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**STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 4.00pm via Teams

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Carl Marshall
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Christine Bell
Cllr Joan Nicholson
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Sam McMahon
Cllr Joyce Charlton

Partner Organisations

Alan Tubman (Stanley Town Council)
Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)
Michael Pearson (County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service)

Public Representatives

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson
Linda Tyman
Helen McCaughey
Kevin Howe
Vicky Walton

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE: Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Carole Hampson, Martyn Stenson (Durham County Council), Insp. Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)

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ATTENDANCE: None

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies are noted above.

2. Election of the AAP Chair and Vice Chairs for 2021/2022

Nerise stood down from her role as Stanley AAP Chair for 2020/21. Daniel and Board Members present thanked Nerise for carrying out the role in an exemplary manner during unprecedented times.

Signed (Chair of meeting)

Date

Daniel informed the Board that the Public Representatives on the Board had endorsed Nerise to continue as their Vice Chair for 2021/22. Board Members present authorized that Nerise be Vice Chair for the Public Section.

The Board were informed that all the County Councillors for the Stanley AAP area had been invited out of courtesy to attend this meeting as the Councillor balance on the Board for the next four years is still to be ratified. The Board were also informed that Stanley Town Councillor Jeanette Stephenson will take up the Town Council seat within the Councillor Section of the Board following her selection for the position at Stanley Town Council's recent Annual General Meeting. Regarding the Councillor make up on the Board and the selection of Vice Chair for the section, it was agreed that Daniel would ratify the position via email with the seven respective Councillors when they are fully known.

Action: Daniel.

Daniel notified the meeting that following the rotating cycle of Chair for the Stanley AAP Board, it is now the turn of the Partner Section to Chair the AAP in 2021/22. Suzanne Jobson, Karbon Homes has put herself forward for the role and has been endorsed by her fellow Partner AAP Board representatives. Board Members present authorized that Suzanne would be Stanley AAP Chair for 2021/22.

3. Agreement of the minutes – 9th March 2021 and Matters Arising:

With Suzanne running late for the meeting Nerise took up the role of Chair and went through the previous Board Meeting minutes page by page. The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4. AAP Coordinator Update:

4.1 Future AAP Meeting Dates & Times – Board Members agreed to keep the original Board Meeting dates for 2021/22 that they had agreed in March. Regarding meetings times Board Members agreed to meet at 4pm for virtual Board Meetings and then revert back to a 6pm start when face to face Board Meetings resume.

4.2 Annual Report 2020/21 Update – Daniel informed the Board that Lesley is busy compiling the report ready for Design and Print to produce. The draft will be circulated to AAP Board Members for comment and input.

4.3 AAP Funding Update – The Board were informed that the funding streams aligned to Stanley AAP would be pooled into one fund, as reported back in March 2021 and the Board will need to discuss the formation of Task Groups and Project Call Outs for 2021/22. The amount of Towns and Villages funding is to reduce from £300,000 to £210,000 with £10,000 to be aligned to each County Councillor for Towns and Villages projects. This change is to be put to Cabinet on Wednesday 16th June 2021. Daniel informed the Board that he would bring a Towns and Villages funding report to the next Board Meeting.

Action: Daniel

4.4 Public Representative Board Member Recruitment – With Gordon now being a County Councillor and Katie Platten standing down from her Public Rep position on the Board, we now have two public rep vacancies to fill. Daniel informed the Board that he will put an advert out for the roles with an application deadline. The AAP Chair and Vice Chairs will be involved in the interviews for the roles. Daniel agreed to feedback on the process at the next Board Meeting.

Action: Daniel.

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4.5 Clinical Commissioning Group Representative Board Member – Daniel informed the Board that Joanne Clennell from NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would be joining the Board and taking up the CCG Partner rep position. Joanne has already had a request from Derwentside PCN Clinical Directors for advice on how to improve engagement with the AAP.

4.6 Business Representative Board Member – With Karen Brown now no longer the Chair of Love Beamish & Stanley, our Business rep position on the Board is now vacant. The Board discussed the role emphasizing the need for the representative to represent the wider business network locally and be able to feed in key information to the Board and report accordingly. Daniel informed the Board that he is to meet with members of Love Beamish & Stanley to discuss the role in more detail and would report back.

Action: Daniel

4.7 Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Representative Board Member – The Board were informed that the VCS rep position on the Board is also still vacant. The Board again discussed the role and the importance of getting the correct candidate in place for the role. It was suggested that an advert for the role be put out and that potential applicants would have to provide a submission of their VCS credentials. Daniel agreed to pull an advert together and liaise with the AAP Chair and Vice Chairs about the role.

Action: Daniel

5. Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

5.1 Karbon Homes – Suzanne advised Karbon Homes Skills Hub is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by appointment only. The Hub had a super soft launch and we hope to have a proper opening launch in the future when it is safe to do so. A number of courses are available to local residents including pre-entry level English and Maths, as well as Wellbeing Support.

5.2 County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service – Michael informed the Board that there have been some fires around South Moor Golf Club and South Moor in general. When Officers have attended the fires in South Moor they have unfortunately encountered some confrontations. The incidents are to be reported to the North Durham Multi-Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) Group for their attention. Going forward the use of bodycams for Fire Fighters is being considered.

Daniel informed the Board that the County Council's Community Action Team are to be based in South Moor from Monday 5th July and will be engaging with partners and residents about problems in the area.

5.3 Stanley Town Council – Alan advised that the Town Council's Environmental Team are busy with preparations for Stanley in Bloom and their entry to Northumbria in Bloom and have been focusing on some floral improvements in South Moor Park. The Town Council will be running their Play in the Park events, Miners Event, and Heritage Projects over the summer.

6. Pre-notified Any Other Business:
None discussed.

7. Next Meeting
The Next Board Meeting will be held on:

Signed (Chair of meeting)

Date

Wednesday 14th July at 4pm on Stanley AAP's dedicated Teams page.

For further details about these minutes please contact Stanley AAP office, Tel: 03000 265323.

Signed (Chair of meeting)

Date