

**Notes of the Weardale Area Action
Partnership Board Meeting**

**17th March 2016 at Durham Dales
Centre, Stanhope**



PRESENT

Board Members

Public Representatives: Brian Thompson (BT) – *Vice Chair*
Christine Powell (CP)
Frances O’Riley (FO’R)
Joan Warriner (JW)
Mike Newton (MN)
Paul Stockdale (PS) - ***Chair***

Partner Representatives: David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)
Ian Coull – South Durham Enterprise Agency (IC)
Kath Wright - Dale & Valley Homes (KW)
Paul Cummings – County Durham and Darlington Fire and
Rescue Service (PC)
Stuart Timmiss – Durham County Council (ST)
Yvonne Probert – Durham Community Action (YP)

Elected Members: Cllr Anita Savory (AS)
Cllr Dennis Craig – Stanhope (DC)
Cllr Helen Barrass - Muggleswick (HB)
Trish Chapman – Hunstanworth (TC)

Officers: Angelina Maddison (AM)
Christine Davison (CD)
Fiona Barber (FB)

Apologies

Public Representatives: Clement O’Donovan (CO’D)

Elected Members: Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (DS)
Cllr John Shuttleworth (JS)
Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW) – *Vice Chair*

Partner Representatives: Inspector Kevin Tuck – Police (KT)

Presenters: Tim Bird
Julie Scurfield
Ron Hogg

The meeting was also attended by 9 observers.

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed Ian Coull as a new Board member. Ian works for South Durham Enterprise Agency and will be our Business Representative.

Everyone was welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. Apologies were given as received. Observers in attendance were also welcomed and given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The Chair stated that the agenda would be adjusted slightly to allow presentations to be given first.

2. Presentations

a) *'A Matter of Honour', Tim Bird*

The presentation was given to encourage more nominations from the area for UK honours and awards. The North-East is currently under-represented in these areas. These awards recognise when people have made a difference and have gone above and beyond. A copy of the presentation is held on file in the WAP office.

To find out more or to make a nomination visit www.gov.uk/honours to download an application pack or contact the cabinet office on 020 7276 2777

The Chair thanked Tim for his presentation.

b) *Youth Service Review – Julie Scurfield*

A review of the Youth Service Provision in County Durham is currently under consultation with a move towards a targeted youth service being proposed. A 12 week public consultation runs from 1st February to 27th April and a final decision by cabinet is expected in autumn 2016. The Board were encouraged to engage in the consultation process. More details can be found at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/youthsupportconsult>

The Chair thanked Julie for her presentation and opened the room for questions.

- PS asked where the targeted youth services would be provided. Julie advised that the targeted model is designed to benefit not only those who live in deprived areas but also those who do have additional needs. The new model is taking the service to the people.
- Beryl Brown asked how this would affect Stanhope Community Centre. Julie confirmed that the evening youth clubs will cease allowing for the release of the youth worker to work in a more targeted way in the locality. She confirmed that a decision on the location of a base would be made further into the process but would expect some form of base to be in Weardale.
- Julie also confirmed that it was anticipated that the Duke of Edinburgh provision would continue but in a more targeted way. She also advised that the Duke of Edinburgh office is looking to work more closely with schools in order to provide this service.

- PS queried the practicalities of implementation. Julie advised that the withdrawal of services is anticipated 3 months after the decision by cabinet. It is expected that the new service will be in place early 2017.
- CP expressed concern with regard to targeting in this area as much of the deprivation is hidden. Julie advised that they are working with young people to ensure that they know how to access the youth workers who will remain.
- BT asked how Weardale compares to the rest of the county and also questioned the genuineness of the consultation. Julie reiterated that the bottom line is the loss of £1 million to the budget and that changes need to be implemented.
- SW asked whether last year's entire budget had been spent and whether the department was on track to spend its entire budget this year. Julie confirmed that this is the case.

