

# Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

## 7pm, 29 July 2024

### On-line (Zoom)

#### Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair  
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer  
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer  
Anthony Robson – MC member  
Ian Peart – MC Member  
Mark Russell – MC member  
Richard Lumley – MC member  
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

#### Apologies:

Mike Shiels – MC member  
Maureen Clyne – MC member  
Niamh McDonald – MC member

### Minutes

#### 1. GIS Mapping update

Ian has held a couple of sessions looking at Heritage Information. The first session concentrated on checking all the War Memorials were included and has updated all of the maps.

Ian is meeting with DCC tomorrow to discuss process for sharing. Then two further sessions looking at Heritage and Green spaces.

#### 2. Website Update

Christine shared how the website is looking and where all the activity is being captured under live progress to ensure that we have evidence of all of the consultation.

Ian has suggested that we include mapping information on the website in the form of a story map which would present the information on each of the areas. The information will not be in an editable format but will pull live published information (from the GIS account and allow you to navigate around them).

Ian will demonstrate this to the committee at the next face to face meeting.

#### 3. Update on draft Neighbourhood Plan

At the last meeting we said that we would share one document, but Jo-Anne wanted to ensure that the document formatting did not get out of control so asked that we only update individual sections. We agreed that allocated individuals will complete their own

sections separately. Any changes to the main document should be made using tracked changes.

#### **4. Shotley Bridge Village Trust Group**

Christine is planning to go to the next meeting to update the group. Richard asked whether she would like someone to go along to support her, but she didn't feel this was needed.

#### **5. CIO status update**

Christine has written the draft constitution and has sent it to Debbie Lamb (works for Locality) and has received constructive feedback. Includes things like tourism not being a charitable aim but has given a link to examples of wording of suitable objects that could replace the one on tourism (education).

Christine will share the links with the group, and it would be good to have comments back by Friday 2 August 2024 so that Christine can get it back in time to send to Debbie for comments before she goes away.

#### **6. Update from Locality**

Christine has emailed to ask for an update, and it was confirmed that we are on the list but that due to a high number of applications received there is a backlog but should hear in the next few weeks (that was on 25 July 2024)

Timeline may be affected, however, Jo-Anne suggested doing more with the community in the meantime. Christine explained that Ian is doing mapping events to which the public are invited, and we are also starting to be invited to events.

#### **7. Liz Twist meeting**

Liz has been an established MP for Blaydon but due to boundary changes Consett is now included in her constituency. We are meeting with her at 4pm on 1 August to update her on progress with the plan.

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

Actions were reviewed and updated - See action log

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

- Committee meeting - Thursday 15 August, 7:00pm – in person Consett Business Park
- Next Forum (29 September) is St Johns Hall, Moorside
- Following scheduled Forum meeting for 19 January 2025 (likely Steel Club, Consett – to be confirmed)