

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership

Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

Date:	Monday 27 January 2020	
Location:	St Albans Church Hall, Trimdon Grange, TS29 6HB	
Present:	Board Members	AAP Team
	Councillor David Brown Councillor Stuart Dunn Councillor Lucy Hovvels Parish Councillor Bernie Oliver Councillor John Robinson Councillor Peter Brookes (Alternate) Michelle Atkinson Tony Cutmore Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman Angela Stobbart Clair White Allan Blakemore Melvyn Carr Christine Carter Clive Crosby Eileen Dickinson Jen Straughan-Hawley Malcolm Gray Chris Varty Chloe Watson (Co-optee)	Jane Bellis (AAP Co-ordinator) Claire Craft (Community Development Project Officer) Marie Ainscough (AAP Support Officer)
Forum Members:	There were 6 forum members present at the meeting	
Apologies Received:	Councillor Jude Grant, Councillor Maura McKeon, Parish Councillor Kathleen Dowson (Alternate), Michael Pearson, Marion Storey, Lynne Watson, Chloe Brown, Anne Delandre, Andrea Benson	

Item No	Item	Action
1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</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. A warm welcome was offered to Chris Varty and Melvyn Carr who</p>	

	<p>had been re-appointed as public representatives on the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP Board following the end of their four-year term.</p> <p>Chloe Watson was welcomed onto the board as a non-voting co-optee following the recent recruitment process. Chloe is a young person and the interview panel felt that the importance of engaging with children and young people and ensuring they have a voice, was a way forward. In addition, Chloe is a member of the youth forum, volunteers at youth sessions and luncheon clubs for older people, so can link to older people within our community too.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman was welcomed back as the Police representative on the Board. Sarah has resumed her role as Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector for Newton Aycliffe / Sedgefield and Shildon.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 September 2019 & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment.</p> <p><i>Item 3 – Youth Forum (page 2)</i></p> <p>Councillor Lucy Hovvels requested that the minutes be amended to read –</p> <p>The Chair reminded the young people that the AAP and local councillors were there to help them if needed. Councillor Lucy Hovvels 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>	
3	<p>Countywide Partner Issues:</p> <p>Councillor John Robinson along with the other county councillors present, declared an interest in items 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4.</p> <p>3.1 Durham Bus Station Presentation</p> <p>Dave Wafer delivered a presentation on the existing bus station which is to be demolished and a new facility constructed on the same site. The redundant office space and poorly used retail areas are to be removed. All buses will be kept on the road and service will continue during the rebuild.</p> <p>The design criteria will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase in the bus reversing area ➤ Exit onto North Road to be widened to increase visibility 	

- and safety of buses leaving
- Additional pedestrian access from North Road with increased visibility to improve security
- Upper floors will no longer overhang North Road
- Dedicated bus access from the A690 retained

People did not like the first proposed location and it was not supported. The decision was made to rebuild on the existing site.

If planning permission is approved demolition of the existing bus station is expected to begin in late summer/early autumn. Construction will begin on the new facility in early 2021. It is anticipated that the new bus station will be completed and open to the public in late 2021.

For further information visit
www.durham.gov.uk/durhambusstation

To have your say visit durhambusstation@durham.gov.uk. The deadline for comments is 10.00 pm on Sunday 9 February 2020.

Concern was raised regarding the relocation of existing businesses and whether they would be moved. Dave Wafer said that this was still to be resolved however they were assisting all of them.

Comments were made on the impression the design of the new bus station would have on the historic appearance of Durham City. This was an opportunity to make the site an impressive landmark.

The Chair thanked Dave for his presentation and suggested that those who had further comments/suggestions should make their views known by completing the online survey.

Prior to the following item of business, a one-minute silence was observed in memory of Ron Hogg who had sadly passed away.

3.2 Council Tax Precept for 2020/21

Jon Carling from The Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner gave a verbal update on the proposals to increase the amount of Council Tax which goes to the police service, known as the precept.

Funding for policing is made up of two elements: Government grant, and the policing element of Council Tax. The

unexpected General Election in December led to a delay in the announcement of the amount of Government grant for policing in 2020/21.

Members of the public are being asked to comment on the proposed increase by completing the survey on The Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioners website www.durham-pcc.gov.uk. The consultation is open until midnight on the 5th February 2020.

Jon highlighted that neighbourhood policing has been prioritised and that there would potentially be 200 new officers over the next 5 years (68 in 20/21). An increase in digital crime and scams has changed the nature of policing. The force will be maintaining the same values going forward.

