

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**TYNEDALE LOCAL AREA COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **Tynedale Local Area Council** held at Hexham House, Gilesgate, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 3NH on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 3.00 pm

**PRESENT**

Councillor G Stewart  
(Chair, in the Chair, items 1 - 3 and 12 - 20)

Councillor Gibson  
(Planning Vice-chair, in the Chair, items 4 - 11)

**MEMBERS**

T Cessford  
A Dale  
C Homer  
CW Horncastle  
I Hutchinson

N Oliver  
KR Quinn (part)  
JR Riddle  
A Sharp  
KG Stow

**OFFICERS**

N Armstrong  
M Bird  
K Blyth  
M Bulman  
M Francis  
M Haworth  
D Hunt

D Lally  
A McNeill

A Olive

K Robbie  
E Sinnamon

Principal Planning Officer  
Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Principal Planning Officer  
Lawyer  
Senior Planning Officer  
Planning Officer  
Area Manager, Neighbourhood  
Services  
Chief Executive  
Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk  
Management (FCERM) Manager  
Highways Maintenance Senior  
Team Leader  
Senior Planning Officer  
Senior Planning Manager

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mark Cotton, North East Ambulance Services  
Tristin Drought, Environment Agency

Ch.'s Initials.....

22 members of the public (at 3.00 pm, 6 members of the public (at 6.00 pm)  
1 member of the press

*(Councillor Stewart in the chair)*

**1. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED** that the membership and terms of reference for the Tynedale Local Area Council agreed by Council on 2 May 2018 be noted.

**2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 10 April 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kennedy.

*(Councillor Gibson in the chair, from 3.05pm)*

**4. DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The attached report explained how the Local Area Council was asked to decide the planning applications attached to this agenda using the powers delegated to it and included details of the public speaking arrangements. (Report attached to the signed minutes as Appendix A.)

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted

**5. 17/02577/FUL**

**Demolition of existing Fire Station and construction of 5no. dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure  
Former Haydon Bridge Fire Station, California Gardens, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 6JW**

Melanie Francis, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the application with a slides presentation. The application required the Local Area Council's consideration as the site was owned by Northumberland County Council.

Sean Hedley then spoke in support of the application, of which his key points were:

- the application was validated in August 2017 and work had taken place with Planning Services to ensure it complied with policy
- it was a brownfield infill site; it would reflect the character of the area and have an attractive design/materials. The original design had been amended to reflect views expressed by the Conservation Officer, objectors and Planning Services
- a small number of objections had been received relating to the proximity to the chapel and access rights. A land transfer had been negotiated which ensured access for maintenance requirements. All objections had now been resolved, including those from Haydon Bridge Parish Council
- the plot sizes were compliant with policy H32
- the redevelopment of this now unused site would cause less than substantial harm; no statutory consultees had objected.

Members asked questions of which the key details of responses were:

- Haydon Bridge Parish Council's objection to materials had been resolved, as there had been a change to what had originally been proposed
- the application conformed to the required parking standards. There would be a total of 14 spaces on site
- Northumbrian Water had recommended condition 18 regarding flooding concerns. No development work would be able to begin on site until the required information was provided. There had been some surface flooding on the site in 2015. The proposed work would alleviate the problem before the development began
- there was a footpath on the opposite side of the road; a pavement could not be accommodated immediately outside the application site.

Councillor Hutchinson then moved the officer recommendation to grant the application subject to the conditions in the report, adding that the site was currently redundant and it would provide extra housing in Haydon Bridge. This motion was seconded by Councillor Quinn.

The motion was then put to the vote, agreed unanimously and it was thus:

**RESOLVED** that the application be GRANTED in accordance with the officer's recommendation in the report.

**6. 17/03482/FUL**  
**Operational development to create roads/pitches for caravans (revised scheme received on 15.03.2018)**  
**Border Forest Caravan Park, Cottonshopeburnfoot, Rochester, Northumberland**

Katherine Robbie, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the application with a slides presentation. The application was being presented as it was subject to a valid objection from the local parish council.

