



Spennymoor
Area Action Partnership

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, 21 st March 2019	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Location:	Byers Green Village Hall, 1 Institute St, Byers Green, DL16 7PQ	
Present:	<p>Elected Councillors Cllr Kevin Thompson (Cllr KT) Cllr Michael Ord (Cllr MO) Cllr Liz Maddison (Cllr LM)</p> <p>Partner Organisations Insp Warren Edwards (InspWE) Jenny Haworth (JH) Barbara Harker (BH) De Hickson (DH) Nigel James (NJ)</p> <p>Public Representatives Agnes Armstrong (AA) 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 K James (KJ) Marion Nelthorpe (MN) Katherine Hierons (KH) Trevor Brewster (TB) Val Mortimer (VM) Sue Lupton (SL) Sara Courtley (SC) Elizabeth Jowett (EJ) Phil Bennett (PB) Judith Harbour (JH) V Craggs (VC)</p>
Apologies:	Cllr Alan Gardner, Sandra Wyper, Ian Walker, Mick Clark, Norman Vaulks, George Gittens, Ian Machin, Peter Yarbrough, Sara Cairns 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 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. AA stated Cllr Geoff Darkes and Cllr Judith Machin had resigned from the Board and she thanked them for all their work on behalf of the AAP. MW stated there was currently a Public Representative vacancy on the Board too and these vacancies would be filled/advertised asap.</p>
2.	<p>Agreement of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting 17th January 2019</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3 - 5a DDES CCG – BH stated she was still awaiting more information around GP shortages in Spennymoor and would forward information when available.</p> <p>4b Fire & Rescue Service – A presentation around the consultation results will go to the May Board meeting.</p> <p>4c University Landlord question – MW had contacted DCC and been informed If the property is solely occupied by fulltime students then the property is exempt from Council Tax in line with Council Tax legislation. The authority does receive money from central government in respect of the number of properties exempt due to sole occupation of fulltime students.</p> <p>4c Public Right of Way at Croxdale overgrown – MW stated it had been passed to DCC Clean and Green and he will report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>5a DCC vision consultation - JH stated the consultation had cost £14k to the external consultants. Cllr KT stated he still had concerns around where the funding will come from for the Mount Oswald site as DCC had not received Big Lottery funding. JH stated external funding is still being looked at. Cllr LM stated if no external funding is available how committed will DCC be on capital spend to fund the Mount Oswald site. JH stated capital funding is committed.</p>
4.	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p>a) <u>Locality Policing Issues</u></p> <p>Insp WE gave an update to the Board on the current workload. Local crime statistics were also provided. Insp WE also mentioned the Prison Me No Way project is being looked at for the areas. It was also stated the Blue Light café drop in sessions have opened in Middlestone Moor but with a poor response so</p>

far.

Action: Insp WE to forward details on the Blue Light café at Middlestone Moor to MW to circulate on Facebook and Gospenny

b) Local Neighbourhood Issues

It was stated the land at the end of Lodge Street gardens, Byers Green, was covered in pebbles and never tendered.

Action: Cllr KT and PH will contact Geoff Talbot (DCC) to address the issues in that area

It was stated there had been an issue concerning a hunt by the South Durham Hunt going through Byers Green on 23rd February. SC stated there were a number of issues she was concerned about.

Insp WE stated he was aware of the issue and will look into the incident and address accordingly.

Action: Insp WE will investigate and get back to SC and SL as well as report back to the next board meeting on the outcome

It was stated there is an ongoing problem with dog fouling in Byers Green particularly on the football field and various pavements.

Action: KT stated the Neighbourhood Wardens will be informed and the footpaths will be targeted

It was stated dog fouling issues are regularly mentioned at DCC meetings and Neighbourhood Wardens regularly tour the areas and their shifts are being monitored to address these issues.

It was stated Byers Green do not receive Spenny News.

Action: MW will look into this with Spenny News

Spennymoor Town Council Update

c) Katherine Hierons (Spennymoor Town Clerk) gave an update on the current projects the Town Council are promoting. She stated the Norman Cornish Trail launch event will take place on Friday 5th April and comprises the official opening of the John Kitson Archway and Norman Cornish Trail, the opening of the Norman Cornish Centenary exhibition and the opening of the 'Social History' art exhibition. She stated there is a free app available to download in relation to the trail.

