

**GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GAMP)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2019, 6:00PM, MIDDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**



PRESENT:

Elected Members

Cllr Eddy Adam – DCC
Cllr John Clare – DCC
Cllr Brian Hall – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Cllr Kate Hopper – DCC
Cllr Paul Howell – DCC (Vice Chair)

Public Representatives

Sean Barnett
Sue Cooke (**Chair**)
Chris Cunnington-Shore
Alan Jordan
Carl Robinson
David Sutton-Lloyd

Partner Representatives

Andy Coulthard – Livin Housing
Richard Crane – DCC Head of Service
Carol Gaskarth – VCS Representative
Insp Sarah Honeyman – Police (Vice Chair)

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE:

Brian Riley – GAMP Coordinator
Victoria Grieves – GAMP Comm Development Project Officer
Paula Stockport – GAMP Support Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Jim Atkinson, Cllr Scott Durham, Malcolm Woodward, Kerina Clark, Daniel Blagdon

OBSERVERS:

V Crosby, S Day, J Johnson, E Wood, C Hutchinson

1. Introductions & Apologies

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising observers they would be welcome to input under Items 3 and 4 on the agenda. A brief round of introductions was given. SC reminded Board members of the standard Declaration of Interest item on the agenda.

BR advised members of the public, in accordance with GDPR guidelines, they have the right to remain anonymous in the minutes should they wish.

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

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 16.7.19 – Matters Arising

The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 16.7.19 were circulated in advance with the meeting papers. 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.

[Cllr EA joined the meeting]

3. Local Neighbourhood Issues

3.1 Neighbourhood Policing Update (Insp Sarah Honeyman)

Board members received an update in relation to antisocial behaviour figures and local PACT priorities, as well as upcoming PACT meeting dates. Antisocial behaviour has increased across the town this year, although the level is still lower than in previous years. Insp SH will be reviewing the schedule and location for future PACT meetings.

Insp SH highlighted that the ANPR cameras funded through Cllrs' Neighbourhood Budgets have recently been delivered and should be ready for installation soon. A similar project was also supported in the Shildon area, and so there should be good linkage and the cameras will hopefully serve as a great deterrent.

Insp SH outlined that the Force is working hard to raise awareness of modern-day slavery, and highlighted an upcoming event being hosted by Junction 7 and a number of partners on Friday 18 October at Woodham Golf Club between 1.00-3.00pm, followed by a charity auction fundraiser in the evening (BR will promote via social media – **Action 1: BR**).

Cllr EA noted that Ron Hogg (Police Crime & Victims Commissioner) has recently stepped down from his role due to ill health and proposed that a message of goodwill be forwarded on behalf of the Board; BR will arrange (**Action 2: BR**).

Board members had a brief discussion around issues with antisocial behaviour. AC commented that Livin will deal with problem tenants through their tenancy arrangements, and continue to work closely with DCC and the Police. The TLP in the Western area is progressing well. Insp SH added that she will be reviewing the TLP and any identified issues will be looked at going forward. Insp SH agreed to break down the next policing update with specific figures for ASB (**Action 3: Insp SH**).

[Insp SH left the meeting]

4. Countywide Partner Issues

4.1 DCC Education & Skills Update (Richard Crane)

Board members received an update presentation in relation to DCC's education and skills service. Richard outlined the main areas of work since January 2019, including school/provider improvement, ongoing development, safeguarding, youth voice, funding issues etc. Richard also highlighted the key priorities for Education Durham:

- Making sure we meet the needs of children and colleagues in schools across County Durham.
- To ensure that the new structure for the service is embedded and working effectively.
- To support and challenge school leaders around school improvement and outcomes.
- To make sure we are ahead of the curve and continue to develop our reputation as a first rate Education team.
- Putting ourselves at the heart of current and future thinking around educational issues

Information was provided on summer outcomes for GCSE and A Level for County Durham, as well as an update on Aycliffe schools.

SC thanked Richard for his update.

[Cllr PH joined the meeting]

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

- Information on behalf of DDES CCG, in relation to evening and weekend access to Primary Care appointments, circulated by email on 19.7.19;
- DCC Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report, circulated by email on 14.8.19;
- Information on bereavement support services, circulated by email on 14.8.19;
- Monthly police newsletters, circulated by email on 3.9.19;
- GAMP ebulletin, circulated by email on 5.9.19;
- Climate Emergency Consultation information, circulated by email on 19.9.19.

BR added that Daniel Blagdon (DDES CCG) has highlighted two upcoming public consultations regarding local NHS Services. The three CCGs in County Durham and Darlington will be launching two public consultations, in relation to:

- Stroke Rehabilitation services, and
- Ward 6 at Bishop Auckland Hospital.

These consultations will be running concurrently and will be taking place between Monday 7 October and Thursday 12 December 2019. There is a presentation scheduled at the November AAP Board meeting in relation to these consultations for members of the Board to receive and comment on directly.

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 there are no project applications to bring to this evening's meeting. Cllrs are regularly updated on their NB balances, and a meeting is arranged for 8 October with Victoria Grieves to look at potential future schemes. BR highlighted, for information, that Cllrs are permitted to carry forward any uncommitted NB at the end of each financial year, but all funding must be committed before the end of the election term – so this means that all NB funding must be fully allocated by March 2021.

6. GAMP Coordinator's Update

6.1 2019-20 Area Budget Project Callout Update

BR updated Board members in relation to this year's AB callout. Copies of all Area Budget applications have been circulated to Board members by email for formal ratification. The relevant documents will be collated and forwarded to the Funding Team for technical appraisal within the next week. BR thanked Board members for their input into this year's callout process, and in particular ranking panel members. BR added that a report will be brought to the November meeting with a view to discussing and agreeing the process for next year's Area Budget allocation.

6.2 2019-20 Welfare Reform, Youth Fund & Older Persons Social Isolation Fund Allocations

BR reminded Board members about this year's remaining funding allocations:

- Welfare Reform - £10k
- Youth Fund - £9,902
- OPSIF - £25k

All three funding streams were launched today, and Board members were asked to help promote the funding through their various networks and to signpost any prospective applicants to the GAMP team. The closing date for expressions of interest is 5 November, following which BR will look to convene a ranking panel of Board members.

6.3 Public Representative Recruitment

BR confirmed that there have been three applications submitted for the current public rep vacancies. BR will be convening an interview panel over the coming weeks, and Board members will be kept updated on progress.

Items Not on the Agenda

BR highlighted that the Annual Report for 2018-19 has been delayed due to a central review of the format and template for all AAPs. This has very recently been signed off, and the GAMP team will be working to prepare a draft version for comment by board members in the next few weeks.

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

SC confirmed the next Board meeting is arranged as follows:

Tuesday 26 November 2019, 6:00pm at School Aycliffe Community Centre

SC reminded Board members that there will be a presentation from the CCG at the next meeting in relation to the above mentioned consultations.

SC thanked all attendees, as well as Middridge Village Hall for hosting the meeting, and the meeting was closed.