

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 3 August 2026

Online meeting: Zoom call

Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
John Million – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Mark Russell – MC member
Richard Lumley – MC member

Apologies:

Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Kelli Turner – MC member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. LGS document update

Local Green Space document has an appendix that lists out every site, with description and supporting information. Screenshots from our mapping have been added (links are not acceptable). Some sites, e.g., allotments, are still missing images (around 15% of total).

2. DCC suggested amends to NP

Stuart has provided detailed feedback on the draft plan, suggesting we simplify and clarify the language, strengthening explanations in some places.

Christine has applied some proposed improvements, using track changes.

3. Contacting landowners

Landowners are listed in the LGS appendix. Once we have had the final review with Niamh, we should circulate the information to landowners.

4. Duchy Close planning

MC debated whether this can be included as a LGS, even though it has planning application. Guidance appears to be that any area can be included if it is of important to the community, although this may not protect the site if an application is in progress.

5. Next steps

John: Missing photos to be added, if he has any. Aerial view from Google Maps may often suffice.

Mark: check list of allotments against official list to ensure the names are correct.
Where there are multiple names for the same site, MC will select best one and discard the others.

Christine: to arrange with Niamh for a day when she is free to go through every area in the GIS and cross-check numbering and name to the LGS document.

MC: to review latest track changes to agree final text (can be done when we gather together with Niamh to review mapping/LGS).

6. AOB

No items were raised

7. Date / time of future meetings

- Next MC meeting: Monday 17 Aug, 7pm