

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, 15 th November 2018	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Location:	Middlestone Moor Community Centre, Albion St, Middlestone Moor, DL16 7AP	
Present:	<p>Elected Councillors Cllr Kevin Thompson (Cllr KT) Cllr Judith Machin (JM) Cllr Geoff Darkes (Cllr GD)</p> <p>Partner Organisations Insp Mike Sammut (Insp MS) Mick Clark (MC) Ian Walker (IW) Barbara Harker (BH)</p> <p>Public Representatives Agnes Armstrong (AA) Norman Vaulks(NV) De Hickson (DH) Nikki Skinner (NS) Bill Noble (BN) Kay Seymour (KS)</p> <p>Other Attendees Michael Wilkes (MW) Peter Henderson (PH) Lynn Cummings (LC)</p>	<p>Other Attendees Public Peter Yarbrough (PY) Ian Machin (IM) N James (NJ) K James (KJ) Pat Lawton (PL) Don Gordon (DG) Cllr Stuart Dunn (Cllr SD) Hailey Cairns (HC) Peter Garod (PG)</p>
Apologies:	Cllr Alan Gardner, Insp Warren Edwards, Michael Ord, Jenny Haworth, Cllr Liz Maddison, Katherine Hierons, Elizabeth Jowett, Joan Scott, Marion Jackson, Cllr Maura McKeon and Dean Ranyard	

1.	<p>Introductions & Apologies</p> <p>AA welcomed everyone to the meeting. AA stated, as the new Data Protection rules (GDPR) had come in to force and as the Board meetings are recorded and posted on the Durham County Council (DCC) website, if anyone was requesting</p>
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	<p>to be anonymous when participating in discussions to state so.</p> <p>AA invited the Board to introduce themselves. Apologies were noted and declarations given.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Agreement of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting 20th September 2018</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>6d (iii) – PH stated the Croxdale & Hett Parish Council Hett Christmas Lights application had been withdrawn due to technical reasons.</p> <p>7a – MW stated he would be meeting with two possible new Board Members next week. They could potentially fill a Partner (Business) and a Public Representative vacancy on the Board.</p> <p>7e – MW will report back to the meeting following a discussion with Chris Hindmarch around the next areas to be allocated.</p> <p>8b – Cllr KT stated the Post Office service had been reinstated in the village.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p><u>Locality Policing Issues</u></p> <p>Insp MS gave an update to the Board on the current workload. Local crime statistics were also provided.</p> <p>A question was raised concerning the shop lifting issues around the town asking if the retailers are dedicating enough resources to combat the problem. It was stated if the retailers do not buy into the systems that are in place, then the Police may be unable to utilise officer time to assist them.</p> <p>Cllr KT stated the repainting and new lighting system for Middlestone Moor Community Centre had finished and the CCTV cameras are due to be fitted in the new year.</p> <p>Cllr GD stated there are many livin tenants in this area and a lot of support is available.</p> <p>DG stated the area opposite the Post Office was in need of clearing. MW explained, as there were various owners of the land, this area of the town centre was a very difficult patch to resolve. MW noted the situation had been looked at in detail previously.</p> <p>Action: MW will work with Spennymoor Town Council and DCC and report back as and when.</p>

<p>b)</p>	<p>MC stated the Fire Service had been very busy on the 5th November in all areas.</p> <p><u>Local Neighbourhood Issues</u></p> <p>Cllr KT updated on the recent DCC Scrutiny Committee meeting concerning the closure of Ward 6 at Bishop Auckland Hospital. It was noted that it had been agreed to form a cross party committee to assess the situation and the closure had been put on hold whilst awaiting more information. Cllr KT stated he would report back once more information was available.</p>
<p>c)</p>	<p><u>Spennymoor Town Council Update</u></p> <p>MW noted that this report was deferred until the next Board Meeting.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>a)</p>	<p>DDES CCG</p> <p>Barbara Harker (DDES CCG Finance & Performance Manager) showed a short video and gave a presentation on the DDES consultation launched on proposals to change 7 Day Access to Primary Care Services in Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield (available on request).</p> <p>Following the presentation it was opened up for questions.</p> <p>A question was raised asking where will the hub be based in the west of the area. It was stated Barnard Castle will be the furthest in the west of the area.</p> <p>A question was raised asking where can people access the information on the consultation if they are not online. It was stated information is in all GP surgeries, libraries etc as well as on-line.</p> <p>It was stated, as GP shortages are a problem, possibly BH could give an update on the situation at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: BH will request someone from the DDES CCG recruitment section to report to a Board Meeting in the new year.</p> <p>AA thanked BH for the presentation on behalf of the AAP.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Priorities</p>
<p>a)</p>	<p>Appraisal Panel Report</p>

