

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 9 December 2024

Zoom

Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Kelli Turner – MC member
Maureen Clyne – MC member
John Million – MC member
Mark Russell – MC member

Apologies:

Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer
Richard Lumley – MC member
Niamh McDonald – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. Meeting with Department of Trade

Christine attended along with local business leaders, and provided ideas for how the local area could be developed.

2. Digital inclusion sessions and community engagement in January

Emailed “Know your Neighbourhood” to say we can offer digital inclusions sessions showing GIS mapping for 4 consecutive Friday mornings in January from 10 January, at Consett Heart. If MC members can attend, 31 Jan would be preferred.

This also supports the main Forum in January with additional opportunities for community input.

3. Update on GIS mapping progress - hand over to Jo-Anne?

Ian has made further updates with help of Peter, Anne-Louise and John.

Ian will:

- support the Digital Inclusion sessions in January
- arrange a session with Jo-Anne to provide an update
- have a session with Mark to look at an area of help next week

For January Forum meeting - Ian has a projector and extension cable - just need to be sure that there's Wi-Fi access to enable mapping demo.

4. HNA and Design Codes

Work is still on-going. Nothing for us to address yet. Still targeting early January.

5. Hamsterley Mill as a conservation area

Christine has met Rosemary regarding her ideas to define a Hamsterley Conservation Area, but this is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Preparation for the Forum meeting in January

Posters and leaflets put out at Consett Farmers Market on 30 Nov.

7. Night out

Timing changed for Christmas night out: now starting at **7.45pm** on 12 December, at Soami's Trio, 23 Newmarket St, Consett DH8 5LQ

8. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were updated - See action log.

9. AOB

None

10. Date / time of future meetings

- Management Committee meetings:
 - Week commencing 13 January 2025 - date to be confirmed
- Next Forum meeting 19 January 2025 (Steel Club, Consett)