

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 24 April 2025

Zoom call

Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Mark Russell – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Richard Lumley – MC member
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer

Apologies:

Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Kelli Turner – MC member
Niamh McDonald – MC member
John Million – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. Design codes

Feedback from the Forum meeting (6 April) was reviewed by the MC. It has been sent to Jo-Anne, and we hope she can do a similar job to what was done for HNA, i.e., review our feedback and add her own before sending back to AECOM.

2. Business mapping across Consett Neighbourhood Area

Consett Area is not purely rural but has some rural issues, not purely urban but has urban issues. This lack of categorisation can cause issues with accessing support dedicated to these categories.

Christine recently met with Stuart Armstrong (Business Durham) who raised the question of whether Ian could work with him to do some business mapping of the area. This might be beneficial to us too, as this could be another layer in our GIS. This could also highlight undeveloped areas that could be useful for industrial (but not housing) or housing (but not industrial).

3. New building and record of new address

Christine's office is officially moving on 15 May, and this will become the official address for CANF.

4. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were updated - See action log.

5. AOB

MC discussed the outstanding need to address settlement boundaries in the NP. Ian has received the methodology, but this offers many options, so we still have choices to make. We would value some advice from Jo-Anne on how other plans have approached this aspect.

Richard noticed that some of the demographic information in the NP draft looked out of date. He has a source for better information if needed. Agreed Richard should contact Jo-Anne directly.

6. Date / time of future meetings

- Next MC meeting, 15 May 2025, by Zoom.
- Proposed date for next Full Forum meeting: Sunday 6 July 2025