



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 5.00pm

Councillor:

Cllr Joyce Charlton
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Joan Nicholson
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Vice Chair)
Cllr Carole Hampson
Cllr Angela Hanson

Partner Organisations:

Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council)
N Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)
Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)
Dan Hodgson (Fire Service)

Public Representatives:

John Ullathorne, (Chair)
Darren McMahon
Olga Milburn
Frankie Ward
Carl Gippert
Linda Tyman

Officer Attendance:

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

Apologies:

Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS),
Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector), Vicky Walton (Public Representative), Cllr Carl Marshall, and Max Wright (Business Representative).

Public Attendance:

Six members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Daniel welcomed everyone to Stanley AAP's fourth hybrid meeting at Morrison Busty. Apologies are noted above. John Ullathorne Chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Joyce Charlton regarding the Tanfield Lea Community Centre Car Park Improvements project application.

3. Agreement of the Minutes – 5th December 2023 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 5th December 2023 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. Community Risk Management Plan Consultation Presentation

Dan Hodgson, County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service, gave a presentation updating on the Community Risk Management Plan 2024-2027 Consultation.

About the Service:

- Serving approx. 630,000 people across an area of 939 square miles.
- Protecting 302,500 households and 20,150 businesses
- Housing 15 fire stations
- Employing 299 Wholetime firefighters, 168 On Call Firefighters, 18 Fire Control Operators and 98 Support Staff in HQ, Training and Technical Services

Achievements:

- In our most recent HMICFRS inspection we achieved 'Good' in all three categories of effectiveness, efficiency, and people.
- We won Fire and Rescue Service of the year at the Public Sector Transformation Awards in 2022 and 2023
- We have an award-winning apprenticeship programme.
- We are leading the way in Firefighters' safety with a 'state-of-the-art decontamination facility.
- We are a Disability Confident Leader.

Performance:

- We have the fastest response times for a predominantly rural fire and rescue service.
- We attend the 3rd lowest number of Accidental Dwelling Fires in England and the 11th lowest number of fires in non-domestic premises.
- Last year we delivered 18,382 Home Fire Safety Visits, a rate of 28.8 per 1,000 population (England rate is 9.4 per 1,000)
- Last year we delivered 1,927 Fire Safety Audits, a rate of 11.2 per 100 known premises (England rate is 3.7 per 100)

Have Your Say

- From 16th February 2024 to 10th May 2024, you can take part in our consultation.

- We will be gathering views from our communities both online and face to face.

What is a Community Risk Management Plan?

The CFA has a statutory responsibility, under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) – which we call the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP). The plan must cover a three-year period, be reviewed regularly, and outlines how CDDFRS will tackle and mitigate the risks our communities face. The CRMP is informed by our Community Risk Profile (CRP), a document which assesses in detail the risks in our local areas, how likely they are to occur, how extensive the impact might be and also takes into account national risks. We use the National Risk Register and the Local Resilience Forum Community Risk Register, community data and our own data to help us prepare the CRP.

As an over-arching plan the CRMP covers all parts of our Service, so it references our Service Strategies and other key documents such as our Station Plans, and it even links to our appraisal system. This helps everyone in our organisation to understand risks and how we plan to reduce the impact and respond effectively.

The requirements of a CRMP are set out in the 'Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018', (in which the document is called an IRMP). This states that each Authority must ensure the following five priorities are met:

- To be accountable to communities for the service they provide
- To identify and assess the full range of foreseeable fire and rescue related risks their areas face
- To make appropriate provision for fire prevention and protection activities and response to fire and rescue related incidents
- To develop and maintain a workforce that is professional, resilient, skilled, flexible and diverse
- To collaborate with emergency services and other local and national partners to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the service they provide.

You will find details of how we address the above points throughout this document. The National Framework also says that CRMPs have a statutory responsibility to contain a number of areas including an outline of how we allocate our resources to mitigate risks, and how we manage and enforce the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (FSO) 2005. If you want to know about our legal duties [you can read the National Framework here.](#)

The CRMP will also show you how we consult with you – our communities – on the development of this plan, as well as how we seek the opinions of our staff, representative bodies and partner organisations.

This document covers the period April 2024 to March 2027 and is reviewed on an annual basis making sure our plans are always up to date and reflect changes in national and local risks, our policies or finances.

You can read the full Plan and our Community Risk Profile at:
<https://www.ddfire.gov.uk/service-plans>

Community Risk Management Plan – Have Your Say

Question 1: Do you agree with the Service's approach to keeping you safe?

