

**GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GAMP)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018, 6:00PM, GREENFIELD ARTS CENTRE**



PRESENT: **Elected Members**
Cllr Jim Atkinson – DCC
Cllr Scott Durham – DCC
Cllr Brian Hall – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Cllr Kate Hopper – DCC
Cllr Paul Howell – DCC

Public Representatives
Sue Cooke
Alan Cooper
Chris Cunnington-Shore
Alan Jordan
Carl Robinson

Partner Representatives
Mark Booth – CCG (representing Kim Lawther)
Carol Gaskarth – VCS Representative
Stephen Gosnay – Business Representative
Insp Sarah Honeyman – Police **(Chair)**
Oliver Sherratt – DCC Head of Direct Services

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE: Brian Riley – GAMP Coordinator
Victoria Grieves – GAMP Community Development Project Officer
Paula Stockport – GAMP Support Officer

APOLOGIES: Cllr Eddy Adam, Cllr John Clare, Kim Lawther, Graeme Metcalf,
Hannah Siddle, Helen Johnson

OBSERVERS: R Mitchie, J Mitchie, H Brewster, R Adamson, J Johnson, S Day, D
Bowman

1. Introductions & Apologies

Insp SH welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding observers they would be welcome to comment under Items 3, 4 and 5 on the agenda. A brief round of introductions was given.

Insp SH welcomed Stephen Gosnay to his first Board meeting, replacing Steve Robson as Business Representative.

BR confirmed that apologies for absence had been received, as noted above.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 30.1.18 – Matters Arising

The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 30.1.18 had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers. BR reviewed the minutes for matters arising, actions and accuracy.

BR confirmed there were no outstanding actions. There were no matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting were **AGREED** by the Board as a true and accurate record.

3. Countywide Partner Issues

3.1 Fire Service Update

Item deferred due to Graeme Metcalf's apologies.

BR took the opportunity to remind partner reps to contact the GAMP team if they would like to add items to a future meeting agenda under this section.

4. Local Neighbourhood Issues

4.1 Neighbourhood Policing Update (Insp Sarah Honeyman)

Insp SH updated Board members in relation to local crime figures, current policing activity across the GAMP locality, as well as local PACT priorities, and current and emerging issues. Insp SH highlighted that the new schedule for PACT meeting dates is being finalised, and will be circulated in the local press, social media etc later this week. The proposal going forward is to host a meeting in each of the three DCC Ward areas, one meeting in each area each month, rotating between two venues, all at 6.00-7.00pm:

- Aycliffe North & Middridge: Woodham Community Centre (Thursdays), starting 26.4.18 / Greenfield School (Wednesdays)
- Aycliffe West: Burnhill Way Methodist Church¹ (Wednesdays), starting 11.4.18 / Simpasture Court (Wednesdays)
- Aycliffe East: Youth & Community Centre (Thursdays), starting 12.4.18 / Neville Community Centre (Thursdays)

All meeting dates will be available via the website (www.durham.police.uk), and Insp SH asked Board members to help with promotion etc.

Cllr JA commented that residents from Aycliffe Village would be disappointed not having a specific meeting in their locality. Insp SH stated that for Middridge and Aycliffe Village, the PCSOs will continue to pop into local community events, such as coffee mornings etc, and residents are very welcome to bring specific issues to their nearest PACT meeting.

Cllr SD commented that the policing and partnership team deserve recognition for the reduction in antisocial behaviour, particularly compared with neighbouring authorities, this is a great achievement.

BR confirmed that no other local neighbourhood issues had been submitted in writing to the GAMP team.

BR confirmed, for the minutes, that Board members have received the following correspondence from the GAMP team since the last meeting:

- DCC consultation information on the 'Strategic Mental Health Plan on a Page' circulated by email on 5.3.18;
- Operation Spruce Up report, circulated by email on 6.3.18;
- the GAMP 'Walk Through Life' health infographic, circulated by email on 9.3.18;
- GAMP ebuletin circulated 9.3.18.

¹ Post-meeting Update: Burnhill Way Methodist Church venue has been changed to Aycliffe Evangelical Church, DL5 7EU, still on a Wednesday evening, starting 11.4.18

If any Board member would like information on events, activities, projects etc circulated to the GAMP database via our ebulletin or Facebook page, please contact the GAMP team.

5. Neighbourhood Budget Applications

BR confirmed, for the minutes, that the 'Nemesis Allstars Cheerleading Uniforms' project discussed at the last meeting had been withdrawn by the applicant. The project was originally seeking £1,440 from the Neighbourhood Budgets of Cllrs Adam, Atkinson and Durham, but the applicant had been unable to supply the requested accompanying documentation in support of their application within the required timescales.

BR confirmed that a summary sheet for the only NB proposal for discussion this evening had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for Board members to note. BR highlighted there are no Declarations of Interest and the project is therefore being put to the Board for information and comment only.

5.1 Sedgefield Water Polo Club New Member Project

(Cllrs Adam, Clare & Hopper)

The request from NB is £1,049; the total project cost is £1,249. There are no Declarations of Interest.

VG gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which is designed to attract new members to the club through an eight-week period of free taster sessions. The children and young people taking part will be engaged in activity that will hopefully promote long-term health and wellbeing. In addition, the club will offer a month's free membership for anyone who takes part and wishes to join the club.

