

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting

23 May 2023

Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023:

- Jane Bellis, the AAP Co-ordinator welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting.
- Prior to the Election of Chair, the AAP Co-ordinator thanked the outgoing Chair, Cllr Chris Varty for her commitment to the Board and for always supporting the AAP team. Angela Stobbart and Allan Blakemore were also thanked for acting as Vice Chairs and standing in as Chair when needed.
 - Angela Stobbart was appointed as the new Chairperson for 2023/24
 - Cllr Chris Varty was appointed as Vice Chair (Councillor)
 - Allan Blakemore was appointed as Vice Chair (Public Representative)
- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.
- Three organisations had received Fun and Food funding for May Half Term 2023. Four applications had been received in total; however, one applicant withdrew their application.
- The Fun and Food Scheme for Summer 2023 was launched on Monday 22 May 2023, and the closing date for completed applications and supporting documents is 12 noon on Wednesday 14 June 2023.
- Catherine Evans from The Cornforth Partnership gave a verbal update on the Helping Hands Project which the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP had funded.
- Board members agreed that the AAP priorities would remain the same for 2023/24; the project call out process currently adopted would continue, and the task group meetings would be held online via Teams. If anyone wished to join the task group, they were asked to let Marie know. The Board also agreed that work would continue to develop the Towns and Villages pipeline projects, and that they are fed through the Task Group and Board process.
- The period of consultation in relation to the Review of Community Engagement had now ended, and the responses were currently being collated. Updates will be provided on the review as and when received.

- Dave Tempest from Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service provided a verbal update on fire related issues that had occurred across the county.
- The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board –

Name of Scheme: Bollards Installation in Trimdon Village
Councillor(s): Cllr Lucy Hovvels / Cllr Jake Miller / Cllr Chris Varty
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £3,952.00

Name of Scheme: Armed Forces Day Event
Councillor(s): Cllr Lucy Hovvels / Cllr Jake Miller / Cllr Chris Varty
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £3,000.00

The Board was happy for these projects to go ahead.

- Date and Time of Next Board Meeting – Tuesday 18 July 2023, 5.00 pm – Coxhoe Village Hall

Subsequent Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday 21st September 2023, Trimdon Station Community Centre
- Tuesday 21st November 2023
- Wednesday 24th January 2024
- Thursday 21st March 2024, Cassop Community Centre

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.