



Spennymoor
Area Action Partnership

Spennymoor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday 19 th September 2019, 6.00pm - 8.00pm	
Location:	Kirk Merrington Village Hall, Front St, Kirk Merrington, DL16 7HZ	
Present:	<p>Elected Councillors Cllr Michael Ord (Cllr MO) Cllr Liz Maddison (Cllr LM) Cllr Ian Geldard (Cllr IG)</p> <p>Partner Organisations Sgt Mike Sammett (Sgt MS) Jenny Haworth (JH) De Hickson (DH) Nigel James (NJ) Mick Clark (MC) Ian Walker (IW)</p> <p>Public Representatives Agnes Armstrong (AA) Bill Noble (BN) Kay Seymour (KS) Norman Vaulks (NV) Pat Lawton (PL)</p> <p>Other Attendees Michael Wilkes (MW) Peter Henderson (PH) Lynn Cummings (LC) Graham Wood (GW)</p>	<p>Other Attendees Public Val Mortimer (VM) Sue Lupton (SL) Sara Courtley (SC) Elizabeth Jowett (EJ) Phillip Bennett (PB) Karen James (KJ) Katherine Heirons (KH) Neil Foster (NF) Don Gordon (DG) Judith Machin (JM) Ian Machin (IM) Sue Noble (SN) Elizabeth Lewarne (EL) Peter Yarbrough (PY) Ann Arthur (AA) D.R. Arthur (DA) Dean Ranyard (DR)</p>
Apologies:	Sandra Wyper, Cllr Neil Grayson, Nikki Skinner, Barbara Harkers, Cllr Kevin Thompson, Angela Blanchard and Sara Cairns	

1.	<p>Introductions & Apologies</p> <p>BN welcomed everyone to the meeting. BN stated, as the new Data Protection rules (GDPR) had come in to force and as the Board meetings are recorded and posted on the Durham County Council (DCC) website, if anyone was requesting to be anonymous when participating in discussions to state so.</p> <p>BN invited the Board to introduce themselves. Apologies were noted.</p>
2.	<p>Agreement of Minutes of Previous AGM/Board Meeting 11th July 2019</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>4.a Locality Policing Issues – Sgt MS gave an update on the shed and allotment break-in figures in the Croxdale and Hett areas</p> <p>4.b Local Authority Governors in Tudhoe area – JH had no reply from DCC colleagues and will chase them up.</p> <p>MW informed the Board he was moving to Chester-le-Street AAP on a year secondment, taking up the post of Principle AAP Co-ordinator. He thanked the Board for all their support over the last 10 years. BN presented MW with a card and a Norman Cornish framed print and thanked him for all his work in the AAP. AA also thanked MW on behalf of the Board and MW thank all for the present and the card.</p>
4.	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p>a) <u>Locality Policing Issues</u></p> <p>Sgt MS gave an update to the Board on the current workload. Local crime statistics were also provided.</p> <p>It was stated drug related incidents had occurred in Middlestone Moor recently but the residents did not feel it was worth reporting to the Police. It was explained if incidents are reported as they are happening the Police will give a quick response.</p> <p>It was stated certain young people in the town centre are very intimidating to the older population and more police presence is required. It was explained the police do regular daily patrols across the town centre already.</p> <p>b) <u>Local Neighbourhood Issues</u></p> <p>A question was raised could the Pelican Crossing be re painted white in the town centre. It was explained this needed to be passed to DCC's HAL system.</p> <p>Action: MW asked DG to forward specific crossings to be repainted and he</p>

would pass to the relevant colleagues

It was stated there is a lot of rubbish in the town centre particularly around the Buttons & Bows shop.

A question was raised did Spennymoor Town Council have a Warden to patrol the town. It was explained yes; the Town Council pay DCC to utilise their wardens.

It was stated an empty property at Barfield Road is an eye sore and the empty care home at Barfield Road is insecure. It was explained the police were aware the care home was a security problem and were dealing with it

Action: GW will address this as the property is DCC owned

c) Spennymoor Town Council Update

Katherine Heirons gave an update on the current projects and work the Town Council are promoting.

Town Show – Family Fun Day – The Town Council held its annual Town Show/Family Fun Day last month and again it was a great success. The sun shone and the children and families enjoyed the free rides, Punch and Judy and entertainment.

Party in the Park – This event was held on Friday 13th September, having been rescheduled from August due to heavy rain, thunder and lightning. The Council is pleased to advise that the event was a great success with almost 6000 in attendance, almost double last year's event. The Council would like to thank the DCC Councillors and Livin who contributed funding which allowed the Council to secure the attendance of 3 local acts and 3 tribute bands – Ed Sheeran, Bryan Adams and Queen.

Planning – the North Eastern and 40 houses at Tudhoe Village – due to concerns from the public in relation to both planning applications, the Town Council has written to DCC and asked for them to be 'called in' and heard by committee.

Halloween Event – following the success of last year's inaugural Halloween Event in Spennymoor Town Hall, the Council is going to run the event again this year on Friday 25th October. The event is open to Primary School children resident in Spennymoor. This is due to limited capacity, and the fact that a single event cannot cater to a wide range of ages as what is suitable for younger children, is not suitable for teenagers etc.

Fireworks Event – 5th November – The Town Council is again holding a Fireworks event in the Town which will be free to some 5,000 attendees. As usual Spennymoor Residents will be given first choice of obtaining tickets.

