

# **NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA**



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**at 2.00pm**

**in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:**

Councillors Ainslie, Beck, Cook, Dawkins, Fisher, Fleet, Griffin, Hill, Jackson, Payne, Robinson, Shields, Tempest, Thompson and Turner.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 To confirm the minutes of the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.

4.2 Matters arising.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES**

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

No items

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION**

7.1 Seaton Carew Masterplan – Presentation.

7.2 Police and Crime Commissioner – Introduction.

7.3 Cleveland Police – Presentation.

7.4 Cleveland Fire Brigade – Presentation.

7.5 Ward Members Budgets (2012/13) – *Neighbourhood Manager*

**8. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

No items

**9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Forum meeting to be confirmed.

## **WARDS**

De Bruce  
Hart  
Headland and  
Harbour  
Jesmond  
Seaton

# ***NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM***

**23 January 2013**

## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **PRESENT:**

Chair:	Councillor Mary Fleet	- Jesmond
Vice-Chair	Councillor Rob Cook	- De Bruce
	Councillor Jim Ainslie	- Headland and Harbour
	Councillor Paul Beck	- Hart
	Councillor Keith Fisher	- Hart
	Councillor Sheila Griffin	- De Bruce
	Councillor Linda Shields	- Jesmond
	Councillor Sylvia Tempest	- De Bruce

Also in attendance: Inspector Paul Haytack, Cleveland Police  
Janis Ledger, Housing Hartlepool  
Ian McHugh, Cleveland Fire Brigade

Public: Reuben Atkinson, John Cambridge, Teresa Dinier, S Gutridge,  
Malcolm Husband, Susan Nicholson, Paul Nugent, Darab Rezai,  
Kevin Rieu, Ian Stewart, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale and  
Trevor Wild

Officers: David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager  
Ian Harrison, Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer  
Peter Nixon, Senior Traffic Technician  
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer  
Julie Hetherington, Neighbourhood Support Officer  
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer  
Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer  
Stacey Heyman, FIS Information Officer  
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

### **34. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were submitted from  
Councillors Robbie Payne and Jean  
Robinson

**36. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

**37. MINUTES OF THE NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2012.**

Approved subject to the following amendment:

**Items for discussion and/or information – Presentation by Cleveland Fire Brigade** – that the reference to Cleveland Fire Brigade loaning carbon monoxide detectors to residents be removed

**38. MINUTES OF THE NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2012.**

Approved

**39. MATTERS ARISING**

No items

**40 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND WARD ISSUES****De Bruce**

A resident queried how long the Council and Cleveland Police were going to tolerate the unacceptable destructive activities of sea coalers gaining access to Headland beach through the promenade and slopes. A Councillor advised that the Council's Neighbourhood Services Officer had attended the scene and arranged for a bollard to be installed at the Spion Kop end. However the emergency services had insisted on locks being installed at the Thorpe Street access point and there had subsequently been problems with these being left open by contractors or

removed by vandals at a replacement cost of £200. The locks by the bandstand had been secured. Inspector Haytack urged residents to report any incidents of damage. PCSOs would continue to patrol the area. The resident produced a cutting from the Hartlepool Mail wherein Inspector Rukin condemned anyone riding a vehicle on a public beach. Inspector Haytack confirmed police would continue to enforce any regulations in relation to this issue.

A resident referred to proposals to build housing on the former Henry Smiths school site and asked what arrangements had been made to allow access to residents in the area. Parking on King Oswy Drive was already problematic especially when parents were collecting children. The Vice-Chair, in his role as chair of Planning Committee, advised that although the land had been designated for housing it had not yet been sold as negotiations were still ongoing. The resident referred to an article in a recent edition of the Hartlepool Mail giving details of proposed housing, indicating that surveyors had also been seen on the land. The Vice-Chair was unaware of who these operatives might be representing but stressed that the land was currently HBC owned and there had been no sale formally agreed. Any other information was nothing more than rumours.

A resident queried why the King Oswy Public House had been fenced off. The Neighbourhood Manager was not aware of the reasons but felt it was probably for security reasons. He would make enquiries and update the resident.

**Jesmond**

A resident felt that the lack of signage on Raby Road was confusing drivers as to exactly where the 20mph limits applied. The Senior Traffic Technician indicated that the current signage had been

installed following discussion with Cleveland Police in order to avoid enforcement confusion. As the 20mph limit was not statutory neither was signage. The resident felt that as the speed limit could not be enforced then it was a waste of time however the Neighbourhood Manager disagreed with this viewpoint feeling that it slowed people down. In terms of confusion he felt that if this led to people driving slower for longer it was no bad thing. A Councillor who lived in the area disputed that there was any confusion for those that used the area regularly.

