

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, 12 th July 2018	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Location:	Croxdale Community Centre, 5 Rogerson Tce, Croxdale, DH6 5HJ	
Present:	<p>Elected Councillors Cllr Kevin Thompson (Cllr KT) Cllr Michael Ord (Cllr MO) Cllr Judith Machin (JM) Cllr Liz Maddison (Cllr LM)</p> <p>Partner Organisations Insp Warren Edwards (InspWE) Jenny Haworth (JH)</p> <p>Public Representatives Agnes Armstrong (AA) Norman Vaulks(NV) De Hickson (DH) Nikki Skinner (NS)</p> <p>Other Attendees Michael Wilkes (MW) Peter Henderson (PH) Lynn Cummings (LC) Peter Ollivere (DCC) Bev Bentham (DCC)</p>	<p>Other Attendees Public Elizabeth Lewarne (EL) Cllr Jan Blakey (Cllr JB) Ian Machin (IM) Val Mortimer (VM) Elizabeth Jowett (EJ) George Gittins (GG) Peter Yarbrough (PY) Martin Jones (MJ) Pat Lawton (PL) Phil Bennett (PB) Katherine Hierons (KH) Insp Mike Sammut (Insp MS) Cllr Maura McKeon (Cllr MM)</p>
Apologies:	Cllr Neil Grayson, Cllr Alan Gardner, Vicky Miller, Cllr Geoff Darkes, Bill Noble, Wendy Minhinnett, Kay Seymour , Joan Scott, Marion Jackson, Cllr Stuart Dunn and Sara Cairns	

1.	<p>Introductions & Apologies</p> <p>AA welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated, as the new Data Protection rules had come in to force and as the Board meetings are minuted, if anyone was requesting to be anonymous when participating in discussions to state so.</p> <p>AA invited the Board to introduce themselves. Apologies were noted.</p>
2.	<p>Agreement of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting 24th May 2018</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>

3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>4a Locality Policing Issues – MW stated he would forward the information on speeding data</p> <p>4b Neighbourhood issues – MW would write to Cllr Carl Marshall and request an update on Festival Walk and invite him to attend a future Board meeting</p> <p>4b Green Lane parking issues – MW had highlighted the problem with Terry Dinsdale Facilities Manager but had no reply from DCC Highways. He would chase this up.</p> <p>4b Do it on Line contact – MW to invite DCC’s ‘Do it on line’ representative to a future board meeting. JH stated the DCC contact is Vicky Murray</p>
4.	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p>a) <u>Locality Policing Issues</u></p> <p>Insp WE gave an update to the Board on the current workload. Local crime statistics were also provided. The recent fire at the Cricket Club was also mentioned.</p> <p>Insp Mike Sammut explained Operation Hawkeye, an initiative around vehicle crime. He stated publicity was in place and a walkabout was arranged for 18th July and 20th July after 6pm (1hr) for the Spennymoor area. Leaflet drops will take place in the relevant streets.</p> <p>A question was raised following the recent breathalysing exercise what were the results.</p> <p>Action: Insp WE will feed this information back to MW for circulation</p> <p>It was stated 3 x youths on motorbikes had been causing an affray in Spennymoor central going into the Park and along the byways. Insp WE stated he would feed this information to the relevant section and urged the public to continue reporting incidents as they are occurring and they will be addressed.</p> <p>A question was raised where we are with the Community Speed Watch project. Volunteers are available in other areas but they would be happy to move around the Spennymoor areas if the equipment was deployed. Insp WE stated community groups and volunteers are requested to get involved as police officers are stretched. The equipment is available and ready for deployment when volunteers come forward.</p> <p>b) <u>Local Neighbourhood Issues</u></p> <p>VM had raised a question around what 106monies have been generated in</p>

Spennymoor and what they have been spent on.

Action: MW will look into this and feedback to VM in due course.

It was stated if section 106 monies were not spent in the allocated time scale then they would be lost. MW stated we actively try to ensure they are allocated as quickly as possible.

It was stated Croxdale and the smaller settlements are not getting the development which would generate the section 106 monies and this needed to be addressed.

A question was raised around a request for information on the Anaerobic Digestion plant at Mount Juliet farm and the impact on the environment.

Action: PO to email MW the planning report to forward to VM

Action: MW to ascertain more information to feedback to the next Board meeting. It was also stated the planning application is still online along with the planning decision.

c) Spennymoor Town Council Update

Katherine Hierons gave an update on the current work of Spennymoor Town Council (available on request).

A question was raised have the Cornish family funded anything towards the Cornish Trail. It was stated yes they have been asked and would be doing something.

