

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee 7pm, 20 February 2025

Consett Business Park

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Kelli Turner – MC member
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. Finalising Housing Needs Analysis

AECOM has responded to all our queries and corrections, and Jo-Anne has confirmed that she is OK with their response.

Awaiting final 'clean' version of the document.

2. Design Codes update

Production has been delayed by personal issues. We have indicated that we are OK with delivery by March.

Members discussed that they would like the Design Codes to focus on future proofing – allowing for heat pumps, electric car chargers, fast broadband, high levels of insulation and energy efficiency. However, until we see the draft we don't know what level of detail it will have.

3. GIS mapping update

Regarding Ordnance Survey licencing, the "developer" licence is not appropriate, as this is for people creating applications, which we are not.

However, there is an alternative “contractor” licence, which may be appropriate, if DCC are prepared to grant this. Ian has asked Stuart for a response to this idea.

Final option is that we can share OUR data (as an application) with DCC, who could then publish our data for Consett alongside theirs.

Ian is still awaiting feedback from Jo-Anne on whether what we have done already is at the right level.

4. CANP Update

Christine was invited to attend a meeting in another area, to share our experience, as they are looking at creating a Neighbourhood Plan. But this meeting was cancelled.

5. Change of Address and Venue ideas

Christine will be moving to a new office, so we will need to change the official address for CANF. However, this should allow us a community space for meetings, etc. Expected moving date will be end March / early April.

6. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were updated - See action log.

7. AOB

Ian asked for what is happening with CIO – it was confirmed that this is ‘parked’ until the Neighbourhood Plan is approved, as it cannot come into effect until after that.

8. Date / time of future meetings

- Next MC meeting, 7pm 6 March, Zoom.