The Chair thanked Jon for his presentation.

3.3 Safe Durham Partnership Plan Consultation

3.4 Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy Consultation

The County Durham Partnership is consulting on the Safer Durham Partnership Plan to enable people to have their say on strategies to reduce crime in the county.

Board members had received information on both consultations via email. Everyone was asked to read the information and respond online.

The consultation(s) opened on 17 December and will run until Friday 14 February 2020.

For further information about the consultations, including the draft plan and online survey please go to:

www.durham.gov.uk/consultation

3.5 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 2023

John Trowell from Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service gave a verbal update on the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2023 which is reviewed every year.

To share your views, the online survey can be found at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IRMP20_23

For more information please visit www.ddfire.gov.uk

Consultation events are also being held at various locations throughout February.

The Chair thanked John for his presentation.

3.6 Stroke Rehabilitation & Inpatient Rehabilitation Services Presentation

Clair White from NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group delivered a presentation on two public consultations that are taking place across County Durham and Darlington –

1. Stroke Rehabilitation Services
2. Inpatient Rehabilitation Services – (Ward 6 at Bishop Auckland Hospital)

Both public consultations will continue in 2020, running from 14 January – 3 March.

These were both paused in 2019 due to the general election being announced and a period leading up to the election known as ‘purdah’.

The local health system is reviewing if care at inpatient facilities is being used as effectively as possible across County Durham and Darlington. It is important to ensure that any future models of care deliver better outcomes for patients and their families.

At present, hyperacute care is provided at Durham hospital and rehabilitation at Bishop Auckland Hospital meaning staffing teams are split across two sites, requiring time away from patients to travel and transfers between the sites can impact on the quality of patient care.

Bringing the hyperacute and rehabilitation team into the same building will help to reduce prolonged stays in hospital, help develop an effective and seamless community rehabilitation service and will enhance specialist community stroke rehabilitation teams.

Concern was raised in relation to the number of beds being lost. Joseph Chandy explained that although 8 beds were being lost by bringing the two teams into the same building, it would mean patients would be receiving a better service. Clair agreed to feed this back to the team as the information on the slide within the presentation was misleading and vague.

Open public events are taking place specifically for each consultation during January and February 2020. It was pointed out that none were taking part in the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP area.

Clair welcomed the opportunity to come along to any other AAP meetings to discuss the consultation further.

	<p>All the comments and feedback received will be collated into a report. The outcome of the consultation will be considered by the CCGs and County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Clair for her presentation.</p> <p>Q The new government wants to invest in the North East. What impact will this have on the CCG?</p> <p>A Money has never been a driver in Bishop Auckland Hospital. It's about getting the specialist care for the patient whether it's urgent care or planned care.</p> <p>Councillor Stuart Dunn recognised that change was inevitable and that there was a huge strain on NHS resources however; he felt that people should not be ferried out of the area.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Brookes commented on this area being deprived of NHS services.</p>	
4	<p>Priority Updates (from Task Group and Projects)</p> <p>Board members had received a report which provided them with an update on progress made through and following the Joint Priorities Task and Finish Group meeting held on 16 January 2020.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the following two Older Persons Social Isolation Fund (OPSIF) projects could be progressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Coxhoe Village Hall – Happier & Healthier Together ❖ Foundation of Light – Revitalise <p>It was also agreed that if funding the two projects above, in addition to Cornforth Partnership – Healthy Communities, with an increase in match on the Revitalise project by Livin, and utilising an underspend from the Plastic Fantastic 2 project still left a shortfall, that the difference would be equally reduced from all 3 applications.</p>	
5	<p>Co-ordinators Report including Quarterly Performance Management</p> <p><i>Public Representative Vacancies</i></p> <p>Jane thanked Marie, Councillor John Robinson, Jen Straughan-Hawley and Malcolm Gray for their involvement in the recent public representative vacancies on the Board and ensuring the places were filled prior to this Board meeting.</p> <p><i>Quarterly Report(s)</i></p>	

Quarters 2 and 3 monitoring reports are in the pipeline and will be circulated in due course.

Mental Health Link for AAPs

Jane had nothing to report on at this time.

Presentation to Full Council

Jane reminded Board members that AAP Co-ordinators are not invited to ask a question at Full Council on a subject relevant to their area anymore. Each AAP are however invited to deliver a presentation on the AAPs work. Councillor Maura McKeon and Jane delivered an AAP presentation on Wednesday 22 January and Jane reported that she had received some excellent feedback.