	<p>Cow Plantation Nature Reserve - The Town Council has secured another £7,070 in external funding to enhance the original signage project to be able to replace the gates at the two main entrances on Wood Vue. As part of the original project re signage an artist has been working with the residents of a local care home and has had 3 sessions to-date which are proving positive for the residents.</p> <p>5 Presentations</p> <p>a) Regeneration Update</p> <p>Graham Wood (DCC Economic Development Manager) gave an update to the Board on Regeneration</p> <p>Following the presentation, it was opened for questions</p> <p>A question was raised around the proposed development behind Atwood Tce. It was stated the development needed to be staggered and a Strategic Needs survey was required prior to any development. It was explained this would be taken into consideration.</p> <p>It was stated the new development housing was not wanted but more things for children in the area were needed. It was explained this would be addressed through the planning process.</p> <p>JH stated it was very important DCC Regeneration continues working with the AAP for the good of the community and local businesses need support and encouragement. It was stated a possible event could be arranged to make people aware of the local businesses on offer in the areas.</p> <p>A question was raised what the plans are for the walkway beside Aldi. It was stated this has been looked over the years and is still on the radar.</p>
<p>6. Priorities</p> <p>a) Task & Finish Group Update</p> <p>i) <u>Safer, Stronger and Healthier Communities</u></p> <p>ii) <u>Culture, Your Local Environment, Tourism & Heritage</u></p>	<p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each project</p> <p>Recommendation: Noted</p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each</p>

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iii)	<p><u>Older Person Social Isolation Funding Update</u></p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each project</p> <p>Recommendation: Noted</p>
iv	<p><u>Youth Grant Update</u></p> <p>MW explained the report (available on request) and gave a brief flavour of each project</p> <p>Recommendation: Noted</p>
b)	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Application</p>
i)	<p><u>Byers Green Village Hall – Kitchen Refurbishment</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards a replacement for the old kitchen and worktops in the Byers Green Village Hall, improving the usability of the facilities.</p> <p>The application identifies a joint contribution of £4,281 from Cllrs Maddison and Thompson and this is the full cost of the refurbishment</p> <p>Board members should note that both Cllrs have declared an interest, so the Board will need to approve the project</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed the recommendation and approved the application</p>
ii)	<p><u>DCC – Cheapside/St Andrews Environmental Improvement Scheme</u></p> <p>PH gave an overview of the report available on request. The project will provide funding towards improving the appearance and aesthetics of the Cheapside / St Andrews areas of Spennymoor Town Centre. As well as reducing incidents of anti- social behaviour by opening out the area and improving access and observation to these areas.</p> <p>The application identifies a joint contribution of £4,120 from Cllrs Grayson, Maddison and Thompson and DCC are contributing £2,060 to the scheme</p> <p>Board members should note that this is for information only and there are no declarations of interest</p>

	<p>Recommendation: The Board should note the information contained in this report</p>
c)	Neighbourhood Budget Application – Members Small Grant Fund
i)	<u>Update Report</u>
	<p>PH explained the report (available on request)</p> <p>Home on the Range – Middlefest 2019 – Councillors’ Geldard (£100), Grayson (200), Maddison (£200) and Thompson (400) supported Home on the Range with a total of £900 to support the provision of toilet facilities and staging for the Middlefest event which took place on 27th July 2019. The overall cost of the event was £18,400</p> <p>Durham Music’s Big Play – Durham Music Service – Cllrs Maddison and Gardner supported Durham Music Service with £50 each towards the Durham Music Big Play event</p> <p>Solon Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust – Ceilidh 4 Cancer – Cllr Garner supported The Solon Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust with £350 towards the cost of a Ceilidh band for the charity Ceilidh event.</p>
7.	General AAP, Partner & Countywide Issues
a)	Board Member Vacancies
	<p>MW explained there are currently 2 elected member vacancies on the Board which will be addressed in due course. Cllr IG stated the Town Council member will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday.</p>
b)	Spruce Up
	<p>MW stated the Spruce Up will be coming to the Spennymoor AAP in March 2020 and they are looking for any suggested areas. If anyone had a particular areas to get in touch with the AAP team and they will be passed to DCC Clean & Green</p>
c)	Annual Review
	<p>MW stated he newly formatted Annual Report will be available soon</p>
d)	Business Forum
	<p>MW stated there will be an update at the November Board meeting</p>

e)	<p>Future Presentations</p> <p>MW stated presentations to the Board meetings is being looked at and suggestions are welcomed from Board and Forum on any thing they would like to see. It was requested they get back to the team with any suggestions.</p>
f)	<p>Consultation on Ward 6</p> <p>MW stated the November Board meeting would have an update on Ward 6 consultation. AA stated an update from DCC would also be of interest too. AA inquired who sat on the Health Scrutiny Board and it was stated it was chaired by Cllr John Robinson</p>
g)	<p>AOB</p> <p>EL stated she had not received a reply from a previous Board meeting concerning the Horse manure left on the roads in Tudhoe</p> <p>Action: PH will investigate and report back to next meeting</p>
8.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next scheduled Board Meeting to be re-arranged due to clash with Town Council meeting due to the fact theirs had been moved to accommodate the Fireworks</p> <p>BN thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.</p>