Michael Bell then spoke in objection to the application on behalf of himself and other local objectors, of which his key points were:

- development in the Green Belt was not permitted unless the buildings were absorbed into the landscape. It was a steep area so this did not apply, and would also be built on a narrow strip of land only 60 metres wide. There were three rights of way across the land
- it would not be effectively screened as there were a limited amount of shrubs along the buffer zone. No tree planting was proposed. There could be an impact on wildlife
- the layout and density were inappropriate; there was no regard for local visual appearance, and it would represent overdevelopment of the site
- having 65 properties in total on the site would bring noise and light pollution
- it would have a significant negative impact on the Green Belt, landscape, biodiversity and appearance, creating a new, unsustainable village in Northumberland without any amenities.

The supporters' speaking slot was then shared. Keith Butler spoke first, of which his key points were:

- the applicant already had approval for change of use on the site
- despite comments made, the site was neither in the Green Belt, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty nor Northumberland National Park
- neither Rochester and Byrness Parish Council or Northumberland National Park Authority had objected to the first application for the change of use of the land, nor had any statutory consultees.
- it would help the business to expand and make provision for more overnight stays.

Michael Flanagan also spoke in favour, of which his key points were:

- it was in the Kielder Priority Development Area; the North East Strategic Economic Plan stressed boosting private sector business through tourism
- it would secure inward investment and bring in new employment
- many other local businesses supported the proposal
- they employed six people part time, and four family members.

Members asked questions of which the key details of responses were:

- Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service had commented but not objected. There was a 'hammerhead' area at the end of the road where vehicles could turn. Fire engines would not need to reverse out
- the application included a condition for a more detailed planting scheme; further details could be negotiated
- the site was neither in the Green Belt or Northumberland National Park. The National Park boundary was on the other side of the A68
- regarding any possible overdevelopment, the site already had permission for change of use and 36 pitches were indicated on that application. This application originally proposed 49 pitches but this had been reduced to 39, just three more than when the scheme was originally agreed to be acceptable in principle.

Councillor Horncastle then moved the officer recommendation to grant the application. This was seconded by Councillor Homer.

Debate followed of which key points were:

- objectors' views were understandable, but the application would be beneficial in light of the economic strategy and benefit tourism
- there were no material reasons to refuse the application
- the application reflected Tynedale Core Strategy policy regarding the importance of tourism in driving the local economy.

The motion was then put to the vote, agreed unanimously and it was thus:

**RESOLVED** that the application be GRANTED subject to the conditions and informatives in the report.

**7. 18/00329/FUL**

**Proposed erection of 1.5 storey extension and 2 x single storey links; conversion of 2 x barns; demolition of modern sheds; modification of bothy; modification of first floor rear room layout to farmhouse including part removal of 2 x stud walls and installation of new bathroom fittings West Unthank Farm, Unthank Road, Haltwhistle, Northumberland NE49 0HX**

The Vice-chair (Planning) firstly explained that both this application and application 18/00330/LBC, which were different types of applications for the same site, would be introduced jointly. The public speakers would combine the five minute slots available for supporters. A separate vote would be taken on each application however.

Marie Haworth, Planning Officer, introduced the applications with a slides presentation. The application was being presented as the recommendation was contrary to Haltwhistle Parish Council's view; a large number of people had also expressed support for the applications.

The combined 10 minute supporters' speaking slot was then shared by agent Keith Butler, architect Charles Collins and applicant Bertie Hoskens-Abrahall.

Mr Butler spoke first, of which his key points were:

- it had the lowest type of listed building status. The curtilage buildings were not listed. There were hundreds of similar example of buildings in Northumberland. A change of use would not be required if it had not been a listed building
- the development would be of public benefit; repairing and upgrading the building for future residential use was its most optimal use. It would fall into disrepair if the application was not agreed
- there were examples of other similar buildings in Hexham being converted to private apartments

- it would be acceptable under paragraph 55 of the NPPF to develop such disused buildings if clear enhancements were proposed.

Mr Collins' key points were:

- there was currently no consistency in the quality of stone used at the site
- the proposal was a well crafted scheme which reflected the scale and massing. There would be a modest overall increase of 5.3% in size
- it was not a continuous structure, and the pig sty was already partly demolished
- the existing kitchen would remain unchanged.

Mr Hoskens-Abrahall's key points were:

- he wished to develop it into their family home and hand it later to the next generation; space was being created in the most sympathetic way possible, enhancing the building. It was not a speculative development, but the biggest investment of their lives
- they had received 20 letters of support but none objecting; his family was very active in the local community
- the changes would evolve the building and help it to survive. The proposed linkage would achieve what they needed to put the buildings to the best possible use. If they could not develop it as they proposed, it would not achieve the space they needed.

