

**Action4Acomb (A4A)
Committee Meeting via Teams
7pm Thursday 15 April 2021
Minutes**

Present: Lorna Farr Secretary
Jenny Stewart Committee Member
Sue Morley Chair
Vicky Ferguson Committee Member
Julie Foster Committee Member Flood
Warden

Apologies: Linda Milton Committee Member
Rachel Gagliano Treasurer

Welcome and apologies.

Sue, as Chair, welcomed everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting – 18 March 2021

The last meeting minutes were agreed, with the amendment of June in the actions for the Spring Clean and to be signed by the Chair.

Previous Actions carried over.

Action	Named responsibility	Date By	Progress
CIO Progress report	Jenny	Defer to 2021	On-going
3 sets of Christmas lights for tree at Pant to be purchased	Lorna	10/21	On-going
Annual Review Flood Plan	Lorna In conjunction with EA and Lead Warden	March 2021	Deferred for a later date when Flood Wardens can meet up post Covid.

Actions as listed.

Actions considered and contained with the projects as follows.

Proposed changes to A4A constitution for consideration

Suggested addition to A4A Constitution were proposed to Section 8. Meetings and procedures of the Committee. These were shared with the committee prior to this meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the addition should be proposed at A4A AGM in October 2021 for approval.

Action: proposed addition to the Constitution to be brought to this year's AGM in October for approval.

Rural Broadband Voucher Scheme – On-line meeting with Openreach Representative, Louise Thompson

Having been approached by John Cook and NCC – Gill Cowell and Sylvia Pringle, Engagement Officers regarding Zoom meeting with BT Outreach, a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 21 April at 5 pm over Zoom. This invite has been extended to Acomb Parish Council too. Sue, Jenny, Lorna and Julie are interested in attending.

Action: Zoom Link to be sent out

Approach to the Village meeting

Following the Approach to the Village Meeting, Erica Carter, Chair raised questions with the Parish Council on behalf of local residents. Erica has offered to download and analysis data from the interactive speed cameras. She awaits training from SWARCO to be organised through the Parish Council.

Vicky joined the meeting at 8 pm.

Projects

Community Led Plan Questionnaire

Action: Planned meeting on Tuesday 20 April, weather permitting to explore the proposed questionnaire linking with the RAG rating and CLP To link with Ivor to arrange a further meeting to progress the draft questionnaire.

Web update

Further training session arranged for 22. 04.2021. This may now be sufficient. Gallery of photos being built. Further photos needed. Training in house if any further is required in the future. Website is progressing well.

Pinned post to direct those on FaceBook to Acomblocal required. It was felt that the Facebook will be the main attraction as much more instant rather than the website. Plans to renew a contract with Adam now that the website has been built and funding has started to be drawn from Rothley Trust Grant. Adam absorbing the Freeola in the revised contract.

Action: Sue to add pinned post to Facebook directing towards Acomblocal. Sue to coordinate photos for the gallery. Contract to be prepared with Adam.

Great British Spring Clean 2021

The date for this event is Saturday 5 June between 10 and 12 md.

Action: Advertise poster on Facebook and Actionlocal. Posters around the village too, including the school.

Lorna to add to National Site and contact NCC for equipment.

Flower bed

Action: Jenny and Lorna to arrange a time to weed the bed across from the Chapel.

Timetable of future Events

A calendar has been added to Acomblocal to which we can add dates of future events, such as:

- Great British Spring Clean –Saturday 5 June 10 to 12md starting from the Village Hall.
- This year’s Scarecrow Trail, proposed to be from Sunday 3 July to Sunday 11 July, with judging planned for Sunday 11 July.
- Xmas Tree event, date to be arranged.
- Annual Village Hall week activities – promote group activities.

Planning for the events and advertising them in a timely way would be well organised. Ideas were considered.

Action: Jenny to add to Acomblocal website

Standing Items

Finance: Treasurer’s report

26/02/21 – 14/04/2021

Previous balance (26.02.2021) **£16,648.02**

Which includes funds held for Acomb Tennis Club (£2,233.98)

Income

		£00.00
Total		£00.00

Expenditure

26/03/2021	Adam McKinnon Acomblocal	£100.00
12/04/2021	Freeola Internet Provider	£13.86
Total		£113.86

Account balance as at 14/04/2021

(£16,648.02 – £113.86) =	£ 16,534.16
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Action: To liaise with Hexham Youth Initiative about transferring funding allocated to Acomb Youth Club.

Grant Funding

Arnold Clark grant funding application was successful. Awaiting funds to be transferred. Funding to go towards Parish Questionnaire and publicity following findings.

Parish Council Grant Application requires to be resubmitted despite a comprehensive report provided to the Parish Council as to the spend on Acomblocal. Discussed the reapplication.

Action: Resubmit Parish Council Grant Application.

Feedback from Annual Parish Meeting – April 2021

- A4A annual report presented and posted on Acomblocal website
- 27 people attended, 6 groups fed back.
- Presentation about the Electric Vehicle scheme by Nick Morphet

Save Our Post Office Campaign

Await further update

Planned communications/publicity.

- Continue to use Acomblocal calendar to promote events
- Great British Spring Clean

AOB

Pyramid Project

Funded collaborative research between Newcastle University, Loughborough University and Natural Environment Research Council to explore the use of tools that will change how the response to flood risks evolve. Data produced would be used to alleviate flooding through identifying risk. The Platform – Pyramid will be co-developed in conjunction with the Environment agency, local authorities and communities. Using toolkits, local communities will incorporate their data providing essential local information. Acomb has been identified as one of the partners. There is a planned Zoom meeting. There are no representatives able to attend from Acomb. However, there are plans to share the information more locally in the near future.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Date of next meeting

Thursday 20 May at 7pm via Zoom

Dates for 2021 planned – Thursdays at 7pm, except *

17 June 2021	15 July 2021
19 August 2021	16 September 2021
20 October 2021 (AGM) * Wednesday	18 November 2021
16 December 2021	

Actions carried over to next meeting.

Action	Named responsibility	Date By	Completed
To propose addition to A4A Constitution to A4A AGM October 2021 for approval	Sue and Lorna	20 October 2021	At 2021 AGM
Rural Broadband Voucher Scheme link to Zoom meeting to be sent out	Lorna	Prior to 21.04.2021	Sent out.
CLP questionnaire - preliminary work to be undertaken by those wishing to be involved	Jenny, Sue and Lorna	20 May 2021	Meeting held
To link with Ivor Knox to arrange a meeting to progress early draft	Lorna	20 May 2021	To be arranged
Contact businesses to advertise on the Acomb Local website. Extension of Web contract	Jenny A4A Committee	February 2021 20.05.2021	On-going Review in May 2021
Grant funding for steps for reconsideration	A4A Committee	Continuous	On-going
PC Grant Funding	A4A Committee	19.05.2021	Further resubmit
Sports England Small Grant Funding	Lorna	March 2021	To be submitted
Flower bed tidy	Lorna and other willing members/volunteers	03.2021	On-going
Timetable future events	A4A Committee	Further dates	On-going
Contact to be made with Hexham Youth Initiative re: grant funding remaining for Acomb Youth Club	Lorna Cc: Rachel	18.02.2021	Contact made – invoice to be sent from HYI to transfer funds. As yet no further communication for HYI. Further reminder.
Great British Spring Clean 2021	A4A Committee	18.02.2021	Saturday 5 June 2021 chosen date.