

# 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 12 April 2018**

**TIME: 6.00 pm.**

### **Present:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)  
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident  
Jean McCartney– Resident  
Oskar Avery – Newcastle City Councillor  
Steve Mack – NUFC Foundation  
Laura Wilson – NUFC Foundation

### **41/18. Apologies for Absence**

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

Apologies were also received from the Police and City Councillor Nora Casey.

### **42/18. Declaration of Interests**

Ron Clark – Newcastle Community Asset Trust(NCAT), Post Master, 165 TARA and Trading Arm of NCAT  
Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with North East Ambulance Service  
Ann Keenan – Volunteer for NCAT and Credit Union  
Irene Teasdale – NCAT(Trading Arm) and Mrs T's Café  
James Gill – NCAT  
Karen Ferry – Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club

## 43/18. Grant Applications

### NUFC Foundation

Laura Wilson(LW) talked the Community Council through the work that the NUFC Foundation had been undertaken over the year.

LW stated that whilst they had had a great year, the weather had had a big impact upon the attendance over the poor winter and it had taken a couple of sessions following the extreme snowy weather to bring attendance back up to where it had been.

LW commented that the main positive was that they had been involved in meetings following a rise in anti-social behaviour in the hope that they could use the work that the Foundation do to target these groups – this had been very successful.

Staffing of the sessions had continued to remain consistent with those staff building good relationships with those attending.

LW talked through the plans for the coming year and confirmed that female participation was a priority and they were looking to deliver a specific programme aimed at females in the sport. LW and Steve Mack(SM) confirmed that they had just returned from a tournament in Manchester where they had taken a group of girls to play.

JG queried how many youths participated. LW confirmed that sessions were still busy but that the under 14's were still a little quiet with only 23 attending sessions regularly. It was hoped that this would improve as the weather got better in the coming weeks. LW confirmed that sessions were ran 48 weeks of the year as it was important to keep consistency for youths in the area.

KF queried how the Foundation advertised. LW stated that they had never really had to advertise as a lot of those who attended had other siblings and friends already attending. LW confirmed that the Monday night sessions was well established with generations of families attending.

The Foundation had recently bought a new sign to advertise but if numbers did fall they would turn to leaflets and social media.

JG asked how the Foundation would get more females involved. LW confirmed that they would be engaging with schools and offering the sessions for free. LW confirmed that the NUFC had a successful woman's team who had recently played in the County Cup Final.

The Community Council discussed with the Foundation linking up and working with Blakelaw Club Juniors FC. They confirmed that they would contact them to see how they could work together.

OA also updated the Community Council on the Parklife Project.

Following a small discussion the grant (£2000) was agreed in full.

SM also donated a signed football which the Community Council donated to Blakelaw Club Juniors FC to enable them to raffle it at their up and coming presentation night to raise funds for the club.

### **Blakelaw Flats TARA**

The Blakelaw Flats TARA confirmed that they were looking to arranged a trip to the lakes and hold a Royal wedding celebration for the residents of the 3 blocks of flats. They had once again struggled to get tenants involved despite hand delivering flyers to residents but they would continue trying.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to both grant funding applications (£870 – trip to lakes & £250 – Royal wedding party).

The Community Council however would like to see further quotes for transport in the future.

### **United Dance**

United Dance had requested a grant form and queried as to whether the Community Council knew of any units/rooms that they could rent or buy and make the it their own. They had not submitted their grant funding application and the Community Council were unaware of any vacant spaces they could call their own although there possibly maybe some space above the pharmacy on Ponteland Road.

### **44/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 March 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **45/18. Matters Arising**

Again, the parking around Hilton School was raised as a concern. Discussions were still being held with the school but JG confirmed that residents were not being consulted. OA confirmed that he would feed this back to those involved in those conversations.

### **46/18. Police Update**

The Police were not in attendance but had popped in prior to the meeting starting to say that they were distributing ASB Orders that had been extended that evening.

### **47/18. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors**

OA updated the Community Council on the new “Play Street” initiative the City Council were launching. The idea was that parts of streets were able to close to allow children to play and/or hold community events. The City Council would absorb the cost. OA was looking for ideas as to where this could be done as City Councillors were keen to support the initiative. Was it possible to do something on the 165 Estate?

OA confirmed that bin collections were now back to normal following the adverse weather conditions.

There was also a general discussion around the City Council budget, the rise in Council Tax and the financial commitments that the City Council. The Community Council raised concerns around potholes that had appeared following the recent bad weather and who should they be reported to. AO advised that potholes should be reported to the City Council.

OA confirmed that Polling Cards had now been distributed and also encouraged everyone to vote in the up and coming elections.

#### **48/18. 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** – 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.

#### **49/18. 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. Community Councillors were again asked to ensure if they were aware of any events in the area this information should be shared in order to allow others to attend should they wish to.

#### **50/18. To Consider Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to consider.

#### **51/18. Financial Matters**

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

As per transactions relating to 9 March 2018 – 31 March 2018

Per Bank:	
Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£28,829.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>£29,329.37</b>

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

Blakelaw Pensioners Association(100476)	
(payment made in April 2017 but not recorded)	£800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£800.00</b>

Closing balance as at 31 March 2018 (account 2)	£26,830.64
Closing balance as at 31 March 2018 (account 1)	£411.20

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

As per transactions relating to 1 April 2018 – 12 April 2018

Per Bank:		
Account 1		£411.20
Account 2		£26,830.64
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£27,241.84</b>

Less: Payments:

Helen Richardson – Salary April 2018(100522)	£444.00
Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover(100522)	£5.00
Helen Richardson – Training/Consumables(100525)	£74.24
HMRC – April 2018(100523)	£88.80
Blakelaw Flats Tara – Room Hire(100524)	£30.00
	<b>Total £642.04</b>

Closing balance as at 12 April 2018 (account 2)	£26,099.80
Closing balance as at 12 April 2018 (account 1)	£500.00

**52/18. Date and time of the next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is 10 May 2018 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.