



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 5.00pm via 'Teams'

Councillor

Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair

Partner Organisations

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector)
N Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)
Max Wright (Business Representative)
Jonathan Smith (Fire Service)

Public Representatives

Helen McCaughey
John Ullathorne
Darren McMahon

Officer Attendance

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

Apologies

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes), Cllr Carole Hampson, Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS), Cllr Carl Marshall, Vicky Walton (Public Representative), Andrea Boyd (AAP Community Development Project Officer), Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee, and Olga Milburn (Public Representative).

Public Attendance:

Three members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

Introductions and Apologies:

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies are noted above.

Declaration of Interest:

Item 5 – Cllr Jeanette Stephenson declared an interest in Greencroft & Annfield Plain Partnership's project.

Darren McMahon and Nerise Oldfield-Thompson declared an interest in Stanley Youth Consortium's project.

Agreement of the Minutes – 7th February 2023 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 7th February 2023 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

N. Insp. Dave Stewart highlighted that vehicles were still being left unlocked, and theft from vehicles was still a problem within Stanley. He advised that a number of young adults had been arrested and were on overnight curfews. He added that ASB was down 17%.

In reply to Darren's invite to get involved with the Stanley Assistance Scheme Funding. N. Insp. Stewart advised that the PCSO's will be in touch.

N. Insp Stewart highlighted that the drones had been used to locate missing persons and had also located a cannabis farm. He advised that the Police have now applied for a licence to fly the Drones at night.

He advised that the long lens camera had been used to identify off road bike riders, however because of balaclava's been worn this has proved unsuccessful. The E Bikes would be deployed in future.

Police resources are being bolstered across the front line in CID and Safeguarding. This is to ensure that our most vulnerable victims and people in the community get a first-rate service. And that the highest harms are addressed. While the current priority is not Neighbourhood Police Teams this will be addressed in time.

A forward plan of PACT meetings would be forwarded to Helen at Stanley Town Council so the meetings can be advertised in advance.

There were no other issues.

Area Budget Position 2022/23 and allocation of remaining funds

Daniel advised that The Board had allocated £203,958 to 13 local projects in 2022/23 leaving £39,819.37 remaining to be allocated, as well as the £10,000 Healthy Relationships funding.

Daniel asked for Board commitment to allocate the remaining budget to the following projects:

Stanley Area Youth Consortium – Commit £10,000 of Young People's Healthy Relationships Funding to their Healthy Relationships project proposal where they will design and deliver dedicated sessions with small groups of young people aged 11 plus to discuss healthy relationships, including recognising signs of abuse, building emotional resilience; managing anxieties, talk over preventative measures to educate young people about abuse, identify routes and ways to access support and help from services such as harbour, social services and family workers, peers and professionals.

Daniel asked if anyone had any questions/comments. There were no questions or comments.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

Greencroft and Annfield Plain Partnership – Commit £5,200 Area Budget Funding to their Generations working Together project that will enable local residents of all ages to come together to plant up and maintain Village Gateways and carry out community litter picks with key local organisations. The project will help those taking part to keep active, be socially active and contribute to their overall health and wellbeing.

Daniel asked if anyone had any questions/comments.

Darren advised that Durham County Council had litter picking equipment available to groups.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

Derwentside Swimming Club – Commit £10,000 Area Budget Funding to their Swimming Pool Starter Blocks project that will be a joint initiative between Derwentside Swimming Club and Culture and Sport at the County Council to install competition standard starter blocks to enable The Louisa Centre Pool to be one of the best swimming facilities in the North East.

Daniel advised that Full Application was still to be finalised. However, he asked if anyone had any questions/comments. There were no comments.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

Stanley Area Action Partnership – Commit £15,000 Area Budget Funding to the St Cuthbert Seating Area project that will enable the installation of a St Cuthbert's Cross and seating to mark Jack Hair's final work of local history titled; *St Cuthbert An Account of the life, death and final journey of St Cuthbert, The Tanfield Connection* that details St Cuthbert's journey to his final resting place and that during this journey the Monks sought refuge in Tanfield for themselves and St Cuthbert's coffin from the Vikings.

Daniel advised that the Full Application was still to be finalised. However, he asked if anyone had any questions/comments. There were no comments.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

Jeanette highlighted that the project would be well received as it has took a long time to come together.

Stanley Town Council – Commit £5,000 Area Budget Funding to the Town Council's Stanley in Bloom's entry into the prestigious Northumbria in Bloom competition where they will strive to surpass their 2022 achievement and will continue to carry out environmental improvements in Stanley, install floral displays and support the local community to get involved in the many elements of their entry.

Daniel advised that the Full Application was still to be finalised. However, he asked if anyone had any questions/comments. There were no comments.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

Stanley Activity & Support Information Directory – Commit remaining £4,619.37 to future Editions of the popular Directory for the Stanley AAP area. The last Edition of the Directory was produced in 2019 prior to the pandemic. With local Groups, Organisations, and Community Buildings now back up and running in the area, it is an excellent time to produce an up-to-date Directory.

Daniel advised that the Full Application was still to be finalised. However, he asked if anyone had any questions/comments.

