

# 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 10 January 2019**

**TIME: 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Richardson(HR) – Clerk to the Community Council (minutes)  
Margaret Kilpatrick – Resident  
Debbie Playford – Resident  
Jean McCartney – Resident  
Pauline Hume – Resident  
Darin Maudlin – Safe Newcastle, Newcastle City Council  
Gavin Campbell – Blakelaw Social Football Club  
Stacey Walton – Messy Tots Play

Prior to the commence of the formal business asked the Community Council if they would be able to assist in obtaining some answers in relation to 2 concern's she had raised but didn't feel she was getting anywhere with. These concerns are below:

- She had been trying to obtain further information from YHN in relation to moving out of her current 3 bedroomed home and in to 2 bedroom bungalow however felt she had been receiving mixed messages from them.
- She was concerned with regards to the roof of the Legion Club. There was a significant amount of debris on the roof which in high winds blew about and concerns were raised as if it were to blow off in the street below it could cause injury. There were also some general concerns raised around the general running of the Legion Club.

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The Chair confirmed that the Community Council would look in to these issues and feedback to the resident.

### **1/19. Apologies for Absence**

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

Apologies were also received from Newcastle City Councillors Oskar Avery and Linda Hobson.

### **2/19. Declaration of Interests**

- Violet Rook – Governor at Thomas Walling School and Governor with the North East Ambulance Service
- Karen Ferry – Board Member of Blakelaw Club Juniors Football Club
- Ron Clarke - 165 TARA, Newcastle Community Asset Trust and Trading Arm of Newcastle Community Asset Trust
- Irene Teasdale – Mrs T's Café and 165 TARA and NCAT Trading Arm

### **3/19. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

### **4/19. Matters Arising**

RC raised a query with regards to Community Councillor Fullen declaring she was a member of the Board of NCAT. It was confirmed that she was a volunteer and where she volunteered would need to be declared.

### **5/19. Grant Applications**

#### **Darin Maudlin – Safe Newcastle, Newcastle City Council - SIPS (£2000)**

Darin took the Community Council through the application for funding with regards to having new gates placed on the bunker area. This would enable YHN to gain access to the area and include it in their grass cutting rota. This in turn alongside Community Payback Groups would make the area a pleasant place to be and would hopefully reduce the level of ASB in the area.

In response to a number of queries Darin confirmed that he would continue to be involved in the project even after the gates were fitted. Sadly due to changes in budgets neither YHN nor the City Council were able to help any further financially. The area would be accessible by a smaller gate on the other side of the park. The larger gates were to enable grass cutters access the area and should an organisation wish to use the area they would be able to have access for equipment via the larger gate. The Clerk also noted from the application that NCC were looking to claim VAT on the transaction however it was believed that this would be an internal transfer between Council departments therefore no VAT could be claimed. Darin confirmed that he would check this point.

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After a discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would fund £2000 of the project.

### **Gavin Campbell – Blakelaw Social Football Club (£2000)**

Gavin took the Community Council through their application for funding. Gavin confirmed that the Club continued to grow however, sadly so did league fees and indoor training facilities.

Gavin stated that he had been trying to use the facilities at Thomas Walling School as a number of the young people who attended the football attended that School however he had been stopped at every opportunity. VR confirmed that she would look in to this as the facilities should be enjoyed by everyone.

### **Karen Ferry left the room whilst this grant was discussed due to her sitting on the Committee.**

On consideration of the application and information it was agreed to grant the funding application in full however a copy of the receipt for the indoor training was requested.

### **Stacey Walton - Jelly Tots Messy Play (£1125)**

Stacey took the Community Council through her application for funding and updated the meeting on what she had been working on. Stacey confirmed that she had bought a large amount of equipment including items for a mobile sensory room. Stacey confirmed that she set up and cleared away after every session.

It was acknowledged by the Community Council that those attending the session had benefitted greatly however they had concerns with regards to the amount of hall hire Stacey was paying. Stacey confirmed that she had tried to negotiate but this had sadly not made any difference. The Community Council again raised concerns at the level of room hire small organisations were being asked to pay. The Chair will meet with NCAT to see if an agreement can be reached.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would agree the funding application in full.

### **6/19. Chairs Update**

The Chair had prepared a report to the Community Council with an update on the following:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Parking at Hilton School – KF raised that residents were also complaining about double parking on the corner of Moulton Place – The Clerk confirmed she would contact the Police regarding this
- Mental Health Awareness update

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## **7/19. Police Update**

The Police were not in attendance but the Clerk confirmed that any issues raised would be past back to them for further information and/or action.

## **8/19. Training**

No update

## **9/19. Update from Blakelaw Ward Councillors**

There were no Newcastle City Councillors in attendance due to their prior commitments.

## **10/19. Budget Update**

The Chair took the Community Council briefly through the budget that had been agreed in December 2018. It was confirmed that the precept for 2019/20 would be £31k.

## **11/19. Sub Committee**

**Standards Committee** – No update.

**Communications Group** – JW is the chair of this group and updated the Community Council in relation to social media

**Environmental Group** – VR confirmed that she had been loaned a air quality monitor and was looking forward to using it in the area.

**Blakelaw Club Football Club Juniors** – Grant application considered and granted at tonight's evening.

## **12/19. 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.

## **13/19. To Consider Planning Applications**

Planning continued to send through information on planning applications.

## **14/19. Financial Matters**

### **Bank reconciliation:**

As per transactions relating to 9 November 2018 – 10 January 2019

Per Bank:

Account 1	£500.00
Account 2	£45,487.10

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**Total** **£45,987.10**

Less: Payments:

H Richardson – Consumables(100558)	£49.98
Blakelaw Pensioners Association(100559)	£360.00
Holly Court Club(100560)	£800.00
165 TARA(100561)	£450.00
165 TARA(100562)	£1000.00
Stanley Travel(100563)	£545.00
NPS(100564)	£973.65
Helen Richardson – Salary December 2018(100566)	£454.66
Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover(100566)	£5.00
ROAM(100568)	£480.00
HMRC – December 2018(100569)	£90.80
NALC Training(100570)	£75.00
Helen Richardson – Salary January 2019(100571)	£454.66
Helen Richardson – Laptop Cover(100571)	£5.00
HMRC – January 2019(100572)	£2.20
DD – ICO	£35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5780.95</b>

Closing balance as at 10 January 2019 (account 2)	£39,706.15
Closing balance as at 10 January 2019 (account 1)	£500.00

**15/19. Date and time of the next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is 14 February 2019 at 6pm in the Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place.