

Attenborough and Chilwell East Community Action Team Minutes 31 May 2022

Lucy and Vincent Brown Village Hall, Attenborough: 6.30pm

Present:

Name	Organisation	Contact details	Initials
Cllr Eric Kerry	Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC)	Eric.Kerry@broxtowe.gov.uk	EK
Cllr Trish Roberts - Thomson	Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC)	Trish.RobertsThomson@broxtowe.gov.uk	TRT

5 residents attended the meeting and 5 signed the signing in sheet.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr TRT welcomed everybody to the meeting. A minutes silence was held in remembrance of former local Cllr Joan Briggs.

2. Apologies

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Cllr Richard Jackson	Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC)	Richard.Jackson@broxtowe.gov.uk	RJ

There were no other apologies.

3. Attenborough Railway Safety Concerns

A presentation about the safety concerns at the Attenborough railway crossings was delivered by Elisha Allen, Community Safety Manager and Vita Zaporozcenko, Public Affairs Manager, at Network Rail.

The presentation was concerned with the Meadow Lane Foot Crossing; the Allendale Foot Crossing, Attenborough Railway Station, Barratt Lane Foot Crossing, Barton Lane Level Crossing and Barton Lane (Stennies) Foot Crossing.

There are 234 trains passing these crossings every day – (including the night-time).

- There have been 7 fatal incidents and one 'injurious attempt' incident between 2013 and November 2020.
- All were local, or had local connections
- All (except one) walked to the scene
- Between December 2016 and 2020 there were 9 incidents where suicidal people were removed from the tracks
- There were 9 'near miss' incidents in the last three years i.e. the train had to apply its brakes. There is no common thread – a mixture of children, elderly people, dog walkers, cyclists and joggers.

What has Network Rail been doing to increase safety:

- Covert cameras
- Suicide Prevention Days
- Local schools and scout groups offered safety sessions
- Working with Halfords to promote rail safety at the level crossings
- Rail safety leaflets distributed to new houses next to the crossings
- Increased British Transport Police patrols
- Working in partnership with local GPs and the local public health dept.

This is a community issue and support from the community about safety on the railways is important, along with local mental health support.

3. Broxtowe Borough Council update - Cllrs EK/TRT

TRT raised three issues:

- Nottingham- Matlock. Email update from Donna Adams from East Midlands Railways – still citing rolling stock issues and responsibility for reinstatement via Great British Railways. TRT suggested strongest action to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps MP.
- Concern at local government level about mental health issues in the community post Covid. There are a large number of pamphlets and cards around the room on 'wellbeing' and letting people know how to seek help, either for themselves or others.
- Ukraine. Broxtowe is in friendship with the town of Myszkow in Poland and they have asked Broxtowe for support with non-perishable food stuffs and medicines particularly for children, plus blankets (but not clothes). These items can be left at the Council offices over the next few days. The lorry will go to Myszkow in the next week or so.

4. Residents' Issues

- Parking around Attenborough Station – EK the pandemic has changed the impact of parking, but the item is still on the County Council's agenda and will be monitored and implemented should parking problems return following the end of Covid restrictions.
- Recycling and Waste – the contract with Veolia is negotiated with the County Council. Not sure of exact dates for renewal. Exact specifications will depend on current prices for recycled plastics.
- Dual purpose litter bins – plastics and general waste as opposed to just one litter bin? Idea sound, but practise is that most people mix them up therefore negating their purpose. EK to pursue with BBC.
- 'Welcome to Attenborough' signs project delayed due to Covid.
- East Midlands Airport – residents have noticed a change of flight path over Attenborough and increasing noise, plus flights now 24 hours per day
- Barton and Fabis minerals extraction planning application. No information why withdrawn. Concern regarding impact on wildlife and the reserve. EK / County Council aware of it.

- Active travel cycling corridor consultation available online and posters on some lamp posts.
- Footpaths on Barratt Lane need improvements – County Council have increased budget for highways. EK to pursue.

5. Dates of Future meetings

Wednesday 9th November at the Chilwell Memorial Hall 7.30pm (Please note change of date and time and not as suggested on 5 October and at 6.30pm).

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm

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