A resident called for a compulsory notice to be made against the 'can house' as he felt it gave the town a bad name nationally. A Councillor confirmed that it was scheduled for demolition as part of the Raby Garden improvements. Monies raised from the removal of the cans would be donated to St Oswald's Church

### Headland and Harbour

A resident requested an update on the future of 2 disused buildings on the Central Estate – namely the former local housing office in Somersby Close and the former West View Police Station. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that the former police station had been sold and that the ex-housing office was under offer.

#### **41. POTENTIAL FOR EARLY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HOUSES AND CLUBS IN THE TOWN CENTRE**

The Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer gave a brief presentation on proposed amendments to the town's licensing laws. The Licensing Act 2003 had given premises the freedom to open 24 hours a day. Local authorities were required to approve a request to increase the opening hours for an

establishment unless there was a good reason to refuse following objections by the public and other interested parties. Since the implementation of these changes in 2005 nearly half of the town centre's pubs and clubs had closed yet crime and disorder continued to be a significant problem in the night-time economy. Police had indicated that in the current economic climate they would be unable to continue their current policing methods.

In October 2012 the Government had introduced Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders (EMROs) whereby the sale of alcohol could be restricted to a set hour in a set area. Premises were not required to close just stop selling alcohol so takeaways would be unaffected. Following discussion in Licensing Committee Councillors had agreed to consult on the introduction of an EMRO of 2am on all town centre premises 7 days a week. Public consultation would run from 14<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March and representations must relate to the four licensing objectives namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Public nuisance
- The Protection of children from harm

Representations must be made on a prescribed form and could not be submitted until the start of consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Licensing Committee would consider any representations at their meeting in April and their subsequent recommendations would be made to Council in June. Any changes would be implemented on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

A resident commented that early closure would result in drinkers moving to premises outside the town centre thereby

relocating the problem. The Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer advised that there was an existing policy in place not to issue a licence to residential premises after midnight so this would not be an issue.

A resident felt closing at 2am was an extreme reaction and would impact negatively on takeaways in the town. It would lead to an increase in 'stoppy-backs' and private house parties and would take money out of Hartlepool's night-time economy as people would take their custom to other areas such as Sunderland and Newcastle. This would have a knock-on effect on pubs, clubs, takeaways and taxi drivers in the town. He urged a more moderate view whereby the hours were knocked down to 3am initially as to do otherwise would finish the night-time economy in Hartlepool. The Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer thanked the resident for his comments which would be taken into account when the consultation results were considered by Councillors.

The Chair thanked the Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

#### **42. PRESENTATION BY CLEVELAND POLICE**

Inspector Paul Haytack gave a brief overview of work carried out by Hartlepool Neighbourhood Police for the North and Coastal area in 2012. Crime was down 12.9% although violence had increased 3.2%. There had also been a 23% reduction in anti-social behaviour. Despite these reductions figures showed public confidence had dipped slightly however this was common across the whole of the Cleveland area. The public were more impressed with the ease of contact with Police particularly following the release of the 101 number for all

general police queries. Details were given of enforcement activities in the past year including drug interventions, Operation Stay Safe (addressing issues around youths and alcohol) and Operation Tandem (to combat the theft of pedal cycles). Police had continued to support vulnerable victims and areas and would use Community Impact Statements when prosecuting individuals. Government cuts meant the force would face challenges in the future however these would be dealt with as efficiently as possible underpinned by neighbourhood policing.

A resident queried why the police did not enforce 'barred from one barred from all' as night-time crime would reduce if certain individuals were kept away from the town centre. Inspector Haytack confirmed that this was a tactic available to officers policing the night-time economy along with Section 27 notices and Anti-Social behaviour orders. He asked if the resident could provide him with specific information where these options were not being adequately enforced.

A resident asked whether consideration had been given to a 24/7 police presence in residential areas. Inspector Haytack advised that research had shown peak demand for a police presence in residential areas to be 6pm-9pm. After these hours police could react to incidents but without the demand they could not justify regular patrols outside of these hours.

The Vice-Chair commented that the new Police and Crime Commissioner had previously indicated he would safeguard Neighbourhood Policing. How certain was Inspector Haytack that Neighbourhood Policing would be retained in its current form, given the extent of the cuts being made to police budgets. Inspector Haytack confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner

had highlighted Neighbourhood Policing as a key priority. He was confident that it would not be affected by the cuts and if anything the number of PCSOs might increase.

The Chair thanked Inspector Haytack for attending the meeting and answering questions

#### **43. CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE**

The Chair introduced the new District Manager for Hartlepool, Ian McHugh who would giving an update at the next Forum meeting. The Vice-Chair praised Mr McHugh's predecessor who would be a tough act to follow.

