

# **Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee**

## **7pm, 15 May 2025**

### **Zoom call**

#### **Attendees:**

Christine Thomas – Chair  
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer  
Mike Shiels – Secretary  
Ian Peart – MC Member  
Mark Russell – MC member  
John Million – MC member  
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer  
Richard Lumley – MC member

#### **Apologies:**

Maureen Clyne – MC member  
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant  
Kelli Turner – MC member  
Niamh McDonald – MC member  
Anthony Robson – MC member

### **Minutes**

#### **1. New address**

Christine has moved into new office today, 46 Steel Street Consett, which will become the official address for CANF.

#### **2. Design codes**

Becky has reviewed feedback from Forum meeting with Lucy and will try to incorporate as much as possible.

Lucy will send Derwentside local plan, as relevant to industrial section.

#### **3. GIS mapping**

Only remaining area needing some update is Pont Heritage.

Jo-Anne has indicated that she has “some questions” but not ready to discuss GIS mapping at this point. Ian is ready to discuss whenever she is.

Ian has emailed Stuart and Sammy regarding business mapping, but no reply yet.

#### **4. Final Locality grant (Groundworks)**

Locality has accepted our formal feedback for the grant, including invoice references, etc. So, this is now closed.

Labour government has frozen any further grants for Neighbourhood Plans, so we will need to see funds elsewhere

#### **5. New bank account**

Anne Louise needs to complete the relevant form as signatory. Christine and Lucy already approved.

#### **6. Potential grant submissions**

National Lottery have scheme called Awards for All, but this needs a proper bank account, so we need to set this up. We should be able to get sufficient funding from this to cover future expenses such as maintaining GIS licences and website.

#### **7. Changes to local councillors**

Councillors still in post:

- Kathryn Rooney, Dom Haney

Councillors who lost their seat:

- Alan Shield, Michelle Walton – both still want to stay involved as lay members.
- Stephen Robinson - invited to attend

New councillors:

- Kenny Hope – attended last Forum
- Awaiting contact details to be available for other new councillors – Christine will invite to attend Forum.

#### **8. Actions completed / new actions**

Actions were updated - See action log.

#### **9. AOB**

Duchy Close appeal. We have submitted HNA as part of background evidence to case.

Planning proposal has been revived for potential new estate opposite Millfield.

#### **10. Date / time of future meetings**

- Next MC meeting: 5 June, 7pm, at 46 Steel Street
- Proposed date for next Full Forum meeting: Sunday 6 July 2025