

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 13 July 2017

TIME: 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Ron Clarke(RC), Ann Keenan(AK), Violet Rook(VR), Doreen Jardine(DJ), Lorraine Birkett(LB), Karen Ferry(KF) and Irene Teesdale(IT)

In Attendance:

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident
Debbie Playford – Resident
Jean McCartney – Resident
John Reilly – Blakelaw Social Juniors Football Club
Gavin Campbell – Blakelaw Social Juniors Football Club
Oskar Avery – Newcastle City Councillor

89/17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillors James Gill, Ann Fullen and John Wears

90/17. Declaration of Interests

Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with North East Ambulance Service
Irene Teasdale – Mrs T's Café 1 & 2 and Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust(NCAT)
Ron Clark – Newcastle Community Asset Trust, Post Master, 165 TARA and Trading Arm of NCAT
Doreen Jardine – 165 TARA and Newcastle Community Asset Trust
Ann Keenan – Volunteer ay Moneywise

91/17. Co-options of New Community Councillor

This item was carried over to the next meeting of the Community Council.

92/17. Police

The Police were not in attendance.

93/17. Grant Applications

Blakelaw Social Juniors Football Club

Karen Ferry declared an interest in this item as she sits on their Committee following an invite by them.

John and Gavin attended the meeting to talk the Community Council through how they became involved with the football club, what their plans for the future were going to be and what they had achieved so far. They accepted that there had been concerns raised under the previous management however stressed that this was a whole new management committee and that by having a representative of the Community Council on that committee it would be open and transparent. The Football Club were keen to work alongside the Community Council to maximise the attendance of the sessions. It was also agreed that they would provide regular updates for the newsletter.

The Community Council discussed the information that was provided within the grant and agreed to grant £2000 which was slightly higher than the requested amount but they felt that football was often at the heart of the community and should therefore be fully supported.

Hattrick (continuation of funding request)

The Clerk took the Council through the information she had received from Hattricks regarding their request to continue with the left-over funding. Concerns were raised that the grant had been for 15 women to complete their sports leadership training however only 7 women had completed it. Following a lengthy discussion it was decided that the remainder of the grant funding should be returned as it had not been used for what it had initially been requested for. It was agreed that the remaining £168 should be returned for another organisation to use.

94/17. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 June 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

95/17. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

96/17. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors

City Councillor Oskar Avery (OA) provided the Community Council with an update as to what had been happening with the Blakelaw Ward.

OA informed the Community Council that the Ward Councillors were meeting with the City Council the following week to discuss the ongoing problems regarding the very large trees within the area. OA would update once they had met.

Discussion regarding high rise buildings in the area were still ongoing. Everyone agreed that YHN had been very proactive and the majority of residents were happy with what had taken place so far.

KF queried whether the problems that had been flagged at a previous meeting regarding the fire alarms had now been rectified – it has and has gone to a separate careline service.

Debbie Playford commented however that they would still like to see more fire alarm drills being undertaken and confirmation of whether a resident should stay put or leave as this was still being debated and some residents had been given conflicting information. It was also confirmed that the flats did have dry risers in place.

OA confirmed that the Parks Consultation was ongoing and that he had spoken to the Football Club about sport in parks.

OA updated the meeting on traffic/parking issues in the area. There is to be a new crossing placed on Binswoods Avenue and more parking to be provided at Thomas Walling School however they were no further forward with the issues of parking on Binswood Avenue. The meeting again stressed the problems of parking around Hylton School and on Norham Place.

97/17. Venues for Future Meetings

The Community Council discussed the venues for future meetings. Generally the Council like the idea of moving around the Parish area however the only concern would be that those wishing to attend wouldn't know where the meeting has been moved to. The Clerk confirmed that we had held a meeting in the community room of Moorland House and it had worked well. The Clerk confirmed that she had been in discussion with the committee at Moorland House with a view to using this room in the future.

Unfortunately, other venues that had been contacted were yet to respond.

98/17. Sub Committee Memberships

Employment Group – The Employment Group had met recently. As this is a closed group should anyone wish to have further details they should contact John Wears.

Communications Group – The Communications Group had also recently met and had had a very good meeting. A newsletter was in the pipeline and discussions took place around how the Community Council could have more engagement with the residents. The Community Council were hoping to be able to piggyback on to a Christmas Fayre to hold another “meet your Community Councillor” event. The Community Councillors were asked to think about ideas for the future. The state of the notice boards was also discussed although a decision in how to take this forward is yet to be agreed.

There is still no Environmental Group and the Clerk again asked the Community Council to consider how they wished to move forward with this.

99/17. To Receive Correspondence and Communications

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent a number of emails and communications that were full of information that could be passed throughout the community.

100/17. To Consider Planning Applications

Once again, the Community Council hadn't been notified of any planning applications. OA advised that the Ward Councillors received notifications and would find out who the contact was.

101/17. Financial Matters

Bank reconciliation:

As per transactions relating to 16 June 2017 – 13 July 2017

Per Bank:

Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£41,630.91
Total	£42,130.91

Less: Payments:

Helen Richardson – July 2017 Salary(100485)	£444.00
Helen Richardson – Laptop/Stationary(100486)	£50.88
HMRC – July 2017(100487)	£88.80
Blakelaw Flats TARA(100484)	£450.00
Total	£1033.68

Closing balance as at 13 July 2017 (account 2)	£40,597.23
Closing balance as at 13 July 2017 (account 1)	£500.00

102/17. Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is 21 September 2017 at 6pm.