#### **44. WARD MEMBERS BUDGETS**

The Neighbourhood Manager reported that all Ward Members had been allocated £5,500 to use for the wider and discernable community benefits of their town. Breakdowns were given of the current spend to date in relation to each of the Ward Members budgets along with a schedule setting out the current running total for each Ward Member and their remaining budgets. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a number of schemes had been prepared and forwarded for approval but were not included on the report. These schemes would be reported to the next forum meeting. As a result the budget for De Bruce and Headland & Harbour was now all spent.

A resident queried the nature of the Environmental Apprentice Scheme which all members had contributed to. The Neighbourhood Manager indicated that this was a town-wide scheme in conjunction with Hartlepool College of Further Education and JobCentre Plus wherein 15 apprentices were employed to work with the Council's Environmental Team. Housing Hartlepool had also

agreed to fund five further apprentices as part of this initiative.

#### **45. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 2.00pm in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

The meeting concluded at 11.15am.

**Report of:** NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER

**Subject:** WARD MEMBER BUDGETS (2012/2013)

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Forum of the final outturn for 2012/2013 in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum area; encompassing De Bruce, Hart, Headland and Harbour, Jesmond and Seaton wards.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On 30 April 2012, Ward Member Budgets and the associated application and approval framework were approved by Cabinet. Ward Members were allocated £5,500 each to be used for the wider and discernable community benefits of their ward. The budgets are not intended to be expended on services provided by the Local Authority or other public agencies, unless the purpose is to enhance or supplement what is being delivered.
- 2.2 Procedural arrangements have been implemented to ensure accountability and transparency, with all Ward Member Budget submissions being subject to an approval process under delegated authority of the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods (in conjunction with Legal and Finance Departments). Progress on Ward Member Budgets is reported on a quarterly basis to the Neighbourhood Forums and is published online. In addition to this, an annual report will be taken to the relevant Portfolio Holder for information in April 2013.

**3. APPROVED SCHEMES TO DATE**

- 3.1 On a town wide level, £107,432 for 65 projects has been approved to date out of a total allocation of £181,500. This includes expenditure of £45,207.52 out of a total allocation of £82,500, for approximately 30 projects and / or schemes in, or benefitting the North and Coastal area.
- 3.2 A variety of projects have been funded to date with a number currently under development by Ward Councillors, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Management Team. General areas being supported by Elected Members encompass the following:
- Contributions to services and / or events delivered by the Voluntary and Community Sector;
  - Works to community buildings;
  - Environmental and horticultural schemes;
  - Apprenticeship and training programmes; and
  - Highways and traffic related projects.
- 3.3 There have also been some examples of collaborative working across wards and also on a town wide level, including the following:
- The Easington Road Roundabout Scheme has seen Ward Councillors from De Bruce and Hart wards working collaboratively to deliver a horticultural improvement scheme to a key route in their area.



- The town-wide Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme which working in partnership with Hartlepool College of Further Education (HCFE) will provide work placements for 15 apprentices within the Council's Neighbourhood Management Team for 12 months.
- The Community Transport Project which will assist in the sustainability of the Community Bus which currently runs through Rural West, Jesmond, Victoria and Headland and Harbour wards in response to a withdrawal of public transport routes.

3.4 Attached at Appendix A provides a breakdown of current spend to date in relation to each of the Ward Member Budgets. Attached at Appendix B is the current running total for each Ward Member and their remaining funds.

3.5 There have been no unapproved schemes in 2012/2013.

#### **4. PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT**

4.1 A number of projects are currently under development in the North and Coastal area with Jesmond Ward Councillors working collaboratively to explore street lighting and horticultural projects, in addition to investigating fencing options for Throston Community Centre and a community led educational project with Throston Primary School. The De Bruce Ward Members are also developing a project to provide three Community Notice Boards at designated shopping parades in their ward.

#### **5. 2013/2014 WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATION**

5.1 On 14 February 2013, Council approved a total allocation of £165,000 for 2013/2014 for Ward Member Budgets, equating to £5,000 per Elected Member. As part of this decision, it was also outlined that any underspend remaining from the 2012/2013 allocation will be carried forward by each individual Ward Councillor for their use in the new financial year.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 The North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum is asked to note the contents of the report outlining the final outturn for 2012/2013 in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum area.

