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**STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 10th November 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

Partner Organisations

- Alan Tubman (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee
- Sgt Terry Archbold (Durham Constabulary)
- Joanne Clennell, County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Suzanne Jobson, (Karbon Homes) Chair

Public Representatives

- John Ullathorne
- Vicky Walton
- Helen McCaughey
- Linda Tyman

Officer

Attendance:

- Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)
- Andrea Boyd (CDPO)
- Lesley Lines (AAP Support)

Apologies:

Michael Pearson (Fire Service), Nerise Oldfield-Thompson, Max Wright (Business Representative), Cllr Carl Marshall, and Martyn Stenson (Durham County Council).

Public Attendance: Five members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Suzanne Jobson, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Forum Members to introduce themselves. Apologies are noted above.

2. Declaration of Interest:

Board members were asked to declare any personal or pecuniary interest in relation to the agenda as per the AAP Terms of Reference: Suzanne Jobson declared an interest in Karbon Homes' Foundations for Life application in agenda item. 6 and the Community Recovery Project Call Out Report, Cllr Carole Hampson declared an interest in PACT House's Think Positive application, and Stanley Young Peoples' Club's Community Builder's application in agenda item. 6 and the Community

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Recovery Project Call Out Report, Cllr Angela Haines declared an interest in PACT House's Think Positive application, Stanley Event's Covid Recovery in Hospitality application, and Stanley Young Peoples' Club's Community Builder's application in agenda item. 6 and the Community Recovery Project Call Out Report, and Cllr Joan Nicholson declared an interest in Croft School's Growing Communities application in agenda item. 6 and the Community Recovery Project Call Out Report, that are being put to the Board for Approval.

3. Agreement of the minutes – 13th October 2021 and Matters Arising:

Suzanne asked for agreement of the previous Board Minutes. The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

4. Karbon Homes – Place-shaping Update

Charlotte Carpenter and Lucy Dixon, Karbon Homes gave a presentation:

Karbon's Vision – To provide a strong foundation for life:

- **Homes** - Providing as many good quality homes as we can
- **Customer** - Delivering an excellent customer service
- **Place** - Shape strong, sustainable places for our communities

Shaping Strong Sustainable Places:

- Our aim is to develop a place-based approach that will improve the economic sustainability of the areas that we work in and the wellbeing of our customers living there

We will:

- Listen to what residents want
- Work in partnership with others
- Try to have the most impact

Our initial focus for our place-based approach is Stanley:

- Karbon owns 3,326 homes in Stanley – 23% of all homes in the area
- High proportion of older residents
- Stanley Skills Hub on the high street offering employability support, digital skills training and support for those who are socially isolated.

Our approach complements the proposed Stanley Masterplan in particular the following objectives:

- Renewed sense of pride in Stanley
- Continued improvement in training
- Increased employment opportunities
- A transformed Front Street

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- Empty buildings to be redeveloped or brought back into use
- Improvement in housing mix and quality, and encouragement of town centre living

What has been done so far:

- We undertook research into Stanley in 2020 to better understand the strengths and challenges of the area and the opportunities for Karbon interventions to improve economic sustainability.
- We pulled together publicly available and our own data about Stanley, looking at deprivation levels, average earnings, household expenditure, job opportunities etc.
- We asked for input from residents, local councillors, community groups and organisations including the Stanley AAP

Stanley's Strengths:

- Strong sense of community with many residents living there throughout their lives.
- Lower rates of poverty than wider North East or UK
- Effective Town Council
- Strong voluntary and community sector
- High quality local college
- Low deprivation in housing and living environment
- Historic pride in the area

Stanley's Challenges:

- High deprivation in education, health, employment and income
- People have to commute out of Stanley for work
- Lack of retail offering
- Rise in number of residents claiming Universal Credit
- Lack of pride in current town centre

Karbon Interventions:

Physical: Providing affordable, quality homes and investment in the physical:

- Improve the energy efficiency of homes and reduce fuel bills e.g.
- Insulation installation programme
- Pilot of renewable heat technology
- Tackling fuel poverty
- High energy efficiency standards in all new build homes

