

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



Meeting held at:
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Chairperson of Council: John Wears
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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE HELD: Thursday 12 July 2018

TIME: 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs John Wears(JW), Rowena Spencer(RS), Ann Keenan(AK), James Gill(JG), Karen Ferry(KF), Irene Teasdale(IT), Violet Rooke(VR) and Lorraine Birkett(LB)

In Attendance:

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)
Cllr Nora Casey – Blakelaw Ward Councillor
Cllr Linda Hobson – Blakelaw Ward Councillor
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident
Debbie Playford – Resident
Jean McCartney – Resident
Wendy Kesson – Resident
Eunice Landrells – Resident
Jim Landrells – Resident
Arthur Fredricks – Resident
Sara - North East Youth Ltd

89/18. Members of the Public

There were a number of residents who wished to raise concerns and questions. These are detailed below:

1. A resident raised concerns regarding the slashing of car tyres and the snapping off of car wing mirrors whilst they were parked in the car park of Brockwell House. A meeting had been arranged with residents on the Saturday morning. The Police were involved and were making inquiries and the local MP had been written to and responded. Other residents complained that cameras were not in the right place, residents weren't able to park near the block of flat due to workmen and residents from the new builds parking

there. Residents confirmed that they had fought for years to obtain car parks for the flats without success. City Councillor Nora Casey took the details and confirmed that she would look in to what was happening.

2. A resident queried how she would be able to obtain a bungalow on the Roundhill site. It was confirmed that there would only be 2 bungalows and that any interest should be made with Your Homes Newcastle.
3. A resident complained about water running down the path past 12 and 14 Sunnyway. Unfortunately Northumbria Water have stated that they are not responsible but the water is coming up through the pavement and smelly. The Community Council are unsure how they can help but they will make enquiries.

90/18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors Ron Clarke, Doreen Jardine and Ann Fullen

Apologies were also received from Newcastle City Councillor Oskar Avery.

91/18. Declaration of Interests

- Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with the North East Ambulance Service
- Irene Teasdale – Owner of Mrs T's Café and member of the Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust(NCAT)
- Rowena Spencer – Member of the Newcastle Standards Board
- James Gill – Member of Newcastle Community Asset Trust Ann Keenan – Volunteer at Newcastle Community Asset Trust and volunteer at the Credit Union
- Irene Teasdale – Owner of Mrs T's Café and member of the Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust(NCAT)
- Karen Ferry – Board Member of Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club

92/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 June 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

93/18. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

94/18. Grant Applications

There were no grant applications to consider however Sara from NE Youth Ltd provided an update on how they had spent their grant funding. Sara confirmed that as per previous discussion they had found it hard to engage with youths in the area and bring them in to St Peters however they had continued to do outreach and this had lead them to a small group of youths who they had started to engage with. It was still very early and the group were very demanding but this was the challenge they had set out to do. Sara also confirmed that they had received a grant through Tesco bags for life and they were able to provide a summer programme for the group.

The Chair thanked Sara for her update and encouraged NE Youth Ltd to consider a further grant the Community Council

95/18. Chairs Report

JW shared his most recent Chair's Report with the Community Council (copy attached). Issues covered were youths wrecking garage roofs and stealing things from gardens, speeding on Binswood Avenue, Sunnyway and Ponteland Road continued to be a problem. Cllr Casey confirmed that she had raised these issues on a regular basis however would continue to raise them for the residents in the area.

The Chair confirmed that he had been working with City Councillor Linda Hobson in relation to mental health well being and was hoping to be able to up date the Community Council at the September meeting.

96/18. Police Update

The Police were not in attendance however residents raised the following concerns:

- Concerns were raised about youths setting fire to the park. Residents queried whether there was a moveable camera that could be placed to cover the park. It was thought however that this camera was being used in another area of the City. Hopefully the Police would be in attendance at the next meeting and it was hoped that these queries around cameras could be answered.
- Queries were also raised with regards to bollards around the shopping centre and the problems being caused by the Post Office and Cash Machine Van

97/18. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors

NC updated the Community Council in relation to their Ward event that was taking place on the 6 September. It was hoped that the event would be held out side but this was dependant on the weather. At the event there would be bike marking, Parklife update and discussions around the Councils budget.

NC confirmed that parking at Hilton Primary School continued to be a problem and no matter what solution was tried it seem to make the matter worse somewhere else. Yellow lines were still to be used but it was not expected to solve the problems. It was suggested that the community council write to the schools and try and engage with them in an attempt to combat the parking problem.

New contractors had started on the 165 estate to help complete the work.

98/18. Sub Committee

Standards Committee – RS confirmed that she had attend at Standards Committee however this was a closed group therefore matters would not be discussed openly.

Communications Group – JW is the chair of this group and took the Community Council through the notes of the meeting. VR provided an update regarding the website. The newsletter had been printed and delivery had seemed a success with a number of contacts being made from residents.

Environmental Group – JW went through the minutes of the meeting. Littering, household bins, speeding and air pollution being hot topics. Anti-social behaviour is still high on the agenda and residents feel that they are not being taken seriously and that those committing crimes are being protected.

NC queried whether the community council would be interested in undertaking a joint litter pick to help with the litter problem in the area.

Blakelaw Club Football Club Juniors - KF provided an update in relation the what was happening with the Football Club. KF confirmed that as yet the signed football that the Community Council had donated was yet to be raffled as they were looking to hold a sports memorabilia event but were currently in the process of collecting other items.

KF confirmed that there were now nearly 100 young people attending the football club and that there was a girl's team. Gavin Campbell was hoping to attend the September meeting with an update.

99/18. 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.

100/18. To Consider Planning Applications

Planning continued to send through information on planning applications.

101/18. Financial Matters

Bank reconciliation:

As per transactions relating to 15 June 2018 – 12 July 2018

Per Bank:

Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£19,866.63
Total	£20,366.63

Income: Payments:

Precept	£31,000.00
Interest	£12.60
	£31,012.60

Less: Payments:

HMRC(100538)	£88.80
Helen Richardson – July 2018 Salary(100537)	£444.00
Helen Richardson – Stationary ect(100539)	£13.04
Total	£545.84

Closing balance as at 12 July 2018 (account 2)	£50,333.39
Closing balance as at 12 July 2018 (account 1)	£500.00

The Clerk also confirmed that the Community Council were currently in the process of setting up online banking and changing the signatories on the chequing account. James Gill, Violet Rook and John Wears were to be sent up for online banking. Ann Fullen was to be removed from the chequing account with John Wears being added. This would mean that Ron Clarke, Ann Keenan and John Wears would be authorised to sign cheques.

101/18. Any Other Business

RS would still like to pursue the memorial bench scheme and the cycling proficiency scheme. RS had been speaking with the Fusiliers who had supported a number of memorial benches on the quayside. RS will obtain further information from the Fusiliers and hopefully bring it to September's meeting. RS would be keen to located a memorial bench in the park and t Kenton School

102/18. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 13 September 2018 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.