All Board members were encouraged to participate in the consultation process.

c) Urgent Care Consultation – David Taylor-Gooby

DDES CCG has a contract with Durham Hospital Trust to provide Urgent Care. Urgent Care centres are currently located in Bishop Auckland, Peterlee, Easington and Seaham. The contract is due to be renewed and GPs would rather the contract was given to them to run Urgent Care. DT-G advised that this is not a cost-cutting measure but rather a more efficient use of what is already there – trying to avoid duplication and non-usage of services.

DT-G advised that there will be meetings held in Bishop Auckland Rugby Club and Wolsingham Sports Hall and suggested that if the Board felt that a meeting in Stanhope would be beneficial then to write to the NHS.

DT-G encouraged all Board members to participate in the consultation process. More information can be found on DDES CCG website at <http://www.durhamdaleseasingtonsedgfieldccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/urgent-care-consultation-2/>

3. Agreement of Notes from meeting held on 27th January and Matters Arising

The minutes of this meeting, as printed and circulated, were **AGREED** and confirmed as a true record by those present.

4. Local Neighbourhood Issues

None to report.

5. Priorities and Action Plans

- **2015/16 Task Group Updates**

1. Employment, Jobs and Tourism

PS provided an update to Board members

- a) **UTASS Training** – UTASS have received the money and the uptake on courses has been good.
- b) **Killhope Refurbishment** – Seat will be installed in next few days.

2. Support and Activities for Children and Young People

CP provided an update to Board members

- a) **Sports Activators** – 2 new apprentices are now in post and doing well. They have gained lifeguard and Walk4Life instructor / leader qualifications.
- b) **Stanhope Barrington Nursery Provision** – This project is now being led by Stanhope Barrington Primary School – all other details remain the same.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £15,000.

3. Health and Wellbeing

DT-G provided an update to Board members

- a) **Community Wellness Coordinator** – The Community Wellness Coordinator (CWC) will work with local GP Federation to try and reach those who may have difficulty accessing services and help.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £33,333

YP requested that once the CWC is in post that they come and speak to DCA to ensure that there is no confusion between this project and the Wellbeing for Life programme.

ACTION: AM to organise

4. Small Grants Fund

The Board were presented with Board Ambassador Reports for the following projects which have been supported by the Small Grants Fund:

Upper Weardale Mother, Baby and Toddler Group – *Hall hire*

Thornley Village Hall – *Communal Mural by Art Group*

Cowshill Village Hall – *Renewed flooring*

Stanhope Community Centre Ukelele Group – *Certification*

Stanhope Silver Band – *Replace heating system*

InterOpera – *Opera workshops for young people. Note: the group will give a performance at 2:30pm on Friday 22nd April at Upper Weardale Town Hall – all welcome.*

Wolsingham School – *Multi Use Games Area (Not Small Grants) – AS advised the Board that this is already a well-used facility and expressed her gratitude to the WAP for their support and funding which has provided this community resource.*

6. Area Budget

AM gave a presentation to the Board indicating the current allocation of Area Budget – please see Appendix for information.

Neighbourhood Budget

Current allocation of Neighbourhood Budget (NB) is:

Cllr Mrs Savory

NB Allocation

- £29,000

Cllr Shuttleworth

NB Allocation

- £20,000

Total Granted - **£25,000**
Budget Remaining - **£4,000**

Total Granted - **£0**
Budget Remaining - **£20,000**

AM advised that Councillors will receive additional budget in April and that all funding will need to be allocated by the end of summer 2016. Cllr Shuttleworth has some projects in mind for this funding which must be allocated to a capital expenditure.

7. Action Plan for 2016/17

AM asked Board members to volunteer to be Task group leads. They will be:

Activities for Children and Young People	– Chris Powell
Employment, Job Prospects and Tourism	– Paul Stockdale
Health, Wellbeing and Support for All	– David Taylor-Gooby

AM reminded all Board members that they are welcome to participate in any task group. All Board members will receive a copy of the notes from each meeting of the priority task groups.

Support to Groups in Weardale

The Appraisal panel have put forward a request to the Board to ring-fence funding in order for the Small Grants Fund to continue.