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- Stimulate stronger demand for social housing e.g.
- Offer flooring/furniture package to incentivise demand
- Review rent setting process
- Use land owned by Karbon or made available by demolition to improve public realm
- Redundant garage demolition and regeneration to deliver new homes that meet local need, or for other purposes
- Identify potential sites to build homes where there is local need
- Look at opportunities to repurpose derelict school on Stanley High Street

People: Supporting people living in the local community

- Provide more training opportunities and apprenticeships for local residents e.g.
- More apprenticeships for local residents
- Expand training to include e.g. green technology skills, specialist skills training
- Funding for community activities
- Identify opportunities to fund new grassroots activities
- Support development of community and voluntary organisations
- Expand our range of support services e.g.
- Mental health support
- Expanding services available at Skills Hub

Processes: Leveraging the local supply chain

- Use local supply chains in Stanley
- Encourage use of local SMEs/supply chains where appropriate
- Explore potential to obtain higher social value benefits from procurement contracts and link in with training and apprenticeship opportunities
- Encourage local suppliers to pay at least Real Living Wage
- When developing locally, explore wider benefits for the community
- As a new strategic partner with Homes England, we will look to generate greater social value from the delivery of any new homes activity in Stanley

What's next?:

- Engage with customers, wider community and stakeholders over the next few months
- Short list interventions and develop action plan in tandem with any delivery of Stanley Masterplan

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➤ We want your feedback

The Chair thanked Charlotte and Lucy for their presentation and asked for any questions and comments from the Board:

- Q. Why have the garages been left without maintenance for so long? There are demands in the community for the garages if they were brought up to standard.
- A. Charlotte agreed that the garages had not been dealt with satisfactorily and asked for the address of the area of concern.

- Q. Sgt Archbold highlighted the former Greenland School site for development.
- A. Charlotte highlighted it was not ruled out altogether.

- Q. Cllr Jeanette Stephenson - Carbon Reduction – Highlighted that Durham County Council have started the process within the New Kyo area and are looking at grants. She suggested partnership working when looking at the garages. She added the Schools are working in partnership and we all need to adopt a Social Value approach.
- A. Charlotte agreed that working in partnership is the way forward and that Karbon Homes are working with the Council in New Kyo.

- Q. Cllr Christine Bell highlighted that knocking garages down causes Anti-Social Behaviour. While maintaining the garages would bring in an income.
- A. Charlotte advised she was aware of the problems and did recognise there is an issue with garages. Available budgets have been a problem in the past.

- Q. Could a working group be set up to work in partnership to develop the Board School?
- A. Charlotte explained the school is owned by a private developer. It is within his gift as to who he sells it to and when.

It was highlighted there was a group already looking at the Board School. Ideas have been given to Cabinet and the Masterplan Group. Legal steps have been taken in the past to secure the building. Daniel advised this matter was going to Cabinet next week.

The Chair thanked Lucy and Charlotte for the presentation.

5. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Sgt. Archbold highlighted that the big issue at the moment is Anti-Social Behaviour on the Front Street and Clifford Road.

He added that there had been no issues at all during the fireworks event.

He also highlighted a public order incident at the bus station. One man was arrested.

Road safety advice is continuing in schools, i.e., Green Cross Code.

'Speed Watch' activity will be continuing and 'Drink Drive Campaigns' are to begin in the run up to Christmas.

Mini Police are continuing their role in schools. Daniel advised he would feedback the Mini Police data.
Action: Daniel

It was highlighted that parents could benefit from training. In particular looking at coping mechanisms to deal with teenagers.

6. AAP Coordinator Update:

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Community Recovery Project Call Out Report

Daniel advised that 17 applications had been received by the project call out deadline of the 22nd October 2021. The Appraisal Panel met on the 3rd November 2021 and endorsed the below 8 projects to go forward for Board Approval:

- Croft School – Growing Communities
- Just for Women – Just for You
- Karbon Homes – Foundations for Life
- PACT House – Think Positive
- Stanley Events – Covid Recovery in Hospitality
- Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Community Builders
- STEAM CIC – Supporting Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
- Wear Rivers Trust – Conservation Volunteering Activities

The Community Recovery Project Call Out Report was sent to Board Members on the 3rd November 2021 outlining that the above project applications were all available for Board Members to view in the Files section of the dedicated Stanley AAP Microsoft Teams Page.

Board Members present who had not declared an interest in the above projects gave their approval for the projects.