Discussion occurred around help for the Cricket Club following the recent fire and MW stated he is trying to arrange a meeting to offer help from the AAP.

A question was raised has the Durham Miners Association supported the Cornish Trail and it was stated no but they have not been contacted for assistance.

It was stated fly tipping is still an issue around the villages

Action: Cllr KT will feedback when more information is available.

a) **Presentations**

County Durham Plan- Preferred Options Stage

Peter Ollivere DCC, gave a presentation on the County Durham Plan (available on request).

	<p>Following the presentation it was opened up for questions.</p> <p>It was stated as GP surgeries and schools are not mentioned in the plan how will issues be addressed. It was stated this is being looked at and there is pressure to address the problem.</p> <p>It was stated traffic coming from the west through the areas will impact on all the settlements and what is being done to solve this problem. It was stated there are no plans to increase capacity at this present time.</p> <p>A question was raised would Spennymoor be getting a new Senior School and it was stated DCC are aware of the problem and this will be fed back as an issue.</p> <p>A question was raised would a new Primary School be built on the land designated for the new builds as there would be a need once the new builds where completed.</p> <p>It was stated if land is not adopted does that mean a developer cannot build on the land. It was explained smaller villages are being looked at in relation to this problem.</p> <p>It was stated the variety of new build options is not good and more choice of housing type i.e. 3 bed, 2 beds and bungalows is required. It stated housing needs will be looked at and the Strategic Housing Assessment will be addressed.</p> <p>A question was raised what is happening with the Aldi site. It was stated there is currently no date set for the consultation to take place.</p> <p>It was stated something was needed to be in place to ensure new build developments were spread around the various villages to enable the allocation of section 106 monies to be accessed.</p> <p>AA thanked PO for the presentation on behalf of the AAP.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p><i>Priorities</i></p> <p><u><i>Task & Finish Group Update</i></u></p> <p><i>None</i></p> <p><u><i>It's Up 2 U Report</i></u></p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request)</p> <p>Recommendation: Agreed the allocation of a maximum of £25,000 to an 'It's Up 2 U' event for 2018/19</p>

	<p>Recommendation: Agreed to set up a sub group to work on the event</p> <p>Recommendation: MW will circulate the report around the Board as the meeting was not quorate due to Partner apologies</p>
c)	<p><u>Events Fund & Task & Finish Targeted Grants Report</u></p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request)</p> <p>Recommendation: Agreed</p>
d)	<p><u>Neighbourhood Budget Application – Members Small Grants Fund</u></p> <p><u>DCC CED – Cheapside Void Improvement Scheme</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report (available on request) and stated the project covers the provision of funding for improvements to the void land next to DCC's Library site of £764 in total from Councillor's Darkes, Maddison, Thompson, Gardner and Grayson Neighbourhood Budget.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation</p>
7.	<p>General AAP, Partner & Countywide Issues</p>
a)	<p>Business & CVS Representative</p> <p>MW stated there were currently 3 vacancies in the Partner section of the Board and they were Business, CCG and VCS and letters of thanks had been forwarded to the outgoing members. He stated he would forward information on the CCG Representative and the CVS Representative once they were in place. He stated adverts for the Business Rep had just gone out to Board and Forum. He also stated Wendy Minhinnett had resigned from the Board as a Public rep and this would be filled in due course. AA suggested send her a letter of thanks.</p>
b)	<p>Annual Review</p> <p>MW would bring the report to the September Board meeting but would forward a draft copy to the Board in the next few weeks for comment.</p>
c)	<p>Leisure Centre/Witches Hat Work</p> <p>MW stated this is currently being looked around environmental works to improve the café areas.</p>
d)	<p>Spruce Up</p> <p>MW stated he would be forwarding an email shortly requesting areas that could</p>

	<p>be addressed. As the last Spruce Up was done in Spennymoor it was suggested to look at one of the villages in the area.</p> <p>e) Social Isolation & Youth Grant Funds</p> <p>MW stated following the call out for Area Budget projects deadline on the 13th July he would be forwarding a call out for projects for the Social Isolation fund next week.</p> <p>8. <u>AOB</u></p> <p>MW stated Brass 2018 would be coming to Spennymoor on 19th July 6.00pm – 9.00pm and flyers had been distributed at the Spennymoor Gala, Gospenny, AAP Facebook page and AAP forum.</p> <p>JH gave a brief update on the recent County Durham Partnership Forum event (available on request)</p> <p>9. <i>Date and Time of Next Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Next scheduled Board Meeting Thursday 20th September 2018 venue Kirk Merrington Village Hall</i></p> <p><i>AA thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.</i></p>
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