Question 2: Do you agree with our commitments outlined in the plan?

Question 3: Do you have any comments on our plans for 2024-2027?

- Visit our website and fill in our online survey <https://www.ddfire.gov.uk/community-risk-consultation>
- [Community Risk Management Plan Consultation 2024 - 2027 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#)
- Check out our twitter feed @CDDFRS and look for our survey link
- Take a look at our Facebook page @ County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service and follow the link to our survey

The chair opened the floor to questions.

Q. Carl asked; if you were in attendance at a low-level incident, could you then be re-deployed to another incident?

A. No, once we are there, we have to stay the whole time.

Insp. Stewart added that the service would take away learning from each incident.

Q. Frankie asked if the Fire Service attended Youth Clubs to give presentations on the knock-on effect to the service.

A. Not at present but it could be arranged.

The Chair thanked Dan for the presentation.

5. Towns & Villages – Stanley AAP Funding Update Presentation:

Joanne Ashworth, Towns & Villages Officer gave an update regarding Stanley AAP's and our County Councillors Towns & Villages funding allocations.

£4.2m was allocated to AAPs which has been distributed as one-off allocations as follows:

- £210,000 per AAP and £10,000 per Elected Member

Stanley AAP's Towns & Village Task Group worked to identify priorities for the Stanley area via meetings and an information gathering event which was attended by members of the AAP Board and Forum. To date four projects have been awarded funding with one final project in development. This funding has helped to support projects across the area.

Four Projects supported for Stanley.

- **Beamish Football Club Redevelopment £50,000**
Aim: The complete extension and renovation of a community facility located in the heart of Stanley. The project will increase usable space for activities, improve the energy efficiency and carbon footprint, improve access to improved flexible space for youth services, family learning and social activities for the whole community.
- **Stanley Playing Pitches Improvements £14,376**
Aim: To enhance playing pitches at Oakeys, Craghead and Annfield Plain as well as changing room improvements at Annfield Plain Park.
- **Stanley Recreation Area Improvements £102,000**
Aim: To carry out recreation area upgrades across the area including refurbishment

of Oakey's play area and changing rooms, additional equipment at South Moor Park and Annfield Plain Park and installation of a new play area at Cleveland Terrace.

- **Stanley Town Centre CCTV Upgrade £16,900**

Aim: To upgrade seven CCTV cameras across Stanley Town Centre to a higher specification to allow improved and clearer images to be recorded.

3 x Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0NA

Scott Street, Car Park, DH9 8AD

2 x Townley Street, DH9 0HU

A693 Roundabout, DH9 0NB

Total projects value £1,332,642.75. with one final project being developed.

Match funding secured £1,122,642.75.

Cllr Allocations of £10,000 each:

Cllr Joan Nicholson and Cllr Christine Bell

£10,000 Croft School Outdoor Area

£10,000 Annfield Plain Planters

Cllr Joyce Charlton

£5,000 Futureproofing Tantobie Community Centre

£5,000 Tanfield Community Centre Car Park (pending approval)

Cllr Angela Hanson and Cllr Carl Marshall

£18,593.25 Chaucer Close Car Parking Project

£1,406.75 Stanley Recreation Area Improvements

Cllr Carole Hampson and Cllr Sam McMahon

£20,000 South Moor Park Play Improvements

Cllr Gordon Binney

£10,000 Tanfield Division Play Improvements

6. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

N Insp. Dave Stewart highlighted that the February overall figure for crime was down 1%. With Anti-Social Behaviour down 21% year on year.

7. AAP Coordinator Update:

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

Area Budget 2023/24 Position and Allocation of remaining funding

Daniel updated the Board with the current Area Budget position for 2023/24 and asked that the Stanley AAP Board committed the remaining Area Budget to a number of projects.

Stanley AAP's total Area Budget for the 2023/24 financial year was £171,689.37 comprising the core AAP Area Budget, Youth Fund, and Welfare Reform funding, underspend from previous yearly allocations, and a partial return of grant, that were all pooled into one funding pot.

The funding focused on a singular Community Recovery priority with key areas of focus for project applicants.

We also separately managed and distributed Fun & Food - Holiday Activity with Healthy Food funding to local groups/organisations during school holidays in 2023/24.

Financial Position 2023/24

The Board has allocated £129,023 to 16 local projects in 2023/24 and £42,666.37 remains to be allocated.

Allocation/Commitment of remaining 2023/24 Funding

Stanley Town Council – Commit £16,500 of Area Budget Funding to the creation of a Durham Light Infantry (DLI) War Memorial in Stanley Town Centre. The Town Council will work in partnership with the DLI Branch for Stanley and local businesses to make the project a reality.

