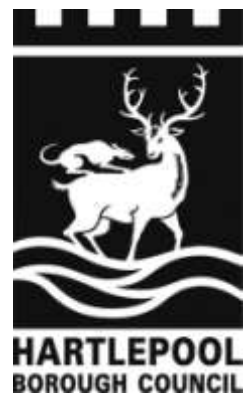


NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 5th July

at 10.00am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councillors Beck, Belcher, Black, Cook, Fleming, Harrison, Hind, McLaughlin, Moore, Riddle, Robinson, Springer, Tennant, Thomas and Thompson.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017
 - 3.2 Matters arising.
- 4. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE**
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**
 - 6.1 Presentation – Community Safety Plan – *Head of Community Safety and Engagement*
- 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION**

No items



8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION:

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 18th October in the Civic Centre (time to be confirmed)



NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES 22 MARCH 2017

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Vice Chair: Councillor Paul Beck - Hart (in the chair)

Councillor Tim Fleming - Headland and Harbour
Councillor Brenda Harrison - De Bruce
Councillor George Springer - Jesmond
Councillor John Tennant - Jesmond

Policy Committee Chairs:

Councillor Marjorie James, Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee
Councillor Kevin Cranney, Chair of Regeneration Services Committee

Public: Alan Vale, Bob Steel, Paul Nugent, Malcolm Husband and John Maxwell.

Police Representative: PC Paul Smith.

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Parking Services Manager
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer
Tracey Rowe, Community Regeneration
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

33. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sandra Belcher, Rob Cook, Jean Robinson and Stephen Thomas.

34. Declarations of Interest

None.

35. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2017

Confirmed

36. Matters Arising

King Oswy Drive Shops – A Member asked for an update on King Oswy Shops. The Parking Services Manager indicated that there were still some issues relating to an area of land and whether it was designated highway land or not before the scheme could be finalised.

North East Sea Fisheries Committee – The Chair of the Regeneration Services Committee clarified that the participation in the Committee was a statutory duty and the current contribution from Hartlepool was £27,000 per annum.

37. Police Update

The Police representative raised no issues of concern to report to the Forum. There were no questions to the officer.

38. Ask the Policy Chairs

Regeneration Services Committee

Hartlepool Railway Station Art Work – A Member of the public asked for an update on the implementation of the art work at the Railway Station. The Chair of the Regeneration Services Committee reported that the art work banners had been approved and the Council was currently awaiting clearance from Network Rail for the erection of the banners.

Middleton Grange Shopping Centre – A Member of the public asked what was being done to bring new businesses into the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre as there were a growing number of empty units. The Chair of the Regeneration Services Committee indicated that there were regular meetings with the Shopping Centre Management. The owners MARS, were constantly trying to attract new businesses and there were some discussions on showing some art work in the empty units to soften the impact.

The Chair of the Committee was thanked for attending and answering the questions raised.

Neighbourhood Services Committee

Alice House Hospice, Holdforth Road – A Member asked if there could be some work to cut back the overgrown hedges and bushes near the Hospice. The issue had been reported and the Hospice told they would receive a visit from a council officer but this had not yet happened. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee commented that if the land was public land, it would be dealt with as soon as possible. If the land was

in private ownership and the owner refused to cut back the overgrowth, the Council may do the work and charge them appropriately.

Planters – Victoria Square – A Member of the public commented that they looked forward to the planters being planted with flowers for the summer season as they would be an attractive addition to the square and the extra seats would be welcome particularly by the elderly, especially at the Remembrance Sunday event.

Introduction of Charges at Burn Road Waste Recycling Centre – A Member of the public expressed concern in relation to the introduction of charges for some waste at the Centre and considered it a false economy as there may be a potential increase in fly-tipping as people tried to avoid paying. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee commented that the Council did need to charge for some of the waste it subsequently had to pay for to go to land-fill. Residents wishing to bring such waste to the site would have to pre-book and pay at the Civic Centre or by telephone. Visitors could pay at the Centre but this would be by debit or credit card only, no cash would be taken at the site.

