

Community Conversation

Cullercoats

11 March 2014

1. Cllr Burdis opened the meeting and there were two presentations from Council officers, Francis Lowes and Wendy Brown. Francis outlined the Council's regeneration plans for Cullercoats and how it was planned to respond to feedback received from residents and businesses. Wendy outlined the Council's approach regarding the use of jet skis in the area.
2. The meeting then was open to comments from attendees. The following points were raised and discussed
 - **the proposed location for the kiosk on the beach** was welcomed by residents but concerns were raised about the previous consultation on the matter. Cllr Burdis confirmed that one of the purposes for having the Community Conversation was to listen to everyone's views and she also confirmed on request from residents, that the proposal for the kiosk is now to replace the existing facility on its current location
 - **the use of jet skis in the area** was raised as a key concern by a number of residents at the meeting regarding the noise pollution and the safety risk to children and others in the water. Residents were concerned that the possibility of using existing facilities at the haven in Tynemouth had not been fully explored. Cllr Burdis confirmed that the Council would take the issue away and consider what could be done to address the concerns of residents
 - **the introduction of beach wardens or a harbour master** was suggested as one way to address both the problems of the use of jet skis and anti-social behaviour. Cllr Burdis agreed to take this suggestion away for the Council to consider further, within the resources available. Inspector Jim Gray from Northumbria Police confirmed the approach which the police take to responding to incidents of anti-social behaviour
 - **weeds amongst stones and pebbles** in the front of properties was raised by one resident as a particular concern and there was a request for more flowers to be planted. Cllr Burdis agreed to take this matter away for the Council to consider further
 - **anti-social behaviour** including drunken behaviour, the use of foul language, dogs on the beach was raised by one resident who requested a text number so that residents could more easily report problems when they occurred
 - **litter bins** in the area near to the fish and chip shop were raised as being too small to cope with the amount of litter
3. Cllr Burdis closed the meeting.