The Board Agreed the project.

Derwentside Amateur Swimming Club – Commit £10,000 Area Budget Funding to the Swimming Pool Starter Blocks project that will be a joint initiative between Derwentside Amateur 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.

The Board Agreed the project.

Stanley Area Action Partnership – Commit £16,166.37 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.

The Board Agreed the project.

2024/25 Funding

The AAP will have the following funding available to allocate in 2024/25:

- £110,000 of Area Budget, Youth, and Welfare Reform Funding (pooled).
- £???,??? of Fun & Food Funding to cover Easter, Summer, and Christmas 2024 School Holiday periods.
- £10,000 of Public Health (The Big Arts Project) Funding to deliver culture and arts-based projects that enhance mental health, wellbeing and resilience in our local communities.

The Big Arts Project Funding 2024:

The aim of this proposal is to:

Use Culture and Arts to enhance mental health, wellbeing and resilience focusing on protective factors and enhancing a sense of belonging. The project will work across all age groups to help people come together to improve their mental health through creativity using local artists and community assets. Local artists and community connectors will work with local people to engage in a range of funded arts programmes delivered as part of the countywide Big Arts Project.

Activities could include dance/movement, music, drama, visual/ performing arts, painting, and sculptures including innovative ideas relevant at a local level promoting good mental health, wellbeing, and resilience. A display of all end projects will then take place across each of the 14 local AAP areas within libraries, leisure facilities, schools, streets, churches, community venues, Prisons and places of interest through galleries, events, and exhibitions.

This will take place during the week of World Mental Health Day (WMHD) 2024 - Monday 7th to Sunday 13th October 2024.

Key groups with priority focus for the projects are those who are:

- Drug and Alcohol service users including recovery.
- GRT communities including ethnic communities.
- Experiencing Domestic Violence.
- Engaged with Probation and Justice.
- LGBTQ+
- Homeless
- Veterans
- Perinatal mental health
- Those at high risk of suicide
- Protected Characteristics

The projects will explore and demonstrate what residents love/like about the place they live, work and play including displaying their connectedness to the landscape and historical heritage of County Durham. It will bring people out to community venues resulting in more footfall and promotion of sites so residents can return to these places after WMHD.

Outcomes

The focus of this bid is on culture and arts as a means of engaging communities by promoting good mental health rather than 'treating' the distress. The opportunity will be designed to enable local partners to support a wide range of activities to promote mental health, covering a spectrum of preventative and support-based interventions and projects for the general population, for people at risk of experiencing poor mental health, and for people who are already experiencing mental health challenges. Initiatives will be tailored to the needs of communities, building on evidence understanding of where inequalities in mental health are most pressing.

The campaign will apply a mix of marketing principles and techniques to create, communicate and deliver activities that will enhance the knowledge base of local residents on mental health as well as the range of services available to support them during a time of mental health need. Local residents will be engaged to help deliver key messages to be used for the campaign.

County Durham Together Community Champions will also be maximised to link into the AAP area projects as advocates of good mental health and wellbeing. They with NYT Ambassadors will promote NYT, Rainbow resources and maximise annual Durham County Council Mental health campaigns which include Time to Talk day, Mental Health Awareness Week and World Mental Health Awareness day.

Each AAP will also promote the opportunity of this fund/resource via their local communication channels to local groups and organisations.

Model for Delivery

The project will fund all 14 AAPs to support communities to be creative and find meaningful and engaging creative arts and culture programmes to build skills and improve resilience generating outcomes of social connectedness, an identity, self-belief and compassion (for self and others). They will promote community assets which include buildings, green spaces and recreational areas.

Local artists will conduct creative or performing arts projects in community settings with people promoting health and wellbeing, being therapeutic and also for aesthetic purposes. The therapeutic and aesthetic objectives of the project may overlap and complement one another.

AAPs will seek to obtain 25% match funding from a variety of sources to complement this investment within localities in order to mobilise and implement the Culture and Arts projects within their locality and link back to the Big Arts Project Board with an overview including spend.

As part of the plan they will include:

- Establish the call for projects and timeline of key milestones
- Promote the funding to VCSE organisations
- Manage submissions and agree Awards
- Set up monthly monitoring with projects
- Lead Big Arts Project Board (Principal AAP Co-ordinator)
- Write an AAP end of project report and submit to Public Health by end of November 2024 highlighting insight and impact including voice of lived experience.

