

COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NEXT MEETING - 7pm MON 21st JULY
In LANGDON SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE

AGENDA

Apologies etc

Updates from Local Police and Fire Officers (duties permitting)

Guest Speaker

MR MARTIN LYON - Deputy Manager - TESCO

*To tell us about TESCO operations in Coulby Newham -
and answer all our questions*

Christmas Lights 2014/2015

Councillors' Updates

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9th June 2014 in Langdon Square Community Centre

It's also the AGM

PRESENT Councillor Geoff Cole, PCSO Rob Brooks (Coulby Newham Police Station)

Dave Everitt and Jeanette Bowen (Friends of Fairy Dell) Debi Whitehad (Chair) plus residents

APOLOGIES Councillor Jan Brunton, Doug Thomson

PCSO Brooks read a message from Chief Inspector Lamplugh saying, once again, that crime in Middlesbrough is decreasing. He highlighted some Anti Social Behaviour and said the question should be asked of parents "do you know where your son/daughter is"

In Coulby Newham Anti Social Behaviour for the month of May has increased by one from 49 in 2013 to 50 in May 2014. Included in this figure are 30 of gang over-exuberances plus several neighbourly disputes that got out of hand . Regarding the latter, Erimus and the Council became involved to settle the matters. Regarding Anti Social behaviour in Fairy Dell, Coulby Newham Police and Marton Police are working together to sort things.

There were 9 burglaries in May 2013 – none in May 2014. Altogether, up to now this year, there has been a total of 6 burglaries in the whole of Coulby Newham. The offenders are now in gaol. These burglaries include 2 sheds and one garage (the door was left wide open all night.) The same offenders were responsible for stealing cars too, taken to carry away the goods. There were 16 incidents of shoplifting in the Parkway Shopping Centre..

Councillor Cole suggested that as there is no Police Priority at the moment (areas to receive extra attention) perhaps the Parkway Centre could be made one.

Several Coulby residents present were more than a little concerned at the actions of a neighbour who they suspect is dealing drugs . The problem has been reported to the Police, the last time was 4 weeks ago. They would like some feedback "*please*" to know things will soon be back to normal in their area of the estate.. There was a lot of discussion on this, information given and suggestions made such as setting up a camera for evidence. PCSO Brooks knew of the situation and that Police had visited the address . He will seek an update at the Police Station. He promised to let the residents know the situation as soon as possible.

PC Sanderson had asked him for our opinions on the Police helicopter which sometimes seems to hover right above your house. This was in response to one person's complaints. Those present agreed unanimously that it's good to know it's up there helping to solve crime. The one point made was that it is very expensive to call for air support . PCSO Brooks agreed and said for this reason and the fact that the helicopter is now based in Newcastle and shared with Northumbria and Durham, the criteria for a callout is much more stringent.

It's been a couple of years since the idea took root that dips in the landscape in **Fairy Dell** were man-made a long, long time ago and could be ancient pathways. The people who would make them would probably walk fair distances for religious reasons . They would mainly be monks. Perhaps parts of St Cuthberts body , which were carried around the country in boxes and bags to sites of religious importance, were actually carried this way.

Dave Everitt's presentation on the Dig at the Dell was entertaining and educational and proved via Finds and Changes in Soil etc that there really was a Trod here. Children from local schools plus residents were delighted to help professional archaeologists in their endeavours to prove the history.

To bring attention to 'Times Medieval' lots of activities have been and are still taking place around the area, both inside and outside. A special Medieval Village Celebration is being arranged for 20th July in Fairy Dell Park with a traditional hog roast centrepiece. Various skills can be attempted as in days of old and there will be experts on hand to answer Medieval questions. Everyone is invited.

Now the Dig has been completed – the next Fairy Dell project will be a new permanent Footpath.

The results of the Election for the Executive Committee for 2014/2015 are

Debi Whitehead (Chair) Joan Davies (Deputy Chair) Joan Cook (Sec) Ann Wood (Treasurer)
Dennis Lane, Olwen Thomson, Monica Clarke, Paul Thompson

The Treasurer gave those residents present the balance in the bank account. The bill for the 2013/2014 Christmas Lights was (£1871) We also pay for Room Hire. Thanks to Middlesbrough Council for the latest Grant of £750 - which is now in the bank.

Councillor Cole warned the meeting “*don't get too excited but Arundales site has been sold to Jomast*” Papers have actually been signed!! Jomast applied a couple of years ago to develop the land with an **Aldi** store nearest the footbridge.

He listed **Roadworks** that are planned and ongoing including widening the Parkway near the A19 junction. This will be a long process. Other work includes Dixons Bank, Ladgate Lane, Hemlington Lane near the Coulby Pub. Newport Bridge will be closed from July to September.

Signs in Middlesbrough **highlighting places of interest** are to be re-coloured yellow on blue for easier reading.

Residents mentioned the overfilled Skips at the **Parkway Re Cycling Site**. Collections are not made at weekends which is when it piles up. The point was made that it's good that people are leaving rubbish there, rather than dumping it anywhere. Perhaps bigger skips could be acquired! Perhaps collections could be made at weekends!

A **footpath near Thistle Rise** shop is overgrown with unsightly weeds by the walls. Help! In the same area, a TESCO trolley has been left. The Chair will report this for collection.