Helen advised that she thought a few pages inserted into the booklet giving ideas on how to manage the 'Cost of Living Crisis' by keeping warm in the Warm Hubs and ideas on how heat the home etc. would be beneficial.

The Board Members present gave their approval to fund the project.

In light of Board Member attendance and declarations of interest Daniel advised he would Email all the above applications to all Stanley AAP Board Members for approval.

Daniel advised the AAP will have the following funding available to allocate in 2023/24:

- £100,000 Area Budget Funding
- £210,000 Town & Villages Funding (to be fully allocated by the end of 2023/24)
- £9,902 Youth Funding
- £10,000 Welfare Reform Funding
- £66,070 Fun & Food Funding to cover Easter, Summer, and Christmas 2023 School Holiday periods and £34,213 to cover Half Term School Holiday Periods

AAP Coordinator Update:

Daniel updated on a range of initiatives that the AAP had been working on.

AAP Board Meeting Dates:

Daniel gave Board Members a suggested timetable of dates. He advised although there were 10 dates these could be flexible as a minimum of six is needed as per AAPs Terms of Reference.

It was highlighted that the April date clashed with Stanley Town Council Awards.

Daniel advised he would cancel April 4th. He would use a hybrid model moving forward as the Conference Centre was now available at Morrison Busty.

Community Engagement Review – Next Steps:

Daniel advised that four AAP Board Member sessions had been arranged starting on Monday. These sessions were via 'Teams' giving Board Members the chance to speak to Gordon Elliott and Alan Patrickson to give their input to the review.

Daniel advised he would be happy to arrange a meeting in April for Board Members to collate a response from the Board. Board members agreed this would be beneficial.

He further advised a meeting would be arranged for the wider public in June.

Poverty Task Group – The next meeting will be held Wednesday 22nd March, 5.00pm in

The Louisa Centre.

Town & Villages Task Group – The next meeting will be held Monday 13th March at 1.00pm. Carl Marshall will be presenting on Beamish Football Club Project, and Culture & Sport Projects. The group will also be looking at other potential projects.

Fun & Food Easter 2023 – Daniel advised only two projects had been received which was a poor response.

Shotley Bridge Community Hospital – Planning Permission has been agreed for a new hospital to be built in Consett. He advised he would be sending out information on the consultation going forward.

Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

Max Wright advised that **Love Beamish & Stanley** would be hosting an open day between 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Wednesday 10th May. There will be 12 free stalls for local businesses to showcase their wares. Daniel advised he would share the invitation with Board Members.

John Caulfield advised that the first **Headway County Durham** (our local Brain Injury Charity) Drop-In was Friday 17th March, Stanley Masonic Hall.

Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Just for Women – Duvet Project

The project will enable the Just for Women Centre to support vulnerable families keep warm this winter when they can't heat their homes, they will identify and work with families and deliver required items, specifically duvets.

Project Cost: £4,000.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £ 500.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £ 250.00

Stanley Community Centre (The Venue) – Lighting Project

The project will support The Venue to replace the current lighting system, to LED standard. The current lighting is not cost effective or environmentally friendly, so by installing a more cost effective and energy efficient lighting system it will reduce running costs, save on electric, and reduce their carbon footprint.

Project Cost: £10,100.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £2,500.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £2,500.00

Craghead Allotments – Fencing Project

The project will see the Association remove existing fences on the Front Street site which have been in place for years and are now in a state of disrepair. Replacing with new fencing will ensure the site is safe and secure for allotments users and residents accessing the area.

Project Cost: £3,100.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £1,500.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £1,500.00

Small Grants:

Applicant: Tanfield School – Incentive Awards

Project Brief: To provide incentives for Young People to attend after school clubs.

Total Cost: £500.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £500.00

Applicant: Durham County Council Highways – Salt Bin & Refills

Project Brief: To provide a salt bin and refills to Green Tree Lane, Annfield Plain Community.

Total Cost: £803.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £401.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £402.00

Applicant: Annfield Plain W.I. – Room Hire

Project Brief: To support the group to pay for room hire & guest speakers.

Total Cost: £400.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £200.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £200.00

Applicant: White-le-Head Bowling Club – Equipment

Project Brief: To support the group to purchase new uniforms & equipment.

Total Cost: £700.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £700.00

Applicant: Luminary Photography CIC – Stanley Film Project

Project Brief: To support the group to pay for advertising material.

Total Cost: £150

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £150.00

Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

Daniel advised that 1409 Air Cadets Sqn will be holding an Opening Evening on **Friday 17th March 2023** to showcase their STEM / IT Suite / VR flight SIMS project that was funded by both Stanley and Derwent Valley Area Action Partnerships, the Durham High Sheriffs Award and also funds raised by the 1409 Sqn Civilian Committee.

Stanley Film Proposal:

Daniel advised Simon Green is to do a Stanley Film Project Proposal Presentation on **Wednesday 15th March 2023** in The Bamburgh Suite, Civic Hall about what he envisioned doing regarding a potential future Stanley Film.

Next Meeting & AGM:

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 5.00pm – Venue to be confirmed (Hybrid or online)

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