

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 11 August 2025

Hybrid meeting: 46 Steel Street / Zoom call

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

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

Minutes

1. Update on bids/grants

We have received funding from local councillors. Financial statement of accounts will be sent to Corinne Walton (DCC) for reference.

Christine will proceed shortly with application to Awards for All.

2. Design Code update

DCC are unable to proceed with review, owing to annual leave.

Jo-Anne has provided detailed feedback. She suggested that all feedback be collated into one document (adding DCC comments to hers) before sending back to AECOM

3. Draft Neighbourhood Plan booklet

MC reviewed the draft booklet.

- Include foreword / introduction
- Include Objectives of Neighbourhood Plan
- Need both URL link and QR code, so people can get to website.
- Pages for individual areas should include map of that ward, marking heritage sites and photo montage of selected green spaces. Ideally include QR code / URL that jumps straight to map for that area
- Change “Meet the Team” to “Meet the Forum” and include summary of Forum engagement (link to google doc)
- Change name of ward from “Pont” to “Pont and Derwent Valley”

- Change title from “Youth Call for Change” to “Consett Youth have their Say” and include summary of their main asks
- For HNA and Design Codes – just explain how they were produced and what they are for – then link for people to read in detail if they want
- Add section for Community Actions, explaining they are not part of the plan

4. Photographs for Neighbourhood Plan booklet

MC agreed that wards should be divided between members to take photos of key features (5 green spaces, 5 heritage)

John – Benfieldside

Mike & Anne Louise – Delves

Mark – Pont and Derwent Valley

Lucy – Consett North

Peter – Consett South

5. Update on actions for NP

Jo-Anne does not want to update Neighbourhood Plan until after Design Codes is finalised, to avoid having to rework it twice.

6. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were updated - See action log.

7. AOB

- Need to check whether land at edge of Braemar Court is designated a Green Space, as this is now the subject of potential dispute between residents and PG.

8. Date / time of future meetings

- Next MC meeting: Monday 8 September, 7pm, location to be confirmed
- Date for next Full Forum meeting: 5 October