

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

14 May 2024

Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024:

- Jane Bellis, AAP Co-ordinator welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership.
- Dancers from Nuvo Wellbeing had been invited to come along to the meeting to perform a dance routine for us. The AAP funded this organisation for the N-Dance, Trimdon project which was delivered in Trimdon Grange Community Centre. The project aims to empower young people aged 7-16, by providing tailored dance coaching, leading to improved physical and mental wellbeing, self-esteem, and confidence.
- Prior to the Election of Chair, the AAP Co-ordinator thanked the outgoing Chair, Angela Stobbart and Vice Chairs Cllr Chris Varty and Allan Blakemore.
 - Allan Blakemore was appointed as the new Chairperson for 2024-25
 - Cllr Chris Varty was appointed as Vice Chair (Councillor)
 - Angela Stobbart was appointed as Vice Chair (Partner Representative)
- Sarah Welsh - Strategic Manager (Customer Relations), Durham County Council delivered a presentation on the Customer Access Points - a review of our face-to-face services.

To have your say go to the consultation website for more information and to complete the survey online <https://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation>; visit one of the libraries or CAPs to complete a paper survey.

The closing date for comments is 5.00pm on Sunday 28 July 2024.

- £3,650 had been allocated to 3 fun and food projects delivered in the Easter 2024 period.
- Fun and Food for Summer 2024 had been launched, and so far, 10 application packs had been sent out, and 4 had been submitted.
- There is £110,000 Area Budget which includes Youth Fund and Poverty Action Funding available to allocate this financial year. This had been launched, and so far, 4 applications packs had been sent out.
- An application had been received for £10,000 Big Arts Project Funding from Nuvo Wellbeing. Board members were happy to support this project and it was approved.

- Jane Bellis provided an update on the Community Engagement Review. The AAPs had been realigned to Economic Development with Andy Kerr as our new Head of Service. Gordon Elliott will retire from the end of May.

A discussion will take place at Corporate Management Team on the 16 May in relation to boundaries for the Local Networks.

NEFirst Credit Union had successfully appointed Paul Robson as their Business Development Officer; a project which was funded jointly between this AAP and East Durham AAP. The project will now end on the 31 March 2026 to give the full 2 years funding due to a delay to the start date.

- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.

The Chair suggested that should anyone have a question they may wish to ask Sarah about a local policing issue, could they please let the AAP team know prior to the meeting.

- The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board –

Name of Scheme: Salt bin – Lilac Avenue, Sedgfield
 Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown
 Interest Declared: No
 Amount: £1,405 (£702.50 each)

Name of Scheme: Kelloe Traffic Calming
 Councillor(s): Maura McKeon
 Interest Declared: No
 Amount: £36,557

Name of Scheme: Active Travel, Station Road in Sedgfield
 Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown
 Interest Declared: No
 Amount: £6,918.56 (£3,459.28 each)

Name of Scheme: FYCC - Install Managed IT Network System and Stage Curtains
 Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown
 Interest Declared: No
 Amount: £6,773.76 (£3,386.88 each)

The Board was happy for the projects to go ahead.

- Date and Time of Next Board Meeting – Tuesday 16 July 2024, 5.00 pm at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre

Subsequent Board Meetings (all starting at 5.00 pm)

- Thursday 19 September 2024 - Bowburn Community Centre
- Tuesday 26 November 2024 – Coxhoe Village Hall
- Wednesday 22 January 2025 – Cassop Community Centre
- Thursday 27 March 2025 (venue to be confirmed)

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