



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 5.00pm on 'Teams'

Councillor

Cllr Joan Nicholson
Cllr Carole Hampson
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair

Partner Organisations

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)
Barbara Edmundson (County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group)
Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)
Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector) Vice Chair
Jonathan Smith (Fire Service)

Public Representatives

Vicky Walton, Vice Chair
Olga Milburn
Darren McMahon

Officer Attendance

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)
Joanne Ashworth (AAP Town & Villages Project Officer)
Lesley Lines (AAP Support Officer)

Apologies

Cllr Christine Bell, Cllr Carl Marshall, John Ullathorne, Helen McCaughey (Public Representative), Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council), Max Wright (Business Representative), Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee, Linda Tyman (Public Representative).

Public Attendance:

Two members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted above.

2. Declaration of Interest:

Daniel advised there were no projects on the agenda for approval, hence no need for anyone to declare any interests.

3. Agreement of the Minutes – 7th June and matters Arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 7th June were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Dave Stewart advised Sgt. Terry Archbold would be returning to work on reduced hours.

He advised on the crime figures for the area, adding that if anyone wanted targeted information, they would need to contact him in advance. Dave went on to highlight increases of 13% in mental health incidents and 9% up on missing from home incidents.

Cllr Joan Nicholson highlighted that she had been sent a link to 'Crimerate.co.uk' and advised the headline was very disturbing saying Stanley was the 24th most dangerous area in the Country. She added that if what Dave was saying about Stanley crime figures was true then this website was reporting inaccurate information.

Darren highlighted he had gone onto the site and the current stats were the lowest in 5 years. He added it was the language that was misleading.

The Chair advised working on a joint response with Stanley Town Council to address the language. Dave added he would be happy to contribute.

Action: Daniel

Daniel introduced Jonathan Smith, Station Manager, Fire & Rescue Service to his first meeting. Jonathan gave a brief overview of his role.

Daniel highlighted that secondary fires were an area of concern i.e. Greenlands School. Jonathan advised he had attended the last call out at the school and gave an update.

AAP Coordinator Update:

Area Budget

Daniel asked Board Members for their thoughts on the allocation of the £195,000 Area Budget to allocate. Suzanne highlighted that Covid Recovery had come out top on the priority survey.

Daniel advised that Task Groups were being set up to look further into these issues.

Daniel suggested a double edge sword approach. A call out approach as well as Task Groups working to develop projects. **The Board Agreed to this approach**

He advised he would set up the following Task Groups; Community Safety Task Group, Poverty Task Group, with Community Recovery as an overarching theme.

Older Peoples Social Isolation Fund

Daniel advised this fund had a pot of £25,000. He highlighted that a Networking Event to Reduce Social Isolation in Derwentside, was taking place next week. All Board members were invited. He suggested the approach of waiting to see what comes out of that meeting before deciding how to allocate this funding.

The Board Agreed to support this approach.

Youth Fund

Daniel highlighted that this fund was a legacy of the old youth fund £9,902. In the past a call-out approach has been taken. With £1,000 minimum – £3,000 maximum.

Nerise suggested a member of the Youth Consortium could sit on the panel. She advised the Consortium was always looking for new groups to work with.

Daniel advised projects could be young people lead.

Darren suggested giving the funding a theme, with outcomes that are measurable. Daniel suggested a change of name for the fund. A suggestion was to call it The 'Young Citizens' Fund

The Board Agreed to support a positive contribution approach.

Welfare Reform

Daniel suggested aligning the pot of £10,000 budget to the Poverty Task Group to work on. Board Members thought this was an excellent idea.

The Board Agreed to support this approach.

Young People's Healthy Relationships Funding

Daniel advised this fund of £10,000 had come from Public Health. Minimum funding for projects of £2,000 no maximum. He advised this was a new pot of money with its own criteria benefiting children 11-18.

Jeanette suggested involving schools and other organisations who specialise in this area.

Daniel advised he could organise a meeting targeting key officers from these organisations and asked interested Board Members to get involved.

Town & Villages Interactive Workshop

Daniel advised at the last Town & Villages Task Group meeting it was suggested that a workshop be organised to get peoples take on 'what issues' were blighting Stanley. This Workshop will enable attendees to take part in round table discussions to identify, highlight, and pinpoint local community issues, blight spots, regeneration ideas/projects, and community aspirations across the Stanley area. Maps of the four Electoral Divisions of the area will be used along with a map of the entire Stanley AAP area, to allow attendees to pinpoint via a flag system where particular issues reside or whether they are area wide. Participants at the event will be able to outline; What the issue is, Where the issue is located, How they suggest the issue should be dealt with. And importantly, who should deal with the issue.

The Board Agreed to support this approach.

Daniel advised he would organise this workshop for Tuesday 19th July. All Board Members, Task Group Members and Forum Members will be invited.

Stanley AAP Task Groups

Daniel advised members to get in touch with him if they wanted to be added to the membership of any or all the task groups.

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

Karbon Homes

Suzanne highlighted that Apprentices have started working life in the Skills Hub. A Resilience Course was still running in the Hub. And an Employment Forum – Connecting Durham, was to be held at the Riverside (All Board Members have been invited).

Clinical Commissioning Group

Barbara gave an update on the Autumn Vaccine Rollout highlighting residents in Care Homes and over 65's would be first to receive it.

She advised a new extended service would start in October rolling out the Autumn vaccine which would work 6.30pm – 8.30pm Monday – Friday and 9-5pm on a Saturday.

6. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Daniel advised a number of Small Grants had been approved to support the Jubilee Celebrations. A report would be brought to the September meeting.

7. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

Cllr Carole Hampson gave an update on the South Moor Memorial Park Fairy Trail – Carole advised the trail had been vandalized, however, volunteers have worked hard to get the problem sorted and now over 100 windows in the Fairy Trail are on show to the public again.

Date of next Stanley AAP Board Meeting:

Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 5pm (Virtual or Meeting Venue to be confirmed).

For further details about these minutes please contact Stanley AAP office,
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