RECOMMENDATION: **The Board AGREED to ring-fence £25,000 for the Small Grants Fund.**

8. Countywide Partner Issues

Rural Crime Issues – Ron Hogg, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

- Durham Police Force has been declared as outstanding
- Figures for recorded crime are increasing due to a change in the practice of recording procedures for harassment.
- Working with other PCCs to develop effective Crime Prevention strategies against Cyber Crime and seek to jointly investigate crimes where possible.
- ASB continues to fall but pockets remains. Members of the public are encouraged to call in any instances of ASB to ensure accurate recording.
- Anyone unsatisfied with police response encouraged to contact PCC office.
- Police budget has been top-sliced for counter-terrorism measures. The precept has been raised to bring in additional funding. However, imminent pay rises and additional costs will result in the losing of another 50 staff.
- Commitment to Neighbourhood policing remains. PCSOs to increase to 170.
- Community Safety Fund – further details at <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Finance/Community-Safety-Fund.aspx>
- Rural policing strategies feedback can be found at <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/News-and-Events/News-Archive/2016/Jan-Mar/Police-commit-to-tackling-rural-crime.aspx> Board members are encouraged to read the rural statement.
- 60%+ of the community think that speeding is a problem. Average speed cameras reduce average speed and lessen the number of accidents.
- 'Keep in the Know' officially launched – this is not a means of reporting crime. Further information at <https://www.keepintheknow.co.uk/>

The Chair thanked Ron for his presentation and opened the room for questions.

- DC advised of a lack of response to a report to serious damage to machinery at Bollihope. Ron asked DC to pass on the information to his office for him to take forward.
- MH stated that speeding is a problem in Edmundbyers describing it as a 'rat-run'.
- PS asked how special constables are recruited in this community. Ron advised he will check whether this is in the Weardale Gazette.
- BT suggested that speeding is not a problem in the villages but rather on the roads in between. There are problems with motorcyclists and certain locals. Ron advised that cameras can be used on open roads – this would be a matter for consultation with the local community.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 26th May 2016 at the Durham Dales Centre. This meeting will begin with the AGM at which a new chair will be selected from the 'Elected' sector of the WAP Board.

All Board members are requested to confirm their attendance as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Chair's signature

Date

Appendix

Projects Funded 2014/15 and 2015/16

Jobs, Employment and Tourism			Support to Groups in Weardale		
Improve the visitor offer to Weardale		£14,931	Small Grants Fund		£31,155
YMCA – Year 1 phase 2		£20,000			£31,155
		£34,931			
Activities for Children and Young People			Activities for Children and Young People		
Sports Activators (Year 1 – Jack and Lewis)		£30,000	Sports Activator Apprenticeships (Year 2 – Josh & Daniel)		£25,000
Wolsingham School & Community College MUGA		£20,000	SCAMPS worker		£15,000
Electric Bikes		£12,000			£40,000
Open Air Swimming Pool		£10,000			
		£72,000			
Care for the Elderly and Disabled			Employment, Jobs and Tourism		
Wolsingham Recreation Association – integrated play equipment (Area Budget)		£15,000	Weardale Rural Skills Training		£10,000
		£15,000	Killhope		£10,000
					£20,000
Health and Wellbeing (underpins the above priorities) £20K			Health and Wellbeing incl. Support and Care for the Elderly		
Wheels to Meals	(Welfare Reform)	£10,000	Wheels to Meals		£15,000
Wheels to Meals	(Public Health)	£5,000	Outdoor Gym		£25,000
Wolsingham Recreation Association – integrated play equipment	(Public Health)	£5,000	Prince Bishops Community Bank (Welfare Reform)		£10,000
Small Grants Fund		£13,682	Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group (DDES CCG) Community Wellness Coordinator		£33,333
		£33,682			£83,333
Total Area Budget/ Public Health / Welfare Reform		£155,613	Total Area Budget/Welfare Reform/Public Health /DDES		£174,488