Members asked questions of which the key details of responses were:

- the curtilage buildings were considered by the Conservation Officer to be historical, and to be listed as well as the main building given their proximity to it
- the Conservation Officer had not been invited to this meeting, but their comments had been received
- it would be a subjective decision, considering whether it represented overdevelopment and if the curtilage buildings were listed or not
- the Conservation Officer did consider that the development would bring less than substantial harm, but Planning Services did not consider that the applicant had provided sufficient information about how the development would be in the public interest.
- officers did not have concerns about the change of use or internal works, but the frontage, glass link extension and impact of the single storey extension were considered to impact on the wider area.

Councillor Hutchinson then moved a motion to grant the application, which was against the officer recommendation to refuse it. He considered that on balance it was more beneficial to support the development and remove the modern buildings to support the older ones. He requested a further condition that if in future the property was proposed to be divided for sale, a further planning application would be required.

Following procedural clarification, Councillor Hutchinson agreed that this

proposed condition and any other conditions would be delegated to officers to confirm the final details, including the materials to be used, details of timings, and ensuring that the listed buildings were converted first.

In summary, it was clarified that the reasons for agreeing the application were that the improvements would outweigh any less than substantial harm arising from developing the property, and it was in the public interest to ensure the future of the farm steading.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Dale, who considered that there would be less than substantial harm to the house, it would improve the streetscene, and provided improvements as a whole.

Debate followed in which the key points from members were:

- the buildings referred to as milking sheds could not have been realistically used for that purpose
- increases of 5.3% in net volume and 4.8% in overall area were not big changes
- the site visit had assisted the consideration of the application
- a member did not consider the proposal to be special, and that it was an overdevelopment, and spoilt the property
- the glass linkage corridor was not of concern; it could only be seen when in the enclosed courtyard
- it would help bring the buildings up to date
- the work of the architect was commended; it would cause less than substantial harm, and the glass corridor would join the buildings together to make them modern and functioning. If the building did not find a use, it could go to ruins
- there was nothing unique about the farmstead, with many similar other examples nearby; the views of the Conservation Officer were not supported in this instance and the officer recommendation depended too much on the Conservation Officer's recommendation in this case
- the public benefit from restoration outweighed any less than substantial harm
- the main listed building would remain dominant, so would not be taken over by the outer buildings; the report's reference to the outer buildings being incongruous was not supported by a member.

The motion to grant the application was then put to the vote and agreed by nine votes in support, one against and two abstentions, and it was:

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the application be GRANTED, as the improvements would outweigh any less than substantial harm arising from developing the property, and it was in the public interest to ensure the future of the farm steading; and
- (2) details of any required conditions be delegated to officers.

8. **18/00330/LBC**  
**Listed Building Consent – the conversion of 2 x barns into accommodation ancillary to the dwelling house; demolition of modern sheds; modification of the bothy; modifications to the layout of the farmhouse including part removal of 2 x stud walls and installation of new bathroom fittings**  
**West Unthank Farm, Unthank Road, Haltwhistle, Northumberland NE49 0HX**

Further to the previous joint presentation of this application and application 18/00329/FUL, a separate vote was also required on application 18/00330/LBC.

Councillor Hutchinson then moved a motion grant the application as the improvements would outweigh any less than substantial harm arising from developing the property, and it was in the public interest to ensure the future of the farm steading. This was seconded by Councillor Dale.

On there being no further debate, the motion was then put to the vote and agreed by 10 votes in support, one against and one abstention and it was:

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the application be GRANTED, as the improvements would outweigh any less than substantial harm arising from developing the property, and it was in the public interest to ensure the future of the farm steading; and
- (2) details of any required conditions be delegated to officers.

9. **18/00419/LBC**  
**Listed Building Consent: Proposed window replacement to Sele First School Hexham**  
**The Sele First School, Access Road To The Sele, Hexham, NE46 3QZ**

Marie Haworth, Planning Officer, introduced the application with a slides presentation.

Councillor Sharp then moved the officer recommendation to grant the application. This was seconded by Councillor Homer.

A member commented that advice on conservation matters needed to be consistent as for this application the guidance had been to replace the windows as proposed despite the range of window types in question, but it had been recommended as a refusal reason in the previous application.

