

Draft Community Actions

As part of the process of developing the neighbourhood plan, some areas of community concerns were identified that cannot be addressed through the planning system. However, as part of the neighbourhood planning process they can become 'community actions', which are supported by Longhoughton Parish Council. These proposals can be delivered in conjunction with other local organisations.

Objective 1 – Sustainable Development

Important actions that could assist in the delivery of the sustainable development objective include:

- 1 Establishing a climate change group which would develop community projects to seek to meet the net zero carbon emissions target.
- 2 Encourage the trustees of the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust to introduce solar panels on the roof of the Centre and battery storage with view to the centre eventually becoming self-sufficient in energy and possibly incorporating a number of electric vehicle charging points.
- 3 Seek opportunities to work more closely with the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership developing further opportunities for joint projects.
- 4 To establish regular liaison arrangements with Northumbria Police and RAF Boulmer.
- 5 Encourage the creation of groups of residents to undertake tasks in the community or to form meaningful groups that encourage participation in the arts, exercise or sport.

Objective 2 – Housing

Important actions to assist with the delivery of the housing objective are:

- 6 A commitment to work with Northumberland County Council with view to deliver community-led housing on the former Johnnie Johnston site.
- 7 To organise a Housing Needs Survey from time to time to update the evidence of need.

Objective 3 – Business

To support the local economy across the parish the Parish Council will seek to develop opportunities for employment growth:

- 8 It will also set up and maintain a Quarry Liaison Group covering both quarries in the Parish.

Objective 4 – Environment

The parish council is working on/ investigating several projects to seek to protect and improve the natural environment of the parish, including:

- 9 Seeking to reduce the damage caused to the dunes and headland at Longhoughton Beaches through vehicle parking in discussion with the landowner and local farmer.
- 10 Establishing a litter picking group;
- 11 Planting at least 100 new trees each year, including encouraging residents to join the planting group.
- 12 Working with the quarry operators and Northumberland Estates regarding the creation of a nature reserve.

- 13 Encourage the planting group to establish a community orchard and continue maintaining planters throughout the village of Longhoughton.

Objective 5 – Heritage

To support the delivery of objective 5 the parish council will:

- 14 To seek to celebrate the diverse heritage of the area and to encourage the heritage group to research and publish more information about the heritage of the parish.
- 15 To encourage the management and use of the public footpath and the bridleway network by the 'Footpaths Group' of residents.

Objective 6 – Community

To support the sustainability and vibrancy of the local community, the parish council will support the delivery the following actions:

- 16 Creation of a community trust to be part of the charity infrastructure of the parish;
- 17 Development of a community hub, based on the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre but with the possibility of incorporating the RAF Families Centre.
- 18 To provide 'extended Warm Hub' facilities for residents due to the escalation in energy prices and the increase in the cost of living and the development of the 'Thursday Together' concept.
- 19 To improve communications within the parish by; the continued publication of the Newsletter and leaflets on specific topics; develop greater use of social media; developing a dedicated website and establish a community noticeboard at the Running Fox.
- 20 Having signing the Armed Forces Covenant, to follow this up by finding ways to work together with the RAF in support of the principles of the Covenant.
- 21 Joint working with the RAF to: promote joint celebrations, incorporating the RAF families day with the objective of bringing the military and civilian populations closer together.
- 22 Ensure that the services and facilities for young people are of a high standard and are used by them; continue to develop joint working with the RAF and RAF Families Centre to meet the needs of the community and achieve the effective use of resources and sustainability.
- 23 Continue to develop a case for the continuity of medical services in Longhoughton including the involvement of the County Council Health and Wellbeing Service along with outreach services.
- 24 To assist in finding ways for St Peter and St Paul's Church in Longhoughton to be sustainable;
- 25 Work with the Trustees of the Longhoughton Community Centre towards the successful replacement of the Astro Turf pitch.
- 26 To consider whether to request voluntary contributions towards the Parish Precept from holiday let properties where they pay no business rates.
- 27 Carry out a survey of all young people under the age of 18 to identify their needs and aspirations with view to a programme of delivery where appropriate.
- 28 Pursue the possibility of new sports being promoted for the Parish along with keep-fit facilities.
- 29 Continue to promote a scheme for the recognition of volunteers.
- 30 Encourage the continuation of the Longhoughton Film Club, book exchange and new social activities at the Community and Sports Centre.

Objective 7 – Transport and Access

To promote access to facilities and services for all residents the parish council will:

- 31 Continue to work with others to develop the greenways project and encourage the creation of a group of residents aimed at maintaining walking routes.

- 32 To assist the rural properties that do not have access to super-fast Broadband and follow this up with NCC.
- 33 Work with NCC Highways Department and the AONB on the Longhoughton traffic and road safety review including the seeking of a 'quiet lane' status or equivalent for the road to Longhoughton Beach.
- 34 Continue to make the case for a new village car park on the old recreation field.
- 35 Continue to investigate the issue of parking congestion in Lacey Street and find ways to minimise it in the short term and resolve it in the longer term.
- 36 Work with NCC for the creation of a new car park in Boulmer and to continue the discussion for NCC to take-over the Beach car park in 2024 and for an overall parking strategy to be agreed for the village.
- 37 To work with Howick Trustees and local farmers to re-build the bridge over the burn close to burn mouth and re-establish the part permissive circular walking route from Longhoughton to the burn mouth and back via the coastal path and Low Steads.