

## East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership

### Board Meeting

#### Approved Minutes

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| <b>Date:</b>               | Monday 23 September 2019  |   |
| <b>Location:</b>           | Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, DH6 5AT   |   |
| <b>Present:</b>            | <b>Board Members</b>  | <b>AAP Team</b>   |
|                            | Parish Councillor Bernie Oliver<br>Sgt Alex Clarke<br>Jen Straughan-Hawley<br>Councillor David Brown<br>Allan Blakemore<br>Christine Carter<br>Councillor Lucy Hovvels<br>Councillor Stuart Dunn<br>Angela Stobbart<br>Malcolm Gray<br>Chris Varty<br>Councillor Maura McKeon<br>Clive Crosby | Jane Bellis (AAP Co-ordinator)<br>Claire Craft (Community Development Project Officer)<br>Marie Ainscough (AAP Support Officer) |
| <b>Forum Members:</b>      | There were 10 forum members present at the meeting  |   |
| <b>Apologies Received:</b> | Parish Councillor Kathleen Dowson (Alternate), Melvyn Carr, Councillor Jude Grant, Clair White, Tony Cutmore, Councillor Peter Brookes (Alternate), Eileen Dickinson, Michelle Atkinson, Councillor John Robinson, Michael Pearson  |   |

| Item No | Item   | Action |
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| 1       | <p><b>Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Malcolm Gray (Chair) welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted for those who were unable to attend the meeting and a round of introductions from Board members followed.</p> |        |
| 2       | <p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2019 &amp; Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 July 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>   |        |
| 3       | <b>Countywide Partner Issues:</b>  |        |

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|          | <p><b>3.1 Plan A – livin</b></p> <p>Malcolm Gray from livin was unable to provide an update on Plan A – livin’s first ever Business Strategy as it was to be approved by their Board. It had however; been put to Durham County Council (as a whole) and to residents’ groups. Feedback will be provided in due course.</p> <p><b>Youth Forum</b></p> <p>Chloe Brown from Investing in Children was accompanied by five young people from the Youth Forum and they each gave an update on some of the things they were working on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The virtual youth forum is not well received, so the young people have decided to create pages on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.</li> <li>➤ They are organising a poster competition and will be carrying out litter picks.</li> <li>➤ A youth forum coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 30 October 2019 from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm at Trimdon Station Community Centre. All money raised will go towards organising young peoples activities in the area.</li> </ul> <p>Malcolm Gray offered to help with the printing of promotional material and asked the young people if they could send him the information as soon as possible.</p> <p>Chris Varty confirmed her attendance and suggested that they organise a coffee morning in an old peoples home.</p> <p>The Chair reminded the young people that the AAP and local councillors were there to help them if needed. Councillor Lucy Hovvells highlighted the traffic problems caused by parents parking outside of schools in Trimdon Grange and suggested that the young people design a poster to raise awareness of the problem.</p> | <p>M Gray</p> <p>C Brown</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p><b>Priority Updates (from Task Group and Projects)</b></p> <p>The AAP Co-ordinator reported that Board members had received the last two reports via email, which provided them with an update on progress made through the Joint Priorities Task and Finish Group meetings held on 14 August and 10 September 2019. For the benefit of the young people, the AAP Co-ordinator outlined the purpose of the task group and welcomed their attendance. As a reminder, she highlighted that all Youth Fund and Welfare Reform monies had been allocated, and the current Area Budget balance was £42,675.45.</p> <p>Board members appreciated recipients of AAP funding being invited to come along to future Board meetings to showcase their work and</p>   |                              |

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|   | <p>update on what they have to offer. The Foundation of Light had been invited to come along, but due to conflicting priorities they were unable to attend this meeting. However, the AAP Co-ordinator reported that the Revitalise project had received positive feedback at the Health and Wellbeing Board she took them along to when reporting on all 14 of the AAPs work.</p> <p>The young people were made aware of the following projects -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bowburn Youthie</li> <li>➤ Trimdon Station Youthie</li> <li>➤ Friday Night Sessions</li> </ul>   |  |
| 5 | <p><b>Co-ordinators Report including Quarterly Performance Management</b></p> <p><b><i>Quarterly Performance Management</i></b></p> <p>The AAP Co-ordinator reported that the quarterly reports were emailed to Board members for information.</p> <p><b><i>Mental Health Link for AAPs (Time to Change agenda)</i></b></p> <p>The AAP Co-ordinator reported that she’s mental health link for the AAPs, and that World Mental Health Day would take place on 10 October. The Council are focussing on suicide prevention as a theme. If anyone had any ideas of things that can be done, they were asked to let her know.</p> <p><b><i>Question to Full Council</i></b></p> <p>The AAP Co-ordinator explained to Board members that she’ll no longer be asking a question on a topic relevant to the AAP at Full Council. Each AAP will now give a 10 minute presentation focussing on looking back and looking forward with an emphasis on good practice projects. The East Durham Rural Corridor AAP will deliver their presentation in the New Year.</p> <p>No questions were raised in relation to the above.</p> |  |
| 6 | <p><b>Local Neighbourhood Issues (LNI)</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Locality Policing Issues</b></p> <p>Sgt Alex Clarke provided the AAP with the following update on local policing information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There was no update from the Peterlee and Durham Inspectors.</li> <li>➤ Reported crime is down 9% with one report of attempted burglary.</li> </ul>   |  |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hardwick Live – on the first night there was no security on the car parks and 11 vehicles were broken into. A group have been targeting music events and this has been reported.</li> <li>➤ A Farmwatch meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> September. A day of action is being set up to target rural communities.</li> <li>➤ Alex thanked the local councillors for the funding they had contributed towards buying equipment (eg. shed alarms) that will be given out to the local community during the dark nights.</li> <li>➤ The ANPR camera will be set up in near future.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 7 | <p><b>Neighbourhood Budget Projects</b></p> <p>Each unitary councillor has a neighbourhood budget of £19,400.00 per annum granted to them by the county council. The AAP is required to publicise their proposed awards, and to comment where a councillor has declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget projects; were shared with the Board -</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Sedgefield Cricket Club<br/> <b>Councillor(s):</b> Brown / Robinson<br/> <b>Interest Declared:</b> No<br/> <b>Amount:</b> £4,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Kelloe Lights<br/> <b>Councillor(s):</b> Dunn / McKeon<br/> <b>Interest Declared:</b> No<br/> <b>Amount:</b> £3,200.00 (£1,600.00 each)</p> <p>Board members were happy for these projects to go ahead.</p> |  |
| 8 | <p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>The next Board meeting</b> will be held on Thursday 28 November 2019 at Fishburn Community Centre, Butterwick Road, Fishburn, TS21 4ED</p> <p><b>Subsequent Board Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monday 27 January 2020 – St Alban’s Church Hall, Trimdon Grange</li> <li>➤ Thursday 19 March 2020 – tbc</li> </ul> <p>Sgt Alex Clarke reported that this would be his last meeting covering for Sarah Honeyman who will be resuming to her role as Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector. The Chair thanked Alex for attending the Board meetings and providing updates on local policing issues.</p>  |  |

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|  | <p>Marie Ainscough highlighted that the March meeting will now be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and not the 26<sup>th</sup> as originally planned.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for their attendance.</p> |  |
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