

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

## **7pm, 24 July 2025**

### **Zoom call**

#### **Attendees:**

Christine Thomas – Chair  
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer  
Mike Shiels – Secretary  
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer  
Anthony Robson – MC member  
Richard Lumley – MC member  
John Million – MC member

#### **Apologies:**

Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant  
Ian Peart – MC Member  
Kelli Turner – MC member  
Maureen Clyne – MC member  
Mark Russell – MC member  
Niamh McDonald – MC member

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Draft design codes**

Latest version sent to Stuart (DCC) and Jo-Anne. Appears to be largely complete with only a few missing captions and some text lacking in the Appendix.

Christine will send out to the Forum member for any final comment with a closing date for submissions.

#### **2. Neighbourhood Plan update – actions**

- Section 2.18 – agree we should add bullet point for “Sufficient amenities to serve the demographics of the area”. No other issues need to be included here.
- We have added green wedges to the mapping – we prefer to use this rather than defining settlement boundaries. Jo-Anne to view mapping to see examples
- Additional Community Actions from latest Forum have been sent to Jo-Anne for her to consider whether appropriate and rephrase appropriately.
- We need to find the minutes where we identified further retail centres and send to Jo-Anne for reference
- We have already undertaken significant community consultation – the “live log” on the CANF website documents this.
- Example Consultees for Neighbourhood Plan:
  - Voluntary: Karbon Homes, Shotley Bridge Residents
  - Religious: Believe this will just be the local churches/diocese.
  - Racial/Ethnic/National: will ask Forum members for suggestions

- Persons carrying on business: Durham Business Network, 121
- Disabled: will ask Forum members for suggestions
- Landowners: Ian will check maps for any names. Stuart should identify DCC owned, and Project Genesis request to inform of their remaining parcels. Failing these, we will pay for Land Registry check.

### **3. Funding applications update**

Christine emailed all Councillors, with application for funding from their individual budgets. Several have generously offered money, amounting to £4,800.

Have not yet applied to Awards for All.

Estimate for remaining costs of Jo-Anne approx £2,900. We will also fund one ESRI licence, plus put aside some money to fund publicity materials for formal consultation/referendum.

### **4. Photography update**

Christine had a meeting with photographers. They will pull together a budget proposal and we will review. MC discussed that our needs are for one best shot of each feature, and only selected items to be printed for display. We will have a limit on total budget, so proposal will need to fit with this, or else we will seek other options.

Assumption is that we need enough images for display in an exhibition space, like an empty shop in Consett.

### **5. Meeting night**

MC agreed to revert to Monday night from next meeting, as all present agreed this would be better for them.

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

Actions were updated - See action log.

### **7. AOB**

- None

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

- Next MC meeting: **Monday** 11 August, 7pm, location to be confirmed
- Date for next Full Forum meeting: 5 October