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STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 4.00pm via Teams

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Angela Hanson

Cllr Christine Bell

Cllr Joan Nicholson

Cllr Carole Hampson

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council)

Cllr Gordon Binney

Cllr Carl Marshall (Vice Chair)

Partner Organisations

Alan Tubman (Stanley Town Council)

Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council)

N Insp. Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)

Joanne Clennell, County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Max Wright (Business Representative)

Public Representatives

John Ullathorne

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE:

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)

Andrea Boyd (CDPO)

Lesley Lines (AAP Support)

APOLOGIES:

Kevin Howe, Michael Pearson, Vicky Walton, Helen McCaughey, Suzanne Jobson, (Karbon Homes) Chair, Nerise Oldfield-Thompson, Linda Tyman.

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ATTENDANCE:

None

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Introductions and Apologies:

Daniel welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced three new members to the Board: John Ullathorne, Public Representative, Joanne Clennell, County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Max Wright, Business Representative.

Introductions were made. Daniel then handed the Chair to Carl Marshall (Vice Chair)

Apologies are noted above.

Declaration of Interest:

Board members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in relation to the agenda as per the AAP Terms of Reference. None were raised.

Agreement of the minutes – 21st July 2021 and Matters Arising:

Carl went through the previous Board Meeting minutes page by page. The minutes were then agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

Joy Allen, Police Crime & Victims Commissioner (PCC)

Joy introduced herself and noted that she was visiting all AAPs across the County to inform them of the new Police & Crime Plan 2021 - 2024, as it was currently out for consultation (a copy of which would be circulated in due course). A presentation followed covering the priorities within the Plan, including:

- Safer Communities
- Safer Business
- Safer Online
- Safer People
- Safer Roads
- Safer Countryside

The above would be underpinned by intelligence led information, data provision, problem solving and a strong partnership approach.

Joy highlighted the problems with delays in answering 101 reporting. She advised new ways of reporting were being addressed such as Chat to report local intelligence.

Joy advised measures were in place to appoint an Anti-Social Behavior Champion and a Victims Champion to work with her to give her focus. These Champions would be appointed tomorrow.

A number of questions were raised by Board Members and answered by Joy including:

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- Jeanette highlighted the problems around Quad Bikes. She highlighted that work was on going with local Police. She asked if there was any funding to help in the fight. Joy noted that a discussion was taking place regarding proceeds of crime funds and the potential for working with the AAPs on priority setting and allocation of funds. She advised she was working closely with Gordon Elliott who is writing a paper to inform AAPs.
- John Ullathorne highlighted he had worked with the previous administration working within schools targeting young drivers. He asked who he could now work with to bring this education back into schools. Joy highlighted that Covid had derailed this important work. However, The Casualty Reduction Forum would be working on Operation Snap, the sharing of camcorder footage was the latest campaign in the fight to educate drivers. She advised John to contact her Office to work with them.

The Chair highlighted that partnership working between the Police, AAP and Stanley Town Council delivering initiatives within Stanley had worked well and would continue.

The Chair thanked Joy for the presentation. Joy highlighted that she was happy to attend any events within the area as she was happy to leave her desk and get out into communities.

Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Neighbourhood Inspector Dave Stewart gave details of crime figures within the Stanley area:

- Overall crime is down in Annfield Plain area by 24% and down 8% in South Moor.
- The Town Centre area is up 27% violence with injury.
- Criminal Damage is up 27% within the Town Centre.

He highlighted the Board School, shops and Bus Station were still a magnet for youths and anti-vandal paint has been used along with spikes where appropriate.

He highlighted that a priority for the Police was regularly visiting sex offenders.

A discussion took place around Long Lens Cameras. Dave highlighted that a quality picture could be taken from a distance using such a camera in the fight against crime.

AAP Coodinator Update:

Task Group Update:

Daniel advised that the first meeting of the Community Recovery Task Group would take place Wednesday 15th September at 2pm on Teams.

Town & Villages Task Group – to be set up with the next two weeks.

Community Recovery Project Call Out;

Daniel asked for Board approval to launch the call out tomorrow Thursday 10/09/21. Giving a 6-week deadline closing 22nd October.

The Board Agreed

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Board Vacancies Update

Daniel once again welcomed Joanne, Max and John. He advised there was one more Public Rep to recruit and a Voluntary & Community Sector Rep.

Online Application Process

Daniel advised the online application process was now live. Application forms can now be accessed by a link sent from the AAP Office.

Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

Stanley Town Council – Alan informed the Board that the Town Clerk, James Black had resigned in August. A recruitment process is to take place. Anyone trying to get in touch with him should now contact Alan.

Results for Stanley Blooming Good Fun entries is expected at the end of September. A great deal of work and effort had gone into the submission throughout the area, and he thanked all the staff, volunteers, and schoolchildren involved.

Alan highlighted that the eight films shown in the Civic Hall over the Summer Holidays had all gone well with great attendances.

Holiday Hunger Activities held in the Town Hall went really well and was well received.

Play in the Park – Summer 2021 had been well received. Partners attended and positive feedback was received.

County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - Joanne Clennell advised that the CCGs within the North East & Cumbria will be no more from 1st April next year. The CCG will be transitioning into an ICS Board. Primary Care Networks will now be the decision-making body. They consist of 12 practices who share resources.