**APPENDIX A – Ward Member Budget Spend 2012/2013**

<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Nature of Scheme</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>
<b>De Bruce</b>			
Councillor Rob Cook	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£237.50
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Speed Activation Signs (Davison Drive)	21/01/13	£1833.34
	Speed Activation Signs (Easington Road)	21/01/13	£1600
	Easington Road Roundabout	07/03/13	£329.16
Councillor Sheila Griffin	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£237.50
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Speed Activation Signs (Davison Drive)	21/01/13	£182333.33
	Speed Activation Signs (Easington Road)	21/01/13	£1600
	Easington Road Roundabout	07/03/13	£329.17
Councillor Sylvia Tempest	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£237.52
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Speed Activation Signs (Davison Drive)	21/01/13	£1833.33
	Speed Activation Signs (Easington Road)		£1600
	Easington Road Roundabout	07/03/13	£329.15
<b>Hart</b>			
Councillor Paul Beck	Hartfields Christmas Event	11/12/12	£150
	Bishop Cuthbert Residents Association	28/11/12	£500
	Police Bikes	11/12/12	£300
	Clavering Youth Project	11/12/12	£800
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Birkdale Close Horticultural Scheme	11/01/13	£700
	Clavering Park Notice Board	14/01/13	£500
	Hart Village Notice Board	14/01/13	£800
	Clavering School Outdoor Learning Zone	15/01/13	£700
	Easington Road Roundabout	07/03/13	£550
Councillor Jean Robinson	Hartfields Christmas Event	11/12/12	£150
	Police Bikes	11/12/12	£300
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Birkdale Close Horticultural Scheme	11/01/13	£700
	Clavering School Outdoor Learning Zone	15/01/13	£700
	Easington Road Roundabout	07/03/13	£412.52

<b>Headland &amp; Harbour</b>			
Councillor Jim Ainslie	Heugh Battery Trust Outreach Worker	18/09/12	£1,000
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Rural Transport Project	03/01/13	£500
	Burbank Community Cafe	15/01/13	433.33
	Central Correctors	15/01/13	£750
	Burbank Youth Drop In	21/01/13	£750
	Boy's Brigade	22/01/13	£307
	Headland Carnival	22/01/13	£330
	Headland Future	22/01/13	£200
	Jobs Club	22/01/13	£330
	Headland Boxing Club	24/01/13	£399.67
Councillor Peter Jackson	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Burbank Community Cafe	15/01/13	£433.33
	Central Correctors	15/01/13	£750
	Burbank Youth Drop In	21/01/13	£750
	Boy's Brigade	22/01/13	£347
	Headland Carnival	22/01/13	£335
	Headland Future	22/01/13	£250
	Jobs Club	22/01/13	£335
	Headland Boxing Club	24/01/13	£799.67
Councillor Robbie Payne	Heugh Gun Battery Trust	18/01/13	£1000
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Burbank Community Cafe	15/01/13	£433.34
	Central Correctors	15/01/13	£750
	Burbank Youth Drop In	21/01/13	£750
	Boy's Brigade	22/01/13	£347
	Headland Carnival	22/01/13	£335
	Headland Future	22/01/13	£250
	Jobs Club	22/01/13	£335
	Headland Boxing Club	24/01/13	£799.66
Councillor Keith Dawkins	Heugh Gun Battery Trust	18/01/13	£1000
	<b>Jesmond</b>		
	Young Carers Allotment	05/10/12	£350
	Winchester Walk Raised Bed Scheme	05/10/12	£780
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
Councillor Mary Fleet	Rural Transport Project	31/01/13	£1,000
	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
Councillor Linda Shields	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
<b>Seaton</b>			
Councillor Kelly Atkinson	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Holy Trinity School Fund – Reading Project	06/02/13	£645
	Holy Trinity Church Restoration Project	06/02/13	£500
	Crucial Crew – Equipment	06/02/13	£520
	Seaton Park Signage	25/02/13	£50

Councillor Cath Hill	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Seaton Park Signage	25/02/13	£50
Councillor Paul Thompson	Environmental Apprentice Scheme	21/12/12	£500
	Seaton Park Signage	25/02/13	£50

**APPENDIX B – Ward Member Budget Overview 2012/2013**

<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>	<b>Funding Remaining</b>
<b>De Bruce</b>			
Councillor Rob Cook	£5,500	£4,500	£1,000
Councillor Sheila Griffin	£5,500	£4,500	£1,000
Councillor Sylvia Tempest	£5,500	£4,500	£1,000
<b>Hart</b>			
Councillor Paul Beck	£5,500	£5,500	£ -
Councillor Keith Fisher	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Jean Robinson	£5,500	£2,762.52	£2,737.48
<b>Headland and Harbour</b>			
Councillor Jim Ainslie	£5,500	£5,500	£ -
Councillor Peter Jackson	£5,500	£5,500	£ -
Councillor Robbie Payne	£5,500	£5,500	£ -
<b>Jesmond</b>			
Councillor Keith Dawkins	£5,500	£2,630	£2,870
Councillor Mary Fleet	£5,500	£500	£5,000
Councillor Linda Shields	£5,500	£500	£5,000
<b>Seaton</b>			
Councillor Kelly Atkinson	£5,500	£2,215	£3,285
Councillor Cath Hill	£5,500	£550	£4,950
Councillor Paul Thompson	£5,500	£550	£4,950