The motion was then put to the vote and agreed unanimously, so it was thus:

**RESOLVED** that the application be GRANTED subject to the conditions in the report.



## 10. PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE

Members received information on the progress of planning appeals. (Report attached to the official minutes as Appendix A.) The Vice-chair summarised details in the report about appeals concerning the Tynedale area.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

*(4.56pm: the meeting then adjourned until 6.00pm. Councillor Quinn exited the meeting. 6.00pm: Councillor Stewart back in the chair.)*

## OTHER LOCAL AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair explained how this item was for replying to any questions received from members of the public, which could be either received in writing in advance or asked at the meeting. Questions could be asked about issues for which the Council had a responsibility.

**Councillor Graham Curry, Corbridge Parish Council** referred to the County Council's responsibility for providing bus timetables at bus stops. Town and parish councils had been approached about taking responsibility for posting the timetables, but Corbridge had declined as they had 40 bus stops in their parish; this was an unrealistic responsibility for a small council. No further update had been received, although only four timetables in Corbridge were expected to be changed.

There was no update available at the meeting, but a member added that some complaints had been received; timetables were important as some older residents were not comfortable with accessing the information electronically, plus there was poor network coverage in the area. It was also added that Go North East were stopping printing off timetables.

**RESOLVED** that Democratic Services follow up these queries after the meeting with the Cabinet member for Local Services.

### 12. PETITIONS

**(a) Receive any new petitions:** no new petitions were received;

**(b) Consider reports on petitions previously received: Petition requesting an All Weather Concrete Skate Park as part of a programme of improvements at Eastwood Park, West Wylam** (report attached to the official minutes as Appendix C)

Lead petitioner Simon Hutchinson spoke in favour of his request. He explained how all weather skate parks were much safer than those using metal ramps, on which accidents had occurred locally. Eastwood Park was a beautiful park for which the Council should take credit for developing very well. A concrete skatepark would also be better maintained. He also expressed concern about road safety outside the current skatepark.

David Hunt, Area Manager (West), Neighbourhood Services, referred to the report and asked members for their views which would be considered amongst consultation undertaken, and requested acknowledgement of the caveat of what resources might be available to fund any such project.

Discussion followed of which the key points from members were:

- it would be useful to attain data about the possible use of a concrete skatepark; as it would cost between £80,000 - £120,000, it would be a poor use of funding if used little. For example, a BMX track in Haltwhistle had been provided due to demand, but once built, was used very little
- a business plan could be developed if a demand for the facility could be demonstrated, but it was however important not to mix play areas and road safety issues together as a skate park was not a solution to speeding traffic.
- work could take place with Sport England and options for external funding could be investigated
- it was noted that the County Council's public liability insurance would apply to any new skatepark facility. It would be inspected by the County Council if built
- the skatepark facility in Hexham was used well all year round by young people
- consultation should take place with local residents, as they might be directly affected by noise levels.

To conclude, the Chair summarised by referring to the support for the petition but also the importance of further work to determine whether there was a wider need now and in the future for such a facility, and possible work to attract funding. It was then:

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) members support the petition and their views be considered along with other consultation and stakeholder feedback whether to support the construction of a skatepark at Eastwood Park; and
- (3) the lead petitioner be invited to work with Councillor Stewart and Sport Tynedale about the feasibility of a concrete skatepark at Eastwood Park.

**(c) Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered:** no further updates were available.

### 13. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

The Chair explained that the format of this agenda item had changed to now include a verbal update from the Area Managers from Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services in attendance about any key recent, ongoing and/or future planned Local Services work for the attention of members of the Local Area Council, who would also then have the opportunity to raise issues with the Area Managers.

Neighbourhood Services:

- delivery had been taken of new refuse vehicles as part of a £8.6m contract over three years to replace all 52 vehicles in the fleet. The current vehicles were seven years old, so the changes should bring improved efficiencies
- due to recent weather the garden waste service had been struggling to keep up with the tonnage needing to be collected, but the service was on course to be back up to date by 18 May
- weed spraying was taking place in Prudhoe and Hexham using blue dye, so it was clear for the public which areas had been treated. Members were asked to put forward any priority areas for treatment
- due to the wet conditions, grass cutting work had begun late but a third cut had just taken place. Verge litter picking had been organised whilst the grass cutting had not been possible
- rural verge grass cutting work would begin in June.

