

NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM



Tuesday 26 June 2018

at 10.30am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

Councillors Beck, Belcher, Black, Brown, Cassidy, Cook, Fleming, Harrison, Little, McLaughlin, Moore, Robinson, Smith, Tennant and Thomas.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the Community Forum meeting held on 28 February 2018.
 - 3.2 Matters arising.
- 4. QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE**
- 5. FIRE SERVICE UPDATE**
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

No items
- 8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION**



9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

Next meeting – Tuesday 25th September at 1.00pm in Committee Room B



NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

28 February 2018

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Rob Cook	- De Bruce
Councillor Leisa Smith	- Seaton
Councillor George Springer	- Jesmond
Councillor Steve Thomas	- De Bruce

Public: John Cambridge, Sandra Hunter, M Hurland, J Lanbridge, Sue Little, Cath Torley and Alan Vale

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Peter Frost, Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader
Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
Irene Cross, Community Cohesion Officer
Matthew Pearce, Projects Officer
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

22. Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair Councillor Rob Cook was nominated as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Rob Cook in the Chair

23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Paul Beck.

24. Declarations of Interest

None

25. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved

26. Matters Arising

None

27. Questions from the Police

Cancelled as Police representatives were unable to attend due to the inclement weather.

28. Fire Service Update

Cancelled as Fire Service representatives were unable to attend due to the inclement weather.

29. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

A resident referred to a general lack of bins, both litter and dog foul, in various areas around Seaton including the promenade and the Domes. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader would pass on these comments to the Enforcement Services Team Leader for appropriate action.

A resident highlighted problems with bramble bushes on the newly built estate near the Sports Domes in Seaton due to insufficient street lighting and asked that the bushes be cut back to prevent injury to residents. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader confirmed that solutions to the lighting problems were being looked. Consideration would also be given to cutting back any overhanging branches however he did note that the land in question had not yet been adopted by the Council. A Councillor commented that a cut-through which had been promised by the developer had so far not been included.

A resident noted a lack of grit bins in a number of areas around Seaton, specifically Harvester Close, Allendale Street, Farndale Road and the Dunes/Seaton Sands Estate. The Chair acknowledged this but cited a lack of resources and asked officers to consider redistributing the grit bins across Hartlepool. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader would apply the existing criteria to the areas referred to.

A resident highlighted problems with cars double parking on the front outside the fish and chip shops.

A resident noted that residents of Queen Street and Lawson Road were unsure as to who had right of way.

A resident requested speed humps be installed on Westerdale Road.

A resident referred to problems being suffered by pedestrians trying to cross Seaton Lane near the Owton Lodge. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader would investigate.

A resident requested an update on the building of an Aldi store in Clark Street. The Chair advised that he was unaware of any building work having commenced in this case.

A resident indicated that her bin had not been collected that day. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader advised that collections had been suspended due to the weather conditions and would be restarted when conditions allowed.

A resident asked that a grit bin be provided on Mountbatten Close. She also highlighted that in December Council workers had removed the top off a road sign pole and installed barriers around the remnants. These barriers were still in place and kept falling into the road. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader would arrange for the barriers to be removed.

A resident noted that the agendas for this meeting had only been delivered to residents the day before. The Chair commented that this delivery was dependent on Royal Mail.

A resident queried when yellow lines would be painted around the Globe Public House as previously promised. A van appeared to be permanently parked there impeding access to Northgate by other vehicles. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader was aware of this issue and action would be taken. In terms of the yellow lines the appropriate traffic regulation orders had been passed but the work could not be completed due to the presence of the van.

A Councillor highlighted problems with a blocked drain at the junction of Hart Lane and Ryehill Gardens.

A Councillor referred to potholes on Marlborough Street.

A resident referred to rubbish falling off wagons coming from the Power Station via Seaton and Greatham. While she acknowledged that the highways department did pick up this litter it did not give a good impression. The Chair noted these comments saying the Council were trying to make visual improvements to the access roads into Hartlepool such as the planting of wildflowers.

A resident advised that quad bikes had been seen driving in the Brenda Road area at the weekend.

A resident referred to cars going over the 20mph limit in Burbank Street. The Chair noted that the 20mph limit was difficult to enforce.

A resident highlighted problems with cars parking on the pavements at the Headland seafront.

A Councillor highlighted problems with cars speeding on Rossmere Way

**The Vice-Chair, Councillor Paul Beck was present at the meeting.
Councillor Cook continued as Chair**

30. Brus Tunnel / Pathway Issues – Verbal Update

The Enforcement Services Team Leader was unable to attend due to the inclement weather but had provided a written update as follows:

- There was no public vehicle access from Old Cemetery Road to the Brus Tunnel
- The final plans were for Brus Tunnel to be pedestrian access only, once the development was complete
- The public had and would continue to have pedestrian access via the Tunnel to the Dunes and North Beach
- The site to the left closest to the golf course (known as Site A) would be the second area to be developed with new housing. Access to the site currently under development (known as Site B) was managed by the Countryside Access Officer and restricted to the Emergency Services, Network Rail, Council staff and the utility companies.
- Sea Coalers had been granted licences by the Council to drive vehicles on the foreshore and Crown state and were allowed access to the beach at specific areas. They did not have access via the Brus Tunnel.

A resident referred to the mess at the end of the Brus Tunnel leading to the beach and the problems this was causing for people trying to gain access without encroaching onto private property. A Councillor supported these concerns describing it as an absolute disgrace. He noted that a planned visit to the area by Councillors and officers would probably be postponed due to the weather and asked that this be rearranged as a matter of urgency. He also commented on the mayhem being caused by off-road bikes in that area. The Chair indicated that the police would be contacted with a view to enforcement

A resident also highlighted the lack of pathway on the coastal walkway leading from the Headland to the beach and possible health and safety issues caused by this. The Chair suggested that a site visit by the ward councillors be arranged.

A Councillor also noted problems with dog fouling around the area due to the lack of a dog bin.

31. Any Other Business

A member noted that statistics on enforcement activity in wards was still not being provided to elected members despite previous assurances.

The meeting concluded at 1.40pm

CHAIR