	<p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each project.</p> <p>A question was raised stating that, although all Area Budget (AB) monies have been committed, the outlining smaller villages needed to be taken into account when allocating monies. More support for small groups to fit the criteria, enabling access to funding is required. MW stated that the AAP has always tried to ensure, where possible, that all AB funded projects are open to all residents within all of our communities/villages. MW also stated that the Spennymoor AAP Team have helped a huge number of small groups access funding and will continue to do so moving forward.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
b)	<p>Task & Finish Group Update</p> <p>i) <u>General Update</u></p> <p>MW explained that full Task & Finish Group updates would be provided at the January Board Meeting. He also stated that Board Champions will be assigned next week.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
c)	<p>It's Up 2 Update</p> <p>MW stated the closing date had passed and that 28 applications had been received. MW noted that these applications needed to be assessed/appraised by the Appraisal Panel to ensure eligibility for the event on 2nd March 2019.</p>
d)	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Application</p> <p>i) <u>Cow Plantation Nature Reserve</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards the development of signage for the Cow Plantation Nature Reserve in Spennymoor.</p> <p>The application identifies a contribution of £2,000 from Councilor Gardner's Neighbourhood Budget allocation. The overall cost of the project is £43,000 with the remaining £41,000 being provided by Spennymoor Town Council via other funding streams.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
e)	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Application – Members Small Grant Fund</p>

	<p><u>Update Report</u></p> <p>PH explained the report (available on request)</p> <p>i) Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust – Ceilidh 4 Cancer – Councillor Darkes supported Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust with a total of £350 towards the cost of a charity ceilidh event on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Spennymoor Town Hall.</p> <p><i>Cllr Darkes declared an interest in the project</i></p> <p>ii) Star Fundraising Group – Christmas Fayre - Councillor's Maddison and Thompson supported Star Fundraising Group with a total of £130 towards the cost of a Christmas Fayre in Middlestone Moor Community Centre.</p> <p><i>Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the project</i></p> <p>iii) Croxdale & Hett Parish Council – Hett Village – Councillor's Dunn and McKeon supported Croxdale & Hett Parish Council with a total of £765 towards the cost of supplying and installing a Christmas tree in Hett Village.</p> <p><i>Cllr Dunn declared an interest in the project</i></p> <p>iv) County Durham Youth Offending Service – Youth in Mind – Councillors Darkes and Maddison are supporting the County Durham Youth Offending Service with a total of £88 each towards an activity based peer support group for victims of crime.</p> <p><i>Cllr Darkes declared an interest in the project</i></p> <p>Recommendation - The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
7	<p>General AAP, Partner & Countywide Issues</p> <p>a) Board Vacancies</p> <p>MW explained, as we have currently a vacancy on the Board for a Business Representative (Partner) and two Public Representatives, he would be meeting with two people next week to look to fill two of the three vacancies.</p> <p>b) County Durham Partnership (CDP) Forum Update</p> <p>MW stated there was no available update</p> <p>c) Leisure Centre/Witches Hat Work</p> <p>MW stated the work on the Witches Hat at the Leisure Centre had started.</p>

d)	<i>Spruce Up</i> MW stated he would be emailing out to the Board once he was informed of the areas and dates for the next phase of Spruce Up.
e)	Social Isolation & Youth Grant Funds MW stated the Social Isolation Fund (£75,000, over a 3-year period) had been promoted and four applications had been returned so far. It was noted that these would be assessed at the next Appraisal Panel meeting. Action: MW to forward the applications to the Board for comments prior to the Appraisal Panel meeting. MW stated a call out for projects concerning the Youth Grant would be going out next week.
8.	<u>AOB</u> MW requested the Board and Forum fill out the priority forms provided which would look at informing the priority decisions for the 2019/20 financial year. These forms would also be available at the Its Up 2 Event on 2 nd March 2019. Date and Time of Next Meeting Next scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 17 th January 2019, venue Tudhoe Community Centre, St David's Close, Tudhoe, DL16 6TG. AA thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.