



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 5.00pm via 'Teams'

Councillor

Cllr Joan Nicholson
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair
Cllr Carl Marshall

Partner Organisations

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)
Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS)
Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)

Public Representatives

Olga Milburn
Darren McMahon
Linda Tyman
Helen McCaughey

Officer Attendance

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

Apologies

Cllr Christine Bell, John Ullathorne (Public Representative), Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council), Max Wright (Business Representative), Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee, Cllr Carole Hampson, Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector), Jonathan Smith (Fire Service), and Vicky Walton (Public Representative).

Public Attendance:

Four members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

Introductions and Apologies:

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

Declaration of Interest:

Daniel advised there were no projects on the agenda for approval, hence no declarations were needed.

Agreement of the Minutes – 5th July 2022 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

Item 6 – Barbara Edmundson highlighted that the times stated were incorrect they should have read - 6.30 – 8.00pm Monday – Friday.

Barbara further highlighted that the Clinical Commissioning Groups were abolished in July 2022 and replaced by the North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB).

The Minutes of 5th July were then agreed as a true record.

Community Engagement Review Presentation:

Maxine Houston, Principal Consultant for ERS Research & Consultancy Ltd, gave an overview of their lead role/plans with regards to Durham County Council's review of Community Engagement, which will have a heavy focus on the work of AAPs:

The Scope of the Review agreed by Cabinet:

- Reflect on what we do well and look at opportunities for future development
- Governance and decision-making processes
- Consider local Board membership and remit
- AAP geography
- Management of funding vs capacity to support more grass roots community development work
- Funding arrangements and timescales for funding awards
- How local structures can best provide effective support to Councillors?
- To review the developing national picture and how community engagement will inform government strategies such as Levelling Up and Left Behind Neighbourhoods etc
- Local Area Delivery & Resilience
- Review opportunities for local engagement to influence social value
- Local Economic Development & links with the Inclusive Economic Strategy
- Our Council Vision includes 'Connected Communities' engagement will be key to this – what form should that take and how should AAPs be involved.

Review Methodology:

- Inclusive approach – with people not to people
- Steering Group in the Council including elected members and the VCS to oversee the process
- Objective – using external agency to carry out the review
- ERS Consulting appointed to carry out the review

- June to December 2022.
- Maxine highlighted that she would be speaking to Board Members, ex Board Members, Elected Members, Parish Clerks, and organisations that have received AAP funding.

What are we planning to do?

Take an inclusive, innovative and informed approach to consultation, to inform possible options by looking at:

Needs and Opportunities; Stakeholder Needs, Community development, Local synergies and innovation.

AAP Evaluation; Structure: Geographical, and governance, Funding management and resource allocation, Community and Stakeholder Engagement.

Innovation and Best Practice; Use of Technology, Ideas and innovation from elsewhere, National policy synergies.

Creating recommendations and options which will be consulted on, finally informing an implementation plan.

The full presentation provided at the meeting is available on request.

A lengthy discussion took place among Board Members present and Maxine, with Board Members highlighting the many achievements of Stanley AAP since its' formation and speaking highly of the Staff Team who have been at the forefront of the Partnership Board's work in the area.

A request for sight of the draft recommendations report and implementation plan and input into it was requested prior to it being approved.

The Chair thanked Maxine for the overview and highlighted she and many other Board Members looked forward to being engaged and consulted moving forward throughout the review process.

Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

N Insp. Dave Stewart advised Sgt. Terry Archbold was on a phased return to work.

He advised the Drone, funded by Stanley AAP, had now been received by the Police. One pilot is trained and another two will soon be fully trained.

Working in partnership with Multi Agencies in progressing work to secure the building beside the Board School will include installing a camera.

He advised the next Stanley Town Centre PACT meeting would be held at Stanley Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 8th September, at 6pm.

N Insp. Stewart highlighted that Derwent Valley AAP were looking at a project through the Town & Villages Funding & PCC Funding to support a vehicle to be used for Community Speed Watch. He advised there may be an opportunity for Stanley AAP to look at the same project.

Daniel advised speeding was the 2nd most highlighted issue in the responses received in the priorities survey and that he would discuss the project with Joanne and the Towns & Villages Task Group.

AAP Coordinator Update:

Stanley AAP Community Recovery Project Call Out 2022/23

Daniel advised this is now live. Applicants can request a minimum of £5k. Closing date is 5pm on Friday 16th September 2022. An appraisal panel will look at the projects before bringing them to the Board for consideration.