A member expressed concern about problems with litter in some areas, and suggested that the A68 was impacted by no longer having any litter bins in laybys, although it was acknowledged that the A68 was a very busy road. Could consideration be given again to providing litterbins in laybys by major routes, and work to better prevent litter from getting onto roads?

It was agreed that this would be passed to the Cabinet member for Local Services. Members were advised that the provision of litter bins was a policy rather than an operational issue.

Technical Services:

- there had been a deterioration of the whole road network during the recent cold weather. In response to complaints received about defects, work was taking place to rectify them as soon as possible
- extra funding had been received for winter damage
- two additional road patching crews were operating and three hot boxes were being used in more rural areas, creating a saving in Section 58 defences
- work continued to take place cleaning gullies and ditches, which included the use of JCBs
- work had begun on the surface programme, with surface dressing beginning the following week.

Members raised the following key points:

- the importance of keeping gulleys clear before winter to reduce standing water on roads resulting in potholes. Members were very grateful for work undertaken
- more resources would assist
- thanks were expressed for the speed at which potholes had been fixed, but some potholes kept reappearing; officers should use members' local knowledge about problem areas.

Members then received the following reports:

**(a) Verge Litter Picking Programme/Plans**

Members had received a letter from the Head of Neighbourhood Services on scheduled verge litter picking programme/plans over Spring, which was in response to a letter received from Alnwick Friends of the Earth. (Copy of letter and original letter from Alnwick Friends of the Earth attached to the official minutes of the meeting.)

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(b) Consultation on the Refreshed Functional Hierarchy and Resilient Road Network**

The report (attached to the official minutes as Appendix D) informed the Local Area Council about the consultation that was taking place with county councillors, town and parish councils and other key stakeholders on a periodic review of the Council's functional road hierarchy.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS - LOCAL**

### **14. Flood Risks in Tynedale**

Members received a presentation on flood risks in the Tynedale area which included an update from Tristan Drought at the Environment Agency on the works to physical defences and community engagement / flood risk awareness activity that the Environment Agency has undertaken since the Storm Desmond floods of 2015 and what further works were being progressed/ planned in the area, information about completed and ongoing works by the Council to repair the damage to the highways infrastructure caused by the flood, and an outline of the work of the NFRCC and schemes being progressed by NCC to address surface water flooding issues / minor water course flood risks in the area.

Copies of an Environment Agency newsletter for the Hexham parliamentary constituency were circulated at the meeting (copy attached to the official minutes).

Detailed discussion followed of which the key details were:

A member expressed concern that there should instead be a focus on dredging rivers, as the continually increasing height of the river bed defeated the purpose of flood risk schemes. Members were advised that considerable investigations and modelling had been undertaken into river flows, and given the dynamic nature of the River Tyne, shifting gravel would not solve the problem. Another member added that the issue concerned the speed of the river rather than its depth.

In response to a member it was confirmed that the £1.5m scheme for addressing surface water in Haltwhistle was due to begin in August; further information would follow shortly.

Other key points from members included:

- a request for Riding Mill and Broomhaugh Parish Councils to be added to the community update distribution list about flood risk remodelling updates
- a request for consideration to be given to the impact upon Birtley Burn in Acomb, which regularly flooded, resulting from the new development at Birtley Heights
- a welcoming of improved joint working between the Environment Agency and the County Council since Storm Desmond, plus the Environment Agency's commitment to spending public money on work based on evidence and risk bases
- some schemes listed in the presentation would not begin until at least 2021, for example Lipwood, for which there currently was not sufficient funding available available within the current budget.

Mr Drought and Mr O'Neill were thanked for their presentation and it was:

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS - CORPORATE**

### **15. Presentation from the North East Ambulance Service**

A presentation was provided from Mark Cotton of the North East Ambulance Service about ambulance performance standards (copy attached to the official minutes). Key details included:

- details of the 14 ambulance stations in Northumberland
- the categorisation of response time standards up until 30 October 2018 (Red 1 - 2 and Green 1 - 4)

- the need to change the standards due to increased demand, time frames over-ruling patient care, the high volume of crews diverted between cases, and Rapid Response on the scene for longer periods for a conveying resource; a decade old system would be replaced to meet modern needs
- ambulance call volumes 2005/06 to 2016/17
- details of the new standards, Categories 1 - 4, and specialist responses
- ambulance response objectives: a timely response to patients with life-threatening conditions; having the right clinical resources to meet the needs of patients; reducing multiple dispatches; reducing the diversion of resources; increasing hear and treat and increasing see and treat
- details for the ambulance response benchmark with other areas for categories 1 - 4 as of April 2018.