The Town Council is also arranging a Big Litter Pick, free summer holiday

	<p>activities, a town quiz as well as sponsoring Saturdays Spennymoor FC v Alfreton Town football match. All the information is on their website.</p> <p>Cllr KT thanked the Town Council for all the work they have done and Cllr LM stated the Durham Year of Culture event will also promote the Norman Cornish Trail.</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>5 Virtual Reality Headsets – Young Drivers Road Safety Education</p> <p>a) Insp Warren Edwards (Spennymoor Neighbourhood Police Inspector) explained the Virtual Reality Headsets – Young Drivers Road Safety Education initiative.</p> <p>Following the presentation he stated the virtual reality headsets would be available for Board and Forum members to try following the Board meeting</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Priorities</p> <p>2019/20 Priority Report</p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request). He stated the AAP current two priorities are Safer, Stronger & Healthier Communities and Culture, Your Local Environment, Tourism & Heritage. The recommendation is to make a decision on the priorities the Spennymoor AAP will adopt for 2019/20.</p> <p>Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to adopt three priorities, these being Children, Young People & Families, Local Environment & Town Centre and Safer, Stronger & Healthier Communities.</p> <p>A question was raised asking what is happening with the town centre development. It was stated a number of partners are currently working on the Festival Walk redevelopment. All parties are committed to the development but issues need to be addresses and things in place prior to moving ahead. Various departments of DCC are involved and pre-consultation will be the next step forward.</p> <p>It was also stated the North Eastern site is close to a planning application being submitted.</p> <p>It was noted that the King William Grange complex is closed for re-development by Livin.</p> <p>Action: MW will invite Cllr Carl Marshall to attend one of our Board meetings to give an update</p>

b)	<p>Appraisal Panel Report</p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each project. He also stated all monies have been allocated for 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
c)	<p>Task & Finish Group Update</p> <p>MW explained that full Task & Finish Group updates would be provided at the May Board Meeting.</p>
d)	<p>It's Up 2 Update</p> <p>MW stated the It's Up 2 U event had been very successful and a summary would be going out to the Board once all the information has been collated.</p>
e)	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Application</p>
i)	<p><u>Foundation of Light – Kicks (Middlestone Moor)</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards the provision of a Kicks social inclusion programme for children aged 8-11.</p> <p>The application identifies a contribution of £2,000 from Councillors Darkes, Maddison and Thompson's Neighbourhood Budget allocation. The overall cost of the project is £12,735 with the remaining £10,735 being provided by Spennymoor AAP, Livin, the Foundation of Light and the Premier League.</p> <p><i>Cllrs Thompson and Maddison both declared an interest.</i></p> <p>Recommendation: The Board approved the recommendation</p>
ii)	<p><u>Middlestone Moor Community Centre – ICT Support Scheme</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards the ICT support at Middlestone Moor Community Centre.</p> <p>The application identifies a contribution of £500 from Councillors Darkes, Maddison and Thompson's Neighbourhood Budget allocations. The overall cost of the project is £1,500.</p> <p><i>Cllrs Thompson and Maddison both declared an interest.</i></p> <p>Recommendation: The Board approved the recommendation</p>

iii)	<p><u>Durham County Council Highways – Bollard Installation</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards the installation of six security bollards on the public footpath at the rear of Abley Close, Middlestone Moor</p> <p>The application identifies a contribution of £540 from Councillors Darkes, Maddison and Thompson’s Neighbourhood Budget allocation. The overall cost of the project is £1,620</p> <p><i>Cllrs Thompson and Maddison both declared an interest.</i></p> <p>Recommendation: The Board approved the recommendation</p>
j)	<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>1st Byers Green Scout Group – Landscaping of Scout HQ – Councillor Gardner supported the 1st Byers Green Scout Group with a total of £970 towards the cost of landscaping to the rear of Trinity Methodist Church.</p> <p>St John’s Ambulance Spennymoor Badgers & Cadets – Projector & Screen - Councillor’s Darkes, Gardner, Grayson, Maddison and Thompson supported St John’s Ambulance Spennymoor Badgers & Cadets with a total of £640 towards the cost of a projector and screen.</p> <p><i>Cllrs Thompson and Maddison declared an interest in the project</i></p> <p>Recommendation - The Board approved the recommendation</p> <p>Cllr LM stated the Independent Methodist Church in Spennymoor had a new kitchen fitted with funding from the AAP. This was the first time in 100 that they had hot water in the kitchen and toilets. There will be an open day to showcase the work and she will get back to the Board once details are finalised.</p>
7.	<p>General AAP, Partner & Countywide Issues</p>
a)	<p>Board Vacancies</p> <p>MW explained we currently have vacancies on the Board which will be filled in due course. BH suggested circulating the job description around the Board for information.</p> <p>Action: MW will circulate to Board and Forum</p>

b)	2019/20 Board meeting Dates MW stated the Board meeting dates have been finalised for 2019/20. Action: MW to circulate dates around the Board for information
c)	County Durham Partnership Forum Update MW stated he and the Chair will look at the information available and circulate as and when.
d)	Polling Station Review MW stated the consultation is ongoing and information had been circulated to the Board and Forum.
e)	Durham 4 Communities MW gave a brief overview of the initiative. Action: MW to circulate around information available around the Board
8.	Date and Time of Next Meeting Next scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 23 rd May 2019, venue The Spennymoor Settlement, The Everyman Theatre, O’Hanlon St, Spennymoor DL16 6RY. AA thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.