Town & Villages Interactive Discussions

Daniel advised the workshop had taken place at the Civic Hall and had been well attended. He advised he was now going out to the outlining villages to continue this exercise.

Stanley AAP Task Groups

Daniel highlighted that the Town & Villages Task Group would meet at the end of the month.

The Community Safety Task Group is yet to be set up. Daniel will pick up a conversation with N Insp. Stewart about the need for such a group locally.

Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

There were no partner updates.

John Caulfield gave a brief update on the work of Headway County Durham. He advised drop-in sessions for Chester-le-Street & Stanley were seeing up to 4 people a week. He also highlighted that referrals were coming in from Social Workers for their service.

Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Andrea gave an overview of the projects.

White Le Heads Bowls Club – Bowls Club Equipment

The project will support the club to update their equipment including bowls pushers and delivery mats, which are in desperate need of replacement. Folding tables and chairs which can be stored and used to serve refreshments on match days and on other social occasions will also be purchased. The Club are keen to welcome new members and the 6 new tops would enable the Club to supply the clothing that is needed to take part in League games.

Project Cost: £1,640.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £1,640.00

Craghead Allotment Association – Punch Bowl Allotment Site Fencing

This funding will support the association to replace fencing at the Punch Bowl Allotment Site, this will secure the site following extensive storm damage. The replacement fencing will secure the allotments and also act as a barrier to the public highway that is adjacent.

Project Cost: £4,800.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £2,000.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £2,000.00

Durham Miners Association Brass Band – Notting Hill Gala Cultural Exchange

The funding will support an exchange project between a Brass Band from County Durham and a Steel Band from the Notting Hill Area. The Steel Band will travel to play in the Miners' Gala and the Brass Band will play in events around the Notting Hill Carnival. A musical collaboration between the two bands will take place at the Panorama Steel Band contest which is a highly prestigious and culturally significant event which takes place on the

Saturday evening of the Notting Hill Carnival weekend and opens the weekend's celebrations.

Project Cost: £9,200.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £200.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £200.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £200.00

Tanfield Association – Tanfield 1912-2022 Then and Now

The funding will support the association who aims to produce a book on Tanfield School, detailing the history and development of the physical environment and of the changing status of the school since it opened 110 years ago. The book will include text tracing the school's history; photos; extracts from both the school's original prospectus and Headmaster's log; drawings of the school layout; and anecdotal memories of being a pupil, member of staff or governor. The Tanfield Association website has both written and photographic records of the school and the people who studied or worked there.

Project Cost: £1,964.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £1,000.00

Stanley Woodcraft Folk – Common Ground Camp

The funding will support the Club to provide transport to an annual camp with Woodcraft Folk and our friends from around the world where they will stand together on Common Ground to live co-operatively in solidarity and friendship, having lots of fun! The camp will take place from the 29th July – 8th August 2022, and 45 people will be attending from Stanley area

Project Cost: £12,925.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £500.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £500.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £250.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £250.00

Morrison Lodges Banner Group – Louisa Morrison 75th Anniversary

The funding will support the 75th Anniversary of the Louisa Morrison Colliery Disaster on the 23rd August 2022. There will be a Memorial Service in Annfield Plain Park followed by a Reception with refreshments at the Bowling Pavilion at the Park. We are also going to commission commemorative coins to the attendees on the day. We hope to bring the community together to respectfully mark this occasion.

Project Cost: £2,100.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Christine Bell: £1,000.00

Small Grants:

Applicant: Craghead Football Club

Project Brief: To Support items for a football tournament.

Total Cost: £250.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £125.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £125.00

Tanfield Lea & District Community Association

Project Brief: To Purchase equipment for a textiles class.

Total Cost: £100.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: 100.00

Catchgate Community Football Club

Project Brief: To purchase new football equipment.

Total Cost: £286.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £143.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £143.00

Annfield Plain Women's Institute

Project Brief: To support the running of a local craft fair.

Total Cost: £100.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £100.00

Tantobie Association for Sport & The Community

Project Brief: To purchase a Defibrillator for the area.

Total Cost: £2,500.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £300.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £300.00

Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

Daniel advised that the Fun & Food deadline for funding for the October 2022 Half Term holidays is Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 5pm Venue to be confirmed.

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

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