Jane said she had already thanked Councillor Maura McKeon and the team, but thanked them again; and also thanked all Board members and task group members who had been involved in the work of this AAP, which had been well received at both the Health and Wellbeing Board and Full Council.

Councillor John Robinson was present at Full Council and congratulated Jane.

Good News

Since the last Board meeting, there had been some positive news in the press on a few projects the AAP had funded.

Jane and Claire visited the Coxhoe Luncheon Club which is part of the Keeping Safe and Well project delivered by Age UK County Durham, and it was clear to see this was helping to combat social isolation for older people.

They also met with some young people at Sedgefield Community College, who had been involved in the Baby Ready or Not project delivered by The Cornforth Partnership to find out about their experiences. One of the teachers at the school was looking at continuing this work.

In other news, the AAPs countywide were shortlisted for team of the year but unfortunately did not win overall. Jane thanked everyone including the staffing team, as this was still a fantastic achievement.

East Durham Rural Corridor AAP has access to £3,000.00 of funding to help support holiday schemes for children and young people. The new 'Holiday Activities with Healthy Food Fund' is available for community groups and organisations who are looking to provide activities with food over the Easter holidays. Grants of between

	<p>£250.00 and £999.00 are available.</p> <p>The closing date for applications is the 16th February 2020. Everyone was encouraged to promote the fund.</p>	
6	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues (LNI) 6.1 Locality Policing Issues</p> <p>Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman gave a verbal update on local policing information including an update from Sergeant Kevin Hall from Sherburn Neighbourhood Policing Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A number of fires have been reported to Police within Coxhoe and primarily around the leisure centre. A juvenile male has been interviewed in relation to these fires and admitted partial responsibility. A partnership approach is in place to support the male and his family. These incidents raised community concern within the area and we are liaising KINS/businesses/residents within the village to alleviate concerns and to prevent further issues. ➤ During December Bowburn saw a rise in vehicle crime, 3 adults males have been arrested and RUI. These thefts have since reduced. ➤ PCSO Stephanie Clarke has left the force to join Cleveland Police as a Police Constable and PCSO Ashley Boardman has replaced Stephanie covering the EDRC villages under Durham section. ➤ PACT dates for 2020 have been passed to the AAP team to share with communities. ➤ Nominations continue for the Young Hero to DurhamYoungHeroes@durham.pnn.police.uk. ➤ The Police are looking to sign up NCSW volunteers to deploy for the villages covered by the EDRC. Ideally pairs who can deploy as a team. Anyone wishing for further details can contact kevin.hall@durham.pnn.police.uk ➤ An operation has been carried out following the Co-op attacks across the area and the suspect has been charged. ➤ A number of recent incidents including a male being attacked with a spade and a cashpoint burglary have all been linked. Sarah did say it was the same group of people but could not say much more because it was a live investigation. ➤ 61 reported incidents have taken place since Christmas Eve (Peterlee side), 53 in Trimdon Grange/Trimdon Village, 41 in Fishburn, 111 in Sedgefield. Sarah said confidence was low but compared to other areas it is not that bad. ➤ Two reports involving quad bikes has been reported in the last 6 months by the same resident who is a councillor. Nothing further has been reported. Councillor Lucy Hovvels thanked Sarah for her quick response. 	

	<p>Discussion ensued around the need for another ANPR camera. One was installed two years ago for intelligence use. Sarah said it was in a good place but couldn't say where it was. She thanked the AAP and highlighted that the force could not match fund another one.</p> <p>Councillor Stuart Dunn raised his concern about losing their PCSO and the training and criteria process. She emphasised that the recruitment process was very different as the rolls were diverse and that they had to keep them separate.</p>	
7	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Projects</p> <p>Councillor Stuart Dunn declared an interest in the following item of business.</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>Name of Scheme: Safeguarding Kelloe & Quarrington Hill Sports Field Councillor(s): Dunn / McKeon Interest Declared: No Amount: £2,979.56 (£1,489.78 each)</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Cassop Front Street Regeneration Councillor(s): Dunn / McKeon Interest Declared: Yes – Councillor Maura McKeon is a Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Councillor Amount: £6,976.00 (£3,488.00 each)</p> <p>Board members were happy for these projects to go ahead and agreed the interest as declared.</p>	
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March 2020 at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, Butterwick Road, Fishburn, TS21 4ED</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for their attendance.</p>	