Derwentside resident's vaccine roll out was going well with 94% of residents receiving their first dose and of them 98% received their second dose. In the 18-50 group 77% had received their first dose and of them 81% had received their second dose. All figures are at County Durham average. The Booster Programme will be ongoing from Autumn.

Carl thanked all the partners for their updates. He highlighted how hard the partners have worked throughout the pandemic and thanked them for the support received within Stanley.

Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Tanfield Lea Community Primary School – Chromebooks

The project will enable the school to purchase Chromebooks for remote learning for the children who don't have access to a computer or tablet at home. As home learning has an increased element of video teaching and online support from teachers, working without online access puts children at a distinct disadvantage. The Chromebooks will also be used for after school clubs and family learning when remote learning is not being used.

Project Cost: £12,138

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £2,178.00

Councillor Olga Milburn Contribution £7,000.00

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North Road Gym – Heating Project

The project will enable the gym to install a heating system into the premises. They currently rely on portable gas fires to provide some heat to the gym when required. The premises also suffered from damp problems and this is a result of having no heating system. A heating system will maintain the buildings structural, mechanical, and electrical systems but mostly it will make it a more inviting for the members and visitors of the gym.

Project Cost: £9,627.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £8,327.00

Durham County Council – Harelaw Cemetery Parking Improvements

The project is to vastly improve access to the cemetery via the creation of additional parking bays at the top of the cemetery to improve accessibility for the infirmed to the burial sites. The parking bays will also be used as passing places, as outlined above there is only width for one vehicle at any given time. The works will greatly improve peace of mind for residents of Harelaw and surrounding villages who use and attend the cemetery, as they will be able to access a burial on time and in a safe manner.

Project Cost: £7,004.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £7,004.00

Burnside Primary School – Remote Learning

The project will ensure all children in the school have access to home learning. Schools are being asked to offer remote learning to all children so that if they need to be at home due to COVID related illness or isolation, they will still have the same offer of education as the children who are attending school. Many children in the school do not have the required devices to support home learning, therefore the project will enable this to happen.

Project Cost: £2,400.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £2,000.00

Stanley Town Council – Annfield Plain Gateways Enhancement

The project will support Stanley Town Council to carry out additional works to the proposed sites, with enhanced design and planting to further improve the finish and appearance of the gateways. The improvement will enable Stanley Town Council to include the sites within their "In Bloom" application and will help with the improvement and promotion of the Town as a whole.

Project Cost: £1,500.00

Councillor Jeanette Stephenson Contribution: £1,500.00

Quaking Houses Village Hall Association – Village Hall Improvements & Banner Case

The project will support two elements of this project:

The first is the development of their outdoor space, renovations within the hall both inside and out will be carried out so that the outdoor space can be accessed from inside the hall.

The second part of this project is to commission and install a bespoke cabinet that will house the local South Moor Miners’ Banner that is currently in storage at another community building. By bringing the banner to the village hall it will be permanently on display whilst not in use so that locals and visitors can view it and read about the heritage of the area and the banners origin.

Project Cost: £14,025.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £4,071.00

Councillor Mark Davinson Contribution: £4,071.00

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North East Horticultural Society (NEHS) – Annual Show 2021/2022

The project aim is to host The Annual show which is the highlight of the NEHS year and gives growers from the region the chance to exhibit their produce against National Champions. It is the aim of the Society to encourage people to take up gardening and teach them the skills they need to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. We believe gardening is a great hobby to help keep fit and keep our minds healthy.

Project Cost: £6,980.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £1,182.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution £1,182.00

Councillor Stephen Robinson (Benfieldside) Contribution £464.00

Neighbourhood Budget Small Grants (NBSG):

Cllr. Carl Marshall, Cllr. Joyce Charlton, Cllr Carole Hampson and Cllr. Joan Nicholson – Stanley Deaf Club – Breaking Isolation - Contribution towards Coach Hire.

The aim of this project is to support the group with a contribution to coach hire for the trip. organisers of this visit will follow all Government guidance around COVID.

Declaration of interest: None

NBSG allocation: £475 (each Councillor committing £118.75)

Cllr. Angela Hanson and Cllr. Carl Marshall. – North Durham Academy – Literacy Celebration – Contribution towards the event

The aim of this project is to contribute to the event.

Declaration of interest: None

NBSG allocation: £400 (each Councillor committing £200.00)

Cllr Carl Marshall – View Lane Bowling Club – Rainwear & Warmth.

The aim of this project is to provide outdoor wear for the club.

Declaration of interest: None

NBSG allocation: £500

Cllr. Carl Marshall, Cllr. Joyce Charlton, Cllr Carole Hampson, Cllr Sam McMahon and Cllr. Gordon Binney. – Durham Pride UK

The aim of the project is to contribute to the cost of the stage.

Declaration of interest: None

NBSG allocation: £500 (each Councillor committing £100.00)

Cllr. Joyce Charlton – Tantobie Association for Sport & the Community – Kids Club Activities

The aim of this project is to supply portable goals and archery sessions.

Declaration of interest: None - NBSG allocation: £200

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Pre-notified Any Other Business:

Working from the office – Daniel advised that the AAP Team had hoped to be Hybrid working now, however DCC have delayed the return to offices. The Team hope to be out and about in the community very soon.

The Next Board Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 13th October at 4pm on Stanley AAP's dedicated 'Teams' page.

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

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