Area Budget Live Projects Quarter 3 Monitoring Report

Daniel advised this report was in Board members packs for their information.

Towns & Villages – Allocation of remaining funding

Clean & Green, Durham County Council – Approve the allocation of £26,724 of Towns & Villages Funding to the Marking Tanfield Lea’s Mining Heritage project application.

The project will enable the installation of groundworks, pavers/path, planting, and two Miners' Lamps to mark the mining heritage of the Tanfield area, as currently there is nothing to mark the vast mining history of the area.

The Board Agreed the project.

Clean & Green, Durham County Council – Approve the allocation of £5,164.62 of Cllr Joyce Charlton’s Towns & Villages and Neighbourhood Budget Funding to the Tanfield Lea Community Centre Car Park Improvements project application.

The project aims to improve the car park at the Community Centre by opening up the space available to allow increased parking. The project will involve removal of all trees and vegetation that are encroaching the car park.

The Board Agreed the project.

2024/25 Board Meetings Schedule

Stanley AAP Board Members agreed to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Daniel to pull together Board Meeting Schedule for 2024/25 and circulate to Board Members.

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

Karbon Homes – Board School - Suzanne highlighted that consultation was continuing with a Pop-Up stall on the Thursday market. The consultation runs up to the end of March. Suzanne advised their teams had recently been made smaller in order to work more efficiently with residents. On a Monday 9.30 to 12.30 in the Hub, the Skills Employability Team and Money Matters Team would be on hand to meet residents.

9. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Just For Women – Duvet Project

The project will support The Duvet Project which is an initiative aimed at providing essential support to the local community during the ongoing cost of living crisis. The project involves the distribution of warm duvets to the local community as they are essential for maintaining warmth and comfort, especially during colder months, and can help reduce heating costs.

Project Cost: £1,650.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution £1,200.00

South Moor Golf Club – Practice Facility Refurbishment

The project is to upgrade the practice facilities, that will include the replacement of range mats and dividers, and the game area being professionally cleaned. Once completed, we will be working with a renowned local golfing coach who will help increase participation over all categories and abilities.

Project Cost: £15,944.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £3,000.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £3,000.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £3,000.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £2,994.00

Durham County Council Neighborhoods – Annfield Plain Planter Refurbishment

The project is to improve eight planters on the Front Street in Annfield Plain. All the retaining walls surrounding the planters will be refurbished to reduce the height to improve the visibility across the area. All planters will receive new topsoil and gravel will be added to the top to improve the appearance of the planters. The planters will then be planted with new plants, enhancing the aesthetics of the area.

Project Cost: £26,956.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £8,478.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £8,478.00

Eden Learning Trust – VEX UK Nationals

The project is to support three teams of students from Tanfield School who have qualified to take part in the VEX VRC and IQ Nationals Robotics competition in Telford in March 2024. This is the culmination of 10 months of design, building and testing of their robots as well as competing in regional competitions throughout the year. The students will be competing against teams from across the UK from a diverse background of schools including some of the most prominent independent schools in the UK.

Project Cost: £2,875.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £1,875.00

White-le-Head Methodist Church – Toilet Refurbishment

The project is to support the church to update the current outdated toilets within the building and make a small storage area in one toilet, box in all pipework and put cladding on the walls to make it more usable.

Project Cost: £4,695.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £4,695.00

Small Grants:

Annfield Plain Association Football Club – Team Tracksuits

Project Brief: To purchase new team tracksuits.

Total Cost: £1,100

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £300.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £300.00

New Kyo & Oxhill Partnership – Christmas Events

Project Brief: To provide selection boxes & goodie bags for residents.

Total Cost: £1,200.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £382.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £381.00

Beamish Football Club – Beamish FC Under 11s

Project Brief: To purchase new football strips for the Under 11s Team.

Total Cost: £1,200.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution £250.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £250.00

New College Durham Academies Trust – Beamish Beasts

Project Brief: Travel & accommodation to VEX UK Nationals competition for Beamish Primary's Robotics Team – Beamish Beasts.

Total Cost: £2,800.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £900.00

Tanfield Lea Countryside Group – Group Notice Board

Project Brief: To purchase new notice board.

Total Cost: £1,010.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £999.00

10. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

No pre-notified any other business had been received.

Olga Milburn enquired if there was any available funding to look at painting the underpass at Clifford Terrace. She wondered if any Health Groups would be interested.

11. Next Meeting:

To be confirmed – Morrison Busty Depot fully Hybrid.

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