The concerns were shared by some Members present at the meeting, particularly with the card only payment at the Centre. There was concern expressed that some may turn up without a card but with a load of waste and rather than come back later, they would simply dump it somewhere illegally. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee commented that there was no certainty that there would be an increase in fly-tipping but where fly tippers were caught they would be taken to court, fined and would end up with a criminal record.

The Chair of the Committee was thanked for attending and answering the questions raised.

Adult Services Committee
Children's Services Committee
Policy and Finance Committee

No issues were raised.

39. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

North Sands – A member of the public commented on the continued erosion of the sand dunes from the Brus Tunnel to Crimdon Dene. The recent weather had taken a further toll on this area and the member of the public was concerned that the former waste tip behind the Brus Tunnel area would eventually be exposed. There had been previous sand removed from the area, which experts now say was a bad move and the erosion was becoming very concerning. The stream at Crimdon Dene also needed to be diverted/controlled as it was adding to the erosion problem. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee commented that there were no

appropriately expert officers present at the meeting but the comments would be fed into the department and a response provided to the member of the public before the next meeting was scheduled.

40. Ward Member Budgets 2016/17

The Forum received a report setting out the up-to-date position in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum area, encompassing the De Bruce, Hart, Headland and Harbour, Jesmond and Seaton wards.

Decision

That the report be noted.

41. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

Officers indicated that there were copies and details of the Rural Plan available at the meeting for Members and the public's information.

The Vice Chair thanked all present for their attendance and those that had attended previous meetings during the year, particularly the Policy Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs for their useful input into meetings. The Vice-Chair also wished to record his thanks to all the officers that had attended meetings and dealt with the issues raised by Members and the public. The Vice-Chair also paid tribute to the Chair, Councillor Sylvia Tempest, who had recently resigned her seat on the Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.10 pm.

CHAIR

Action Sheet - North and Coastal - 22nd March 2017

Ward	Reported problem/ concern	Referred to (officer)	Response	Actioned resolved	Comment
De Brus	King Owsy Drive shops - Some pavement improvements carried out to rectify tripping hazard. Initial tripping issue has been repaired but there are other trees on this pedestrian walkway and the tree roots have made some of the pavement uneven. Question asked as to ownership / responsibility and likely additional work required in the area	PH	Land in HBC ownership but not adopted highway. Therefore not subject to same inspection / maintenance programme by Highways Team. Repairs have been carried out to rectify initial trip issue and remainder made safe, however no plans to resurface any more of the pedestrian walkway only to ensure continued safe pedestrian right of way / access		To address the issue the established trees may need to be removed. This might lead to increased ASB as the trees were originally planted to deter youths playing football.
	Alice House, Holdforth Road - Overgrown hedges and bushes near the hospice were impacting on access - request made to ensure area was cleared	GJ	Contractor appointed by Hospital is currently carrying out improvement works on site and this includes refurbishment works to the boundary wall.		The work is being carried out in conjunction with HBC ground maint team, who will begin full landscaping work once contractor work is complete
	Brus allotments - complaint of gate at Bruntoft Ave not being closed which was encouraging increased instances of fly tipping.	PH	Further investigation showed this was not an allotment gate and has therefore been referred to HBC Estates Team.		Dispute with land owner as to where gate has been sited (potentially on private land). On going discussions taking place to re-site gate.
Headland and Harbour	North sands - concern expressed that continued erosion of the sand dunes would eventually expose former waste tip behind Brus Tunnel	KB	Passed to engineer who has responded to the complainant and reassured him of the measures taken by HBC to protect the dunes and the existing and ongoing inspection process in place.		Former tip recognised on Env. Agency database. (last waste deposited 1937). Coastal defence work recognised and protected under DEFRA and HBC policies and monitoring programmes.