



Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council

Meeting held at:
 The Community Room
 Moorland House, Moulton Place
 Blakelaw, Newcastle upon Tyne
 NE5 3RY

Notes of the BNFCC Environmental Committee, Thursday 5th July 2018 17.30

Present:

Councillors: John Wears(JW), Ron Clarke(RC), Violet Rook(VR - Chair), Jimmy Gill(JG)

Clerk to the Council: Helen Richardson (HR)

Apologies:

Ann Keenan(AK)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1.Cycling Proficiency/Memorial Benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Councillor Rowena Spencer(RS) had suggested these 2 items. Further information had been requested but was yet to be received. In relation to cycling proficiency training there were a number of other organisations who undertook this type of training including Active Newcastle. JG confirmed that he would speak to a contact he had and feed back to the main Committee meeting. In relation to the memorial benches the group have concerns regarding this suggestion. The Community Council have in the past supplied benches and bins for the park and they are very expensive and have to be fitted by Newcastle Council and have to be of a certain quality hence the expense. Further information to be sought from RS. JW to chase further information. 	<p>JG</p> <p>JW/RS</p>
2. Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VR talked to the group about the potential of monitoring the air pollution on the roads around Blakelaw and North Fenham 	

	<p>following the recent death of a young person whose death was officially attributed to air pollution. It was acknowledged that the City Council do have smoke free zones and monitor air pollution in areas. VR confirmed that you can borrow pollution monitors from the University and the Community Council would be able to help feedback in to studies at the Uni and also highlight any concerns with Newcastle Council. VR to contact both the University and City Council to see what is currently in place.</p>	VR
3. Anti-Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of residents including Community Councillors are experiencing a large amount of anti-social behaviour within the area. This ranges from overflowing bins, general household waste lying in gardens and alleyways, overflowing water coming from the neighbouring properties which smells, noise, residents fighting in the streets plus a number of other unpleasant incident where the Police are having to attend on a regular basis. Residents are also having their property damaged. • This has been flagged to Your Homes Newcastle on a number of occasion's but nothing seems to resolved. It was agreed that the environmental issues would be flagged with Public Safety and Regulation and that YHN would be contacted once again. 	HR/JW/JG
4. Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter was still a big concern in the area although the Clerk didn't think it had been too bad on Ponteland Road. The main litter problems seem to be in the estates where residents are not using the bins provided and are dropping their litter wherever they are. • It was felt that a community litter pick wouldn't help and NCAT continued to do little picks with some of the young people they work with but this didn't even scratch the surface. • A discussion was held around how litter could be tackled as Enforcement Officers had been seen in and around the city centre. It was agreed that Public Safety and Regulation would be contacted with a hope that enforcement officer may patrol 	HR

	the area handing out fines which in turn would spread the word regarding litter.	
5. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a brief discussion regarding traffic on and around Ponteland Road following a resident who had nearly been knocked down on a number of occasions. This would be brought the attention of the Police to see if there were any measures that could taken although it was agreed that it was difficult to place a speed camera om that part of the road • JW confirmed that he had had an update regarding the poly tunnel and garden and it was being looked after by the nursery. JW has received an update from the nursery but the group would like someone to visit the garden. 	JW/JG

Date and time of the next meeting: 4 October 2018 17.30, Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.