

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 11 November 2024

Zoom

Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Mark Russell – MC member
Richard Lumley – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer
John Million – MC member
Niamh McDonald – MC member

Apologies:

Kelli Turner – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. GIS mapping and Green Spaces and Heritage

Met with Peter last week – will take the lead on Benfieldside, completing descriptions (following example of Blyth).

Meeting Anne-Louise on 13 Nov, John on 14 Nov. Meeting with Mark to be arranged.

For the majority, we already have some sort of description, so it's mainly quality checking and ensuring they are meaningful. More work needed on photos.

Once this is completed, Jo-Anne will review the list and decide which ones we will take forward into the plan. She will also check that none of them are subject to planning already.

We will then inform landowners for these sites by email (Christine to request Joanne to send a template for the email). This email to be sent before information is published online.

Ian is continuing to think about how to present the information online, so that the public can understand how to use the system and understand what they are seeing.

Esri UK (the company who produce our GIS software) have a conference every year. They are asking for nominations for awards – one of which is Collaborative Working. Ian would like to put us forward for this category. Deadline for submission is 22 November.

2. Design Codes

Stuart sent draft design codes from Durham, but Becky says they are not great quality, so will work up her own.

Durham will not let them access the licence, so we will offer them use of our mapping.

3. Housing Needs Analysis

Christine has spoken to Matthew Kearney, who has confirmed he has all the data and information he needs and should meet the project timeline set out in our meeting a few weeks ago.

He plans to get the draft report to the committee for review before the Christmas break. However, if the report cannot be completed and reviewed internally before Christmas, it will be with us early in the new year.

4. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Spoke to Joanne – we just need to fill in any gaps. Don't change on actual document – just add comment boxes.

5. CIO

No further update. Awaiting response from Charity Commission.

6. Suggested events for meetings

Asked about stalls at farmers' markets, but all taken. Will ask Consett Heart if they can have some leaflets and a poster. Maybe also in Masonic Hall.

7. Night Out

Christmas night out confirmed for 12 December at Soami's Trio, 23 Newmarket St, Consett DH8 5LQ

8. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were reviewed and updated - See action log.

9. AOB

None

10. Date / time of future meetings

- Management Committee meetings:
 - Monday 11 Nov 2024, Consett Business Park
 - Monday 9 Dec 2024, Zoom
 - January dates to be confirmed (depends on receipt of HNA/Design codes)
- Next Forum meeting 19 January 2025 (likely Steel Club, Consett – to be confirmed)