

NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM



Tuesday 25 September 2018

at 1.00pm

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM:

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

- 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 26th June 2018
 - 3.2 Matters arising.
- 4. POLICE UPDATE**
- 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**

8.1 Seaton Regeneration Project – Verbal Update – *Regeneration Team Leader*

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

Next meeting – Tuesday 4th December at 10.30am in Committee Room B



NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES 26th June 2018

The meeting commenced at 10.30am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Vice Chair: Councillor Brenda Harrison - De Bruce

Councillor Sandra Belcher	-	Jesmond
Councillor Tom Cassidy	-	Hart
Councillor Tim Fleming	-	Headland and Harbour
Councillor Sue Little	-	Seaton
Councillor Shane Moore	-	Headland and Harbour
Councillor Stephen Thomas	-	De Bruce

Also Present Councillor Tony Richardson

Police Representative: Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell

Fire Representative: Darren Lane

Officers: Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Team Leader (Enforcement Services)
Peter Frost, Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Paul Beck, Paddy Brown, Rob Cook and John Tennant.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018

Minutes approved

4. Questions for the Police

Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell advised those present that there had been an 11% rise in recorded crime in the past 3 months. This included increases in burglary, shoplifting and violent crime. However there had a reduction in vehicle crime. The force were now concentrating on working with partners including the local authority and Cleveland Fire to find ways to reduce these figures. Community intelligence was also a vital component.

How could police best be contacted with intelligence around the riding of unregistered motorcycles? The preferred method was by phoning 101 during daylight hours or the Community Safety team at all other times. Crimestoppers could also be contacted by anyone wishing to remain anonymous. The riding of unregistered motorcycles was a major issue at the moment with Operation Endurance aimed at tackling the problem. Community intelligence was a major part of this as CCTV was ineffective and officers were unable to chase suspects without causing a danger to the public. Chief Inspector Burnell urged anyone with information to pass it on via their preferred channel. Members raised concerns at the lack of response from the police when reports were being made and felt this was deterring people from making further reports. Chief Inspector Burnell assured everyone that any intelligence received was followed up and actioned as appropriate. In addition any reported crime would help go towards areas being labelled as 'hot spots' which would subsequently mean an increase in patrols and police presence in those areas. Members found it unfair that there was a higher concentration of manpower in Middlesbrough simply because there had been more reported incidents.

There had been large amounts of leftover litter on Seaton beach following a number of parties. Should residents inform the police if they became aware of any parties due to take place in the future?

Chief Inspector Burnell confirmed that this would be helpful, not necessarily to take enforcement action (although this could be used in extreme cases) but simply so that the 'organisers' could be spoken to in advance in terms of anti-social behaviour and littering.

Was there any progress with the Longscar fire investigation? Chief Inspector Burnell confirmed that this investigation was ongoing but was unable to give any more detail.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Burnell for attending the meeting and answering questions.

5. Fire Service Update

Community Liaison Officer Darren Lane gave details of the number of deliberate fires which had occurred in the last 3 months. These showed a slight increase on the previous month however this was probably due to the warmer weather. Officers were using CCTV to identify those responsible and passing their identities onto the police and anti-social behaviour team. They were also checking potential risks in all derelict properties. This was a

result of the recent Longscar fire during which it had transpired that there was potentially asbestos in the building. Although it turned out to be in negligible amounts had it not been this could have resulted in shut down of the whole fire station and appliances. The fire crews attending had not been made aware of this by the owners therefore they were trying to identify the owners of all derelict buildings in the area and any potential hazards contained within.

In terms of the Longscar building Mr Lane advised that while the building was structurally sound some demolition work would be needed. However they had so far been unable to contact the owner. The Team Leader for Enforcement Services confirmed that the authority were hoping to take enforcement action for structural soundness and visual appearance but this was covered by several layers of legislation. A resident noted that the building was adjacent to the new play area. The Team Leader for Enforcement Services acknowledged it was a blight but officers preferred to work with the owner rather than enforce.

Did fire officers attend schools and young people's groups and if so what impact did this have? Mr Lane confirmed that School Co-ordinating Officers would attend schools when they were able but this was not always possible at exam time. Primary age children were also invited to the station. Fire officers would explain the impact small fires might have not just in terms of the damage caused but that appliances could be taken away from other fires, potentially involving their family.

A member requested a copy of Mr Lane's presentation. He confirmed that he would provide this after the meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Lane for attending the meeting and answering questions.

6. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Request for residents only parking opposite the Centre for Independent Living – The Team Leader for Enforcement Services confirmed that a parking review of a number of areas around Hartlepool was currently underway and final recommendations should be in place soon.

Why had planning permission recently been given for a crazy golf course on a piece of land designated as green space in the Seaton Carew Masterplan? - The Team Leader for Enforcement Services advised that this had been a Planning Committee decision. A resident questioned how relevant the masterplan was if it could be overturned in this way. They also highlighted references within the masterplan to supporting reuse of the Longscar building and requested an update on this. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager advised that attempts to obtain a Compulsory Purchase Order had failed. The resident was aware of this but noted that

as part of the refusal the owner had been given 18 months to make improvements to the building. The Chair suggested that the resident contact the Chair of Regeneration Services Committee on this matter as nobody present had the specific knowledge to answer these questions. The Team Leader for Enforcement Services also suggested that an officer from Regeneration Services be asked to attend the next meeting of the Forum.

Why were the Sports Domes specifically mentioned in the Seaton Carew Masterplan when the owners were partially bankrupt and staff were not being paid? The Chair of Seaton Sports and Social Club had approached the Council 2 years ago with a view to becoming more involved but had so far received no response. They were aware that a meeting was taking place on Wednesday to look at establishing a forum for businesses in Seaton but were not aware of whether businesses had been contacted regarding this. The Chair acknowledged these concerns and asked the Team Leader for Enforcement Services to provide a response.

Complaints about parking on the Headland on a garage forecourt – The Team Leader for Enforcement Services would investigate.

Increase in litter and lack of weeding and field maintenance in the Clavering area – Council operatives had a schedule they were working to. However if anything was left for more than 2 days the Council should be contacted. A member noted that a large number of bags of garden waste had not been collected despite a specific officer being informed. She was advised that said officer had been on leave but was now back at work.

7. **Community Safety and Engagement Manager**

The Chair advised that that this would be the Community and Safety Engagement Manager's final meeting. She thanked her for all her work over the years. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager thanked the Chair for her comments.

The meeting concluded at 11:20am.

CHAIR

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NORTH AND COASTAL COMMUNITY FORUM HELD ON 26th JUNE 2018

3.2

Ward	Reported problem/ concern	Referred to (officer)	Response	Actioned / resolved	Comment
Headland	Burbank street - consultation with regard to residents only permit parking scheme	PH	PH to consult with residents over support for a potential permit controlled parking scheme	PH	Consultation has taken place Results being analysed Potential report to NS comm.
	Request for further enforcement patrols Particular concern re parking on garage forecourt	PH	Enforcement team to visit and investigate		
Seaton	Hartlepool Town Plan - Resident raised issues as to the procurement process and commissioning of various projects in the master plan. Some of which appeared contrary to green space policies.	Rob Smith	Rob Smith to be asked to attend the next forum and provide update .		
	Question asked as to why Seaton Sports Domes were specifically mentioned in the Masterplan when they have now gone bankrupt.	Rob Smith	Rob Smith to be asked to attend the next forum and provide update .		