

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 25 November 2024

Zoom

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Kelli Turner – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Mark Russell – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. ESRI awards

Our submission has been sent for the “collaboration” award. We do not have permission to use Durham mapping data for presentation. Anne-Louise suggested we could map some key features ourselves, so we are able to publish these without need for further permissions.

2. CIO update

The Charity Commission has responded to our revised application. They were more positive about this version, but still had concerns. Their suggestion is that we stop now and re-apply once the Neighbourhood Plan is finalised and agreed. We will do this.

3. NP draft update

Niamh has made mapping updates.

4. Catch up on GIS data input for GS and Heritage suggested approach from Jo- Anne

Peter has done Benfieldside heritage. Anne-Louise has done Delves green spaces, but not heritage. Niamh to transfer her licence to John so he can do his updates (he will cover Delves heritage). We need Ian to summarise where we are now for other areas.

There will probably be a “mop up” session to finalise anything still missing.

As we complete them, we can pass the sites to Jo-Anne ward by ward (which she would prefer) so she can do her checks against planning submissions, etc.

5. Landowner Notification Process

Jo-Anne has provided a draft template for the notification letter/email. In terms of when to notify landowners, she recommends we wait until we have a better idea of which sites we want to protect as either Local Green Space or Protected Open Space – and let Jo-Anne look at them first.

So, she would suggest this process

1. Send list of sites and completed draft assessment forms to Jo-Anne to review – she can advise whether specific sites should be LGS or POS (LGS gives the greatest level of protection).
2. Jo-Anne can then pull together a draft background paper which includes the methodology and the initial outcome of the assessments.
3. At that point, we notify the landowners
4. Do a community (and landowner) consultation on the draft background paper
5. Revise the background paper (and proposed allocations) following feedback.

The revised draft allocations are then included within the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Design code & Housing Needs Assessment update

Work is progressing – no issues raised with completion by January

7. Night Out

Christmas night out confirmed for 12 December, 6pm 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 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)