No comments were raised from Board members or observers.

BR will forward the NB application to the Funding Team for technical appraisal (**Action 1: BR**).

6. GAMP Coordinator's Update

6.1 2018-19 Area Budget Project Callout Criteria

BR confirmed that a copy of the draft project callout criteria for all three priorities, as devised through the work of the Task & Finish Groups, had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for Board members to consider. The wording requires full Board approval in advance of the callout launch next week. BR asked if Board members were in agreement with the proposed criteria – this was **AGREED**.

BR highlighted that the project callout will officially launch on 4 April, and be promoted via local press releases, ebulletin and Facebook etc. BR asked all Board members to assist with promotion as well. The closing date for applications will be Friday 11 May 2018.

BR confirmed that Victoria will be hosting some advice and guidance sessions for prospective applicants, to help take them through the processes and paperwork, giving useful hints and tips to assist applicants (details to be confirmed). BR clarified that applicants will be asked to complete a simpler 'Expression of Interest'

form this time around, rather than a full Area Budget application form, which will hopefully help make the process easier for applicants.

6.2 2018-19 Funding (Social Isolation, Welfare Reform & Youth Fund)

BR confirmed the 2018-19 funding allocations, for all AAPs, just for information:

- £100k Area Budget, split equally across the three GAMP priorities (£33,333 each); there is a requirement for at least £24k of this allocation to be spent on capital.
- £25k Social Isolation Fund – this has been approved by DCC to allocate £25k per year for the next three years. The exact criteria for this funding is in the final stages of approval and BR will keep Board members updated accordingly.
- £10k Welfare Reform – this funding is aimed at initiatives which respond to local needs and circumstances resulting from a range of welfare reform/employability/poverty issues.
- £9,902 Youth Fund – this funding is aimed at schemes which provide youth activities for 11-19 year olds (or up to 25 years for those with special educational needs and disability).

BR reminded Board members that it was previously agreed to host a separate project callout seeking applications under each of these funding streams once the wider Area Budget callout has been completed, probably around September/October time.

AJ asked whether these funding allocations have any specific requirements in relation to capital/revenue. BR clarified they can be allocated to either.

CG asked whether the SIF fund has to be allocated within each financial year, or whether there will be scope for a three-year scheme. BR clarified that, as far as he is aware (and pending the final criteria), an applicant will be able to submit a proposal for the full three-year allocation in the first year. BR will confirm when the final criteria has been signed off centrally by DCC.

6.3 2018-19 Chair & Vice Chairs

BR confirmed that he has coordinated the Chair and Vice Chair nominations ready for the AGM in May, as follows:

- Cllr Eddy Adam has volunteered from the Elected Member sector – and will take the Chair for 2018-19;
- Sue Cooke has volunteered from the Public Rep sector;
- Insp Sarah Honeyman has volunteered from the Partner sector.

These roles will be formally ratified at the AGM. BR thanked everyone who had expressed an interest in the roles.

6.4 Operation Spruce Up

BR confirmed that a copy of the full report following the Newton Aycliffe Spruce Up programme was circulated by email on 6.3.18. There was a lot of good local publicity and feedback from the GAMP area, and BR thanked those Board members who had attended the launch event.

BR confirmed that DCC have agreed to run the Spruce Up initiative again this year, and are looking for ideas of potential areas to target or specific improvements that could be considered as part of the programme. BR asked Board members to give consideration to potential suggestions and email any ideas through to the GAMP

team. Ideally, the programme will be looking to target fairly small, prominent areas where work done can have maximum impact. Additionally, target areas would preferably be DCC-owned land, although this is not insurmountable.

OS added that the Spruce Up had gone very well across the County, and gained national recognition, recently receiving Keep Britain Tidy's 'Campaign of the Year' award. The feedback was really positive, with a total of 86% of people who responded saying they noticed a significant improvement in the area. DCC welcome the views of the local community members for potential areas for this year.

6.5 Young Carers Charter

BR confirmed that all AAPs have recently been approached and encouraged to sign up to the 'Young Carers Charter' – GAMP are only the second AAP to do this. BR has completed a self-assessment on behalf of the partnership; the basic aim is to identify and support young carers in the work we all do as a partnership. BR confirmed that the Board will be receiving an awareness session and presentation at a future meeting, hopefully in May, with further information. BR has prepared an information display board about the Charter, which Board members are welcome to take to local events to assist with promotion and raising awareness etc. BR has also updated the 'Children, Young People & Families' Task Group, and the project callout criteria under this priority has been re-worded to include 'young carers and their families' as a result.

Items not on the Agenda

Cllr PH briefly updated on behalf of the Co Durham & Darlington Fire Authority, highlighting the recent appointment of the new Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Sarah Nattrass. Cllr PH added that the performance information for Co Durham & Darlington is superb, he's really proud of their partnership working which should be commended. Insp SH echoed this comment.

7. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

Insp SH confirmed the next Board meeting (AGM) is arranged as follows:

Tuesday 22 May 2018, 6:00pm at Woodham Community Centre

Insp SH thanked all attendees, as well as Greenfield Arts Centre, for hosting the meeting, and the meeting was closed.