



# WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Riding Mill Millennium Hall

**Present:** (List compiled from signing-in sheets)

Michael Elphick (*outgoing website manager, Slaley CH*); Norman Hooks (*Stocksfield CC*); Mike Wood (*Greenhead VH*); Neville Gray (*Ovingham RR*); Andy Pryor (*outgoing Treasurer, Riding Mill*) Kate Rutherford, Gail Tailford, (*Langley Village Hall*); Roly Taylor, David Watson, (*Wall VH*) Geoff Robinson (*Colwell VH*) Pauline Wright (*Heddon on the Wall WI*); David Easby (*Wall VH*); David Blackett (*Heddon Knott*) David Greensitt (*Heddon Knott Hall*); Terry Heyes (*Wylam Institute*); Jill Bungay, (*Kirkwhelpington Mem Hall*); Vicky Herod (*Wark Town Hall*) Elizabeth Bramwell (*Horsley WI/Village Hall*); Carl Rawlings (*Merton Hall Ponteland*); Sarah Hallberg (*Tarset Village Hall*), Graham Walmsley, Suzanne Barker (*Riding Mill*) Bill Grigg , Charles Enderby (*Acomb VH*), Diana Linnett, Peter Woodward (*Humshaugh VH*), Dave Spearman (*Newbrough TH*)

**In attendance:** Louise Currie (*CAM*) Sgt Clair Kimberley, Superintendent Helena Baron, PC Chris Whitfield (*Northumbria Police*), James Barlow (*Police Project Volunteer*)

**1. Welcome** - given by meeting chair LC

**2. Apologies:** Terry Bragg (*Reed Hall Bellingham*), George Hepburn (*Spetchells Centre, Prudhoe*), Jacqui Hogg (*Hexham CC*), Michelle Nixon (*Barrasford VH*), Denis Peel (*Wylam Institute*), Dean Jackson (*Newton & Bywell*), Angela Cleasby (*Matfen VH*), Pauline Wright (*Heddon WI*)

**3. Minutes of previous AGM**

a. Approved by all members present and accepted.

**4. Matters Arising**

a. SH updated members re. Water Suppliers query from 2017 AGM (page 2 of 2017 minutes). Adrian H (previous Secretary) had contacted brokers to ask whether there is currently sufficient variation in the rates from a range of suppliers to make setting up a water suppliers' panel worthwhile. The answer is that it will not be worth pursuing until 2020. Therefore, this will be looked at again in a couple of years' time.

**5. Annual Report:** SH and LC presented the Annual Report to members present (see attached copy). There were no questions from the floor.

a. Additional thanks must go to LC from SH for the hard work she has put in over the course of the year

- b. Thanks to SH from LC for all the support for this first year of the partnership.
- c. PATesting – thanks to Malcolm Brodie who has retired as a PAT volunteer. Thanks to the new PATesters who have joined this year. There is a need for two new testers (particularly to cover the Ponteland, Slaley and Wark areas).
- d. Portal Questionnaires – SH stressed the need for as many responses as possible to the Website Portal Questionnaires. SH to re-send the Portal questionnaire link.

**6. Financial Report:** AP presented the Financial Report (copy attached). There were no questions from the floor.

**7. Election of Committee:** LC reminded members that WNCBC is allowed up to 15 committee members at any one time. For 2017, there were 9 members – two of whom are retiring. The remaining 7 members of the existing committee were re-elected. Nominations were then invited from the floor: David Blackett (Heddon-on-the-Wall) volunteered to become a committee member. Thanks, and welcome expressed to David.

## **8. Election of Officers and other roles**

### **a. Officers**

- i. **Chair:** The system of having a rotating Chair for meetings had worked well last year so it was agreed to continue with this system.
- ii. **Secretary:** SH was re-appointed as Secretary
- iii. **Treasurer:** NG had been shadowing AP last year and following AP's retirement, NG was elected as Treasurer.

### **b. Other Positions**

- i. **Website Manager** – SH had agreed to take over from ME until or unless another volunteer could be found to take on the role.
- ii. **PAT Co-Ordinator** – RT had agreed to remain in position as PAT Co-Ordinator.

## **9. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Members**

- a. Both ME and AP retired from their respective roles on the committee this year. SH had contacted Adrian Hinchcliffe (previous WNCBC Secretary) for comment, since she had known them such a relatively short time. SH read out comments from AH and from her own perspective. Both retirees were then presented with gift tokens on behalf of WNCBC committee and all its members.

## **10. AOB**

- a. **#VillageHallsWeek** – CAN's **Village Hall's Celebration Event** 23/1/19: in Stannington Village Hall. Ian MacMillan is guest speaker, Northumberland Archivists will be present and there will be displays from village halls that have researched their history to date, which it is hoped will form part of - and help launch, a heritage project about Northumberland's Village Halls. There will be voxpop videos recording some of the participants on the day. LC had printed out leaflets for those members present.



Places must be booked on Eventbrite and places restricted to 3 per hall. The event will run from 10.30am – 2pm – booking essential.

- b. **'Empowering Communities Project'** LC provided information about this new initiative (managed by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust) – the 'West' area covered by Jude Deeks.

**11. Presentation of Rural Crime Project** by Sgt Claire Kimberley, Northumbria Police.

Copies of slides attached with these minutes.

Sgt Kimberley and Superintendent Baron were thanked for an excellent presentation, which described this brand new project – this meeting being the 'launch'. See presentation for details.

Some 10 halls signed up to request more information and a meeting will be arranged in the next few weeks)

**12. Date of next AGM:** November 2019 – date to be arranged

**13. Close of Meeting** and thanks to the Riding Mill Memorial Hall for hosting the meeting

*Minutes compiled by: Louise Currie (CAN) and Sarah Hallberg (Secretary, WNCBC)*

Signed as a true record: .....

Date: .....