Key details of ensuing discussion included:

A member expressed concern and provided details about the circumstances in which an ambulance had arrived almost four hours after a family member had an accident. Mr Cotton agreed that the delay was not an acceptable level of service and he would get additional details about the incident. Key actions to address such concerns included work to base shift volumes/patterns around busy and less busy times; the importance of training up more paramedics, although this required three years' university study; and there was nine months process for procuring and getting new ambulances delivered.

The member further questioned whether the telephone assessment undertaken in the case he referred to was sufficient as it could have been another life threatening condition other than the resident stopping breathing or having a heart attack, as the call had been ended after the operative had ruled the two conditions out. Mr Cotton advised that the circumstances would be looked into, but when 999 calls were made, questions had to be asked to firstly eliminate the possibility of a C1 response. In urgent cases, a response should not be delayed by asking too many questions.

A member stressed the importance of the ambulance service and welcomed the changes in response standards. She expressed concern about the delays and problems caused to the service from delays at hospitals which impacted on ambulances transferring patients. Mr Cotton advised that the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee had undertaken a considerable amount of scrutiny into hospital handover times, and there had been a significant reduction in delays recently.

A member requested for further ambulance response figures to be provided in due course, particularly for rural Northumberland. He referred to a situation when he was at Cramlington and all three ambulances for the west area were there? Mr Cotton advised that relevant working practices had been revised; now ambulances were now sent back to their base area as soon as possible, and could only be delayed if they needed to attend a nearby C1.

The Chief Executive added that a copy of the NHS England guidance, which had been quoted as advising that local performance statistics could not be published until after September, had been requested but not provided, which was concerning for transparency requirements. Also, following the new revised arrangements, the North East Ambulance Service had exceeded the highest A&E performance nationally with a corresponding reduction in waiting time, but although the North East Ambulance Service might achieve its overall performance targets, she was concerned that figures for rural Northumberland would be the worst.

Mr Cotton was thanked for his presentation, and confirmed that he would be happy to provide a further update in the future.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and a further update be provided to a future meeting of the Tynedale Local Area Council.

## 16. Outside Bodies

Members were asked to make appointments to outside body organisations within the Local Area Council's remit. A list of outside bodies was attached to the agenda for consideration (attached as Appendix F to the official minutes).

It was agreed to reappoint the following:

- Groundwork North East: Land of Oak and Iron Project Board - G Sanderson
- Haltwhistle Partnership Limited - I Hutchinson
- Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre Management Committee - A Sharp
- Hexham Community Partnership - C Homer
- Hexham TORCH Centre Management Committee - T Cessford
- Prudhoe Community Partnership - K Stow
- Queens Hall Arts Trust - T Cessford
- Rede Tyne & Coquet Sports Centre - JR Riddle
- Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership Board - A Sharp.

There was one new appointment required; Councillor Homer no longer needed to be the nomination as she was also involved through her Cabinet role, so the following was also agreed:

- Sport Tynedale - T Cessford

It was also confirmed that Councillor Stewart deputised for Councillor Sanderson when he was not able to attend Groundwork North East - Land of Oak and Iron Project Board meetings.

**RESOLVED** that the list of appointments be agreed, subject to the change highlighted.

**17. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES**

**Timed 20mph zones near schools**

The report (attached to the official minutes as Appendix F) was considered by the North Northumberland LAC on 22 March 2018 and was attached for information for the other Local Area Councils. Members were recommended to contact the report author if they had any further queries.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**18. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME**

A list of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings was circulated (copy attached to the minutes as Appendix D).

It was agreed that a senior police representative should be invited to a future meeting. Members were advised that the last police update had been in September 2017; the date of the next update would be confirmed shortly. Members added that they would prefer to receive higher level details of crime trends rather than localised statistics.

**RESOLVED** that the work programme be noted and arrangements for the police update be followed up.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at Hexham House, Gilesgate, Hexham. Councillor Homer submitted her apologies for that meeting.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_