

Monkseaton South Community Conversation Saturday 15th March 2014

People Present: Cllr Ian Grayson (Chair), Cllr Bill Caithness, Cllr Joan Munby, Cait Foley (NTC), Felicity Shoemith (NTC), Sergeant Jon May (Northumbria Police) PC Paul McKenzie (Northumbria Police) and 12 residents

Cllr Grayson welcomed everyone to the second Community Conversation for Monkseaton South.

Flooding:

Cllr Grayson updated the meeting on the work due to start in April aimed at reducing the risk of flooding to households in the Monkseaton South Ward. This includes:

- Work on investigating and developing plans with agreed costings aimed at reducing the risk of flooding across the ward.
- Work on reducing the risk from flooding will be phased and starts with work on enlarging the ditch and cleaning out the area in Dickie Holm. This will result in new drains to the field edge and will take place in April 2014.
- Land negotiation with Persimmons Homes re the use of the fields they own for the storage of water are on going.
- Detailed design and modelling has started for the field systems between Murton and Monkseaton.
- Discussions are on going with NWL about issues of capacity in their system.
- The Council are waiting for further information from Central Government about a new grant system for residents to help fund flood prevention measures, once we have more information on this we will make sure this is actively promoted.
- A feasibility study has been undertaken by NWL into draining Briarvale in to Marden Quarry.

Phase two of work will focus on the work on Persimmons land and the renewal of the culvert under Nexus railway.

A drop in event when residents can meet the Engineers and their Councillors and talk about what is planned in their street has been arranged for the 7th April from 5-7 at Monkseaton High School. Everyone at the meeting was encouraged to attend, information will be circulated to people affected by flooding ahead of the meeting.

Concern was raised that if the culvert was cleared it would mean that the water will have a free run through, which could add to the risk of flooding. This will be taken into account, any works are carefully planned to reduce all known risks.

We were asked if Northumbria Water had any plans to increase the size of the sewage pipe in Sandringham Drive. We agreed to follow this up and find out.

Local Plan:

Cllr Grayson gave an update on the Local Plan, this information is also in the information packs circulated at the meeting. A further draft of the Local Plan will be coming back out for consultation later in 2014.

Police update:

Sergeant May gave an update on Policing in Monkseaton South and local issues. North Tyneside continues to be the safest MBC in England. Over the past year crime has increased by 6% and much of this is as a result of an increase in Shoplifting and an increase in criminal damage particularly linked to cars (scratching of paintwork).

Particular issues were raised which the Police will investigate.

Reducing Speeding:

Temporary speed signs have been deployed to four different locations along Seatonville Road and Earsdon Road. These will collect data on the speed of traffic and will help to identify any potential action to reduce speeding in this area.

The issue of cycling on pavements was raised. It was agreed that this is a difficult issue to address, one reason that cyclists use pavements because of on street car parking.

Regeneration update:

Cllr Grayson gave a short presentation on the regeneration of Whitley Bay, in particular the area around the Dome. This information is available in the information packs.

Question and Answers:

The following will be put through as members enquiries:

- When will the work on the Scouts headquarters start?
- Could a sign to the car park beside the Ice Rink be attached to the Ice Rank – it has had to be replaced at least twice when knocked off the post.
- Could a new rubbish bin be placed outside of the Ice Rink
- How much money has the Council allocated to Road repairs for the next year.

Dates for the Diary:

The Police will be carrying out a walkabout with the Ward Councillors on 22nd March. Residents were invited to join them and share any concerns.

Drop in session on flooding; 7th April 5-7 at Monkseaton High School.

The next Community Conversation will be a joint meeting with the Mayors Listening Event, which will be attended by the Mayor and Cabinet. This will take place on 21 August 2014 from 6-8pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Hall.