Daniel highlighted that as a result of the declarations of interest for the above projects the Board was not quorate (one Partner representative missing) and that he would email Board Members for full approval. **Projects partially Approved.**

Action: Daniel

The Chair asked for project ideas/areas to target regarding the remaining balance Area Budget balance once the above projects are approved.

It was highlighted that a gap analysis of Area Budget supported projects should be carried out for the last two years to identify areas/themes that have been supported and any gaps in local provision. With a more focused approach to Anti-Social Behaviour potentially being considered.

Action: Daniel

A suggestion of organising a funding fair was suggested. It was highlighted that smaller groups may not know how to confidently write funding proposals/applications.

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson advised a joint partnership approach to fund a post to employ a project officer to support groups apply for funding may be the way forward.

Consett Restoring Your Railway – Letter of support

Daniel advised that this item would have to be pulled with further information to follow once finalised.

Hybrid Working - Daniel advised the Team were now working three days a week in the office.

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

Stanley Town Council – Alan informed the Board they were interviewing for a Town Clerk and as part of this process they would like to arrange an informal meet and greet session for the candidates with local partners. The meeting is to be held on Thursday 18th November at 10am at the Civic Hall, Stanley. He added the Town Council had appointed Stuart Wardle, as a part time Interim Clerk.

Alan highlighted that an exhibition of Artwork produced by the Armed Forces was displayed in the Civic Hall.

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Remembrance Sunday – A parade to be held in the Town Centre. With a Beacon Event at 6pm.

He also highlighted that Casino nights, Stanley Stars, and the Pantomime were all forthcoming attractions.

County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – Board Members were reminded about the Primary Care Network Stakeholder event happening on Tuesday 16th November 3:30pm on Microsoft Teams. This an opportunity to hear about recent and forthcoming NHS changes, how investment is being spent on health in Derwentside and to meet some of the new staff working around our GP surgeries. Your opinions will contribute to the decisions the network has to make. There will be time for questions throughout and at the end of the meeting.

Karbon Homes – The Skills Hub Mini launch was a great event, thank you for coming along and assisting us to find out how we can work better with the community.

8. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Annfield Plain Football Club – Security & Safety Project

The project will see the old wood burning boiler system replaced with an up-to-date economical system so that it heats the clubhouse, provides shower facilities for players and visiting teams. It will also enable the Club to have a warm sitting area at half-time and post-match for fans and ultimately a working clubhouse for the community to come together.

Project Cost: £13,467.20

Councillor Jeanette Stephenson Contribution: £7,500.00

Stanley Young Peoples' Club – Upgrade Building Project - The project will see a new project room to create a separate private space, redecorate the sports Hall, install back up emergency lighting, create an organized area for the storage, change one toilet into cubicles for unisex usage and the other into an accessible toilet. Finally, an external bin store will be erected, all these improvements will support the centre to provide young people with a fit for purpose facility for the future.

Project Cost: £6,305.00

Councillor Mark Davinson Contribution: £1,428.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £1,378.00

Stanley Woodcraft Folk – Moving Onward & Upward Project

The project will see the club arrange several events for young people who attend the sessions included a residential. Over the course of the pandemic young people have missed out on the youth centre setting and by offering these activities to young people it will give them experiences that have been missed.

Project Cost: £4,546.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £250.00

Neighbourhood Budget Small Grants:

Applicant: Community Safety Partnership, Durham County Council

Project Brief: To Purchase a long lens camera for covert operations.

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Total Cost: £1,019.00
Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £124.00
Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £124.00

Applicant: Craghead Community Association
Project Brief: Purchase litter picking equipment inc. Planters & Bulbs.
Total Cost: £806.00
Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £200.00
Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £200.00
Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £200.00
Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £200.00

Applicant: Tantobie Association for Sports and the Community
Project Brief: Hall hire for Community Christmas Market.
Total Cost: £120.00
Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £120.00

The above projects were supported by the Board.

9. Pre-notified Any Other Business:

Daniel advised that each of the 14 AAPs had been contacted to ask for a representative to sit on a countywide bus panel which will meet biannually at County Hall. The Local Bus Board will be looking at transport issues within our towns & villages. Anyone wanting to volunteer get in touch with Daniel.

10. Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 8th December 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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