

Note of liaison meeting between Prudhoe Town Council and Prudhoe Community Partnership, held on Thursday 8th November at Spetchells Centre

Present:, Doreen Elwell, Cllr Andy Gill, Cllr Tracy Gilmour, Cllr Brenda Grey, George Hepburn, Maggie Phillips Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Angie Scott

Apologies: Margaret Boonstra

Before the meeting started, Jude Deeks was introduced. Jude is the newly appointed locality co ordinator who will be mapping community groups and activities throughout Tynedale. She will be hosted by PCP at Spetchells Centre when working in Prudhoe.

1 Chair and Secretary: It was agreed that Gerry would chair and George take summary minutes.

2 Minutes of last meeting. Agreed and no matters arising.

3 Town Survey George outlined the proposed recommendations which will be considered by PCP on 20th November. They include action in relation to young people and access to shops and consideration of action within three years in relation to a volunteer bureau, a volunteer driver scheme and an arts centre. Other findings, for example regarding road maintenance and employment, will be forwarded to the County Council.

It was considered that PCP and PTC might form a joint working party to look at improvements in the town centre.

4 Prudhoe Youth Initiative. George reported on the current situation and recent meetings with possible trustees. He thanked PTC for their offer in principle of support for detached youth work.

There was a discussion of how the trustee board might be constituted and suggested that both PTC and PCP nominate two representatives each to sit with at least six 'independent' trustees. The final composition would only be decided when the mem and arts are agreed but 'shadow trustees' could be put forward now.

5 East Centre: Gerry reported that PTC will consider next steps at a meeting next week. Feedback from the County Council was that a strong business case was needed and that a core tenant was required to produce income for running costs. PTC was encouraged to think of local needs and of the 'knock on' effect on other facilities including Spetchells.

PCP repeated its offer to become involved if invited to do so and asked to be consulted on PTC plans.

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6 Christmas lights: will be illuminated on 30th Nov.

7 Friends of Eastwood Park have now been granted lease on the pavilion and plan to restore it as a café and activity centre.

8 Council Tax Support Scheme PTC has responded to the consultation objecting to the reduction of relief from 100% to 92% for people on low incomes.

9 North of Tyne Combined Authority PTC has objected to the name as the area includes Prudhoe and other areas that are south of the Tyne.

10 Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal Gerry reported on plans for a cross border development zone that would encourage enterprise and tourism in Northumberland, Cumbria, Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders.

11 Date of next meeting Thursday 14th February at 4pm