounding hospitals if they were to close the doctors.

RC stated that he had heard that the Westerhope branch of the doctors was going to close and was this true. Cllr Avery stated that he hadn't heard this but he would find out.

It was confirmed that the keys to the Cowgate centre were soon to be given to NCAT. Cowgate was due to come in to the Ward but it did not have an impact upon the parish boundary. NCAT were promising big things at the Cowgate centre.

JG and RC stated that they were shocked at this news as despite sitting on the Board of NCAT they were unaware that this was happening.

City Councillors reminded everyone that they still held their surgery on a Saturday at Moorland House.

The meeting was reminded that there was an up and coming consultation on the area which once housed the red hut. It was being proposed that the land would be used for social housing.

New road markings had been put in place at Hylton Primary School in an attempt to deal with the large amounts of traffic in the and around the school. There were now double yellow lines all around the school. This however has caused concern for those residents who live on Gishford Way as it is pushing the traffic up their street. It was noted that the parking services car had not been seen in the area for a while. Cllr Casey advised that she would try and arrange for the vehicle to come out.

9/18. Sub Committee Memberships

Employment Group – 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. Community Councillors were reminded to think about bringing this group back.

10/18. To Receive Correspondence and Communications

The meeting discussed the email in relation to the Royal Garden Party and the Clerk put forwarded Community Councillor Rowena Spencer's interest. As there were only a very small number of tickets for the whole of the northern area and they felt a longer serving Councillor should attend, they felt on this occasion they did not wish to nominate.

The email relating to brain tumours was rolled to a future meeting due to Cllr Fullen not being in attendance.

11/18. To Consider Planning Applications

Discussion took place around the planned work and/or consultation for the red hut site, the Roundhill area and an extra floor being built on Cragston Court.

12/18. Financial Matters

Bank reconciliation:

As per transactions relating to 10 November 2017 – 11 January 2018

Per Bank:

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| Account 1 | £500.00 |
| Account 2 | £34,019.34 |
| Total | £34,519.34 |

Less: Payments:

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| 165 Estate TARA (100507) | £500.00 |
| NE Youth Limited (100509) | £1000.00 |
| Helen Richardson – December 2017 Salary(100506) | £444.00 |
| HMRC – December 2017(100505) | £88.80 |
| Holly Court Club (100510) | £800.00 |
| Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover (100506) | £5.00 |
| Kinship Carers (100511) | £100.00 |
| Blakelaw Pensioners (100512) | £360.00 |
| Helen Richardson – Consumables (100514) | £86.77 |
| Helen Richardson – January 2018 Salary (100515) | £444.00 |
| Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover (100515) | £5.00 |
| HMRC – January 2018 (100516) | £88.80 |
| ROAM Distribution (100517) | £480.00 |
| Total | £4,402.37 |

Credit: Payments

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| Grant Funding Refund | £168.00 |
| Cancelled Cheque (100513) | £120.00 |
| Total | £288.00 |

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| Closing balance as at 11 January 2018 (account 2) | £29,904.97 |
| Closing balance as at 11 January 2018 (account 1) | £500.00 |

13/18. Any Other Business

RC raised his concerns around the state of the noticeboards. There was a discussion around whose responsibility these noticeboards were and whether or they were still needed. It was explained that the agendas needed to be placed in areas around the parish area to enable meetings to be accessible. Cllr Casey commented that they had been provided with prices with regards to having some of these notice boards repaired. Cllr Casey will forward these to the Clerk. RC would like this item placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

14/18. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 8 February 2018 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.