

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

**27th January 2016 at Durham Dales
Centre, Stanhope**



PRESENT

Board Members

Public Representatives: Clement O'Donovan (CO'D)
Joan Warriner (JW)
Frances O'Riley (FO'R)
Paul Stockdale (PS) - **Chair**

Partner Representatives: Adam Hall – County Durham and Darlington Fire and
Rescue Service (AH)
David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)
Kath Wright - Dale & Valley Homes (KW)
Inspector Kevin Tuck – Police (KT)
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)
Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW) – *Vice Chair*

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

Apologies

Public Representatives: Brian Thompson (BT) – *Vice Chair*
Christine Powell (CP)
Mike Newton (MN)

Elected Members: Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (DS)
Cllr John Shuttleworth (JS)
Trish Chapman – Hunstanworth (TC)

Presenters: Andrew Winkworth – Item 4

The meeting was also attended by 6 observers.

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table and apologies given as received. Forum members in attendance were also welcomed and given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Agreement of Notes from meeting held on 26th November and Matters Arising

The Board were reminded that as the Board Meeting held in November was not quorate all decisions were proposed to Board members via email. AM advised that no objections to decisions made in principle were received. Therefore actions from the meeting have now been taken forward.

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

3. Local Neighbourhood Issues

AM advised that members of the public are informed that they can raise Neighbourhood Issues at Board meetings, however the majority of Neighbourhood Issues are dealt with by the WAP team in between Board meetings. AM asked Board Members if they would like to receive a report regarding the Neighbourhood Issues dealt with by the team each month. KT suggested an exception report to be provided as and when necessary.

Board members **AGREED** to the provision of an exception report to record Neighbourhood Issues.

4. Presentations

a) Primary Care Strategy Refresh, David Taylor-Gooby

This presentation was a summary of the feedback gained during the recent consultation on the Primary Care Strategy Refresh. It also introduced Board members to the new vision for DDES CCG – “A modern, accessible, patient centred General Practice in DDES”. Copies of the presentation are held on file in the WAP office and are available upon request.

The Chair thanked DT-G for his presentation and opened the room up for questions. In response to an observation for the need for health services and social care services to work together in a more coordinated way, DT-G advised that Durham County Council already works well with the NHS and cited the Better Care Fund as an example of this. DT-G also advised that NECA has a health aspect and will be looking at how to better integrate care together. DT-G advised that they will soon (March) be looking for input into this process and encouraged Board members to contribute to this process.

Some questions which were raised will be dealt with during an upcoming consultation designed to look at the Urgent Care Strategy in the area.

b) County Durham Poverty Action Plan, Stuart Timmiss

ST led the Board through a presentation designed to raise the profile of this strategy. He encouraged all Board members to read the accompanying

report and feed their thoughts into the process (copies of the Poverty Action Plan were despatched to Board members prior to the meeting). Copies of the presentation and Action Plan are held on file in the WAP office and are available upon request.

ST advised that it is important that the true facts are disseminated to the public to avoid decisions being made on the media portrayed extreme examples.

The Chair thanked ST for his presentation and opened the room up for questions. DT-G noted the WAP's work with the Credit Union and echoed the necessity to raise the profile of Credit Unions as safe lenders. KW advised that Social Housing providers and some private landlords are encouraging their tenants to use Credit Unions.

c) Community Resilience, Andrew Winkworth

AW led the Board through a presentation designed to raise awareness of and recruit people to develop a community resilience plan. Community Resilience is the using of local resources and expertise to help themselves to prepare for and respond to an emergency.

AW encouraged Board members to pass this information on to any community members who may be interested. Further information can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/emergencies

Cllr Savory mentioned a public meeting which will take place in February co-ordinated by Wolsingham Parish Council to discuss resilience and flooding.
Action: AM to send AW contact details to Parish Clerk.

The Chair thanked AW for his presentation.

5. Priorities and Action Plans

- **2015/16 Task Group Updates**

- 1. Employment, Jobs and Tourism**

PS advised there has been no Task Group since the last Board meeting

- YMCA Apprenticeship Scheme** – YMCA Herrington Burn being placed into administration let to the closure of Weardale House. Legal procedures are underway to recover WAP funding which had been allocated for the recruitment of 2 new apprentices. Weardale House has now reopened under the management of Kay Sheppard and John Noble.
- UTASS Training** – Offer letter has been sent – awaiting sign-off.
- Killhope Refurbishment** – In technical appraisal stage.

- 2. Support and Activities for Children and Young People**

AM advised there has been no Task Group since the last Board meeting.

- Sports Activators** – 2 new apprentices have been recruited. It is anticipated that the qualification to be obtained is changing from a

Level 2 to a Level 3 NVQ. AM advised that DCC is looking to bring the apprenticeship in-house and roll out across the county. The Chair stated that the original Sports Activator apprentices, Jack and Lewis, have been great ambassadors for Weardale.

- b) **Support for Under 4s (SCAMPS)** – This is a project working in conjunction with Stanhope Barrington School. One of its aims is to improve the integration of children into school life. The project is with the Funding team for appraisal.

3. Health and Wellbeing

DT-G provided an update to Board members

- a) **Prince Bishops Community Bank – Schools Financial Education Pilot** – This project is undergoing technical appraisal.
- b) **Outdoor Gym Equipment** – This project is undergoing technical appraisal.
- c) **Weardale Healthy Horizon** – The Wellbeing for Life project has been extended into the Weardale area. Consequently, the DDES funding of £33,333 allocated to this project has now been freed up.

A task group will be convened to discuss potential projects.

4. Small Grants Fund

10 groups have been allocated a total of £9,430 for projects ranging from hall hire to parish magazine printing costs. The next meeting of the Appraisal Panel will be held on Tuesday 16th February and 6 applications have already been received for consideration. If all of these are successful approximately £23,000 will remain in the fund.

CD encouraged Board members to publicise the Small Grants Fund with any groups they feel may benefit.

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		Cllr Shuttleworth	
NB Allocation	- £34,000	NB Allocation	- £20,000
Total Granted	- £25,000	Total Granted	- £0
Budget Remaining	- £9,000	Budget Remaining	- £20,000

AM advised that Cllr Shuttleworth has some projects in mind for this funding.

7. Forum Update

Forum Summary Report - AM thanked JW for all her work behind the scenes to ensure a successful event. AM drew the Board's attention to the Forum Summary Report and asked for any amendments or additions to be forwarded to the team for action.

Options Report – AM talked the Board through the responses received during the voting at the Forum event and also a survey conducted with students at Wolsingham School. The Board then discussed the various areas of work before deciding on the WAP priorities for 2016/17.

The Board **AGREED** the following work areas / priorities for 2016/17:

- Support to Groups in Weardale
- Employment, Job Prospects and Tourism
- Health, Wellbeing and Support for All
- Activities for Children and Young People

Noted during the discussion was the need to have a further discussion at a Board meeting prior to the next Forum event to remove restrictive language from the Priority areas e.g. “Activities for Children and Young People” could become simply “Children and Young People”.

Action: WAP Team to ensure this is placed on relevant agenda.

Discussion also took place regarding the allocation of Area Budget to the priority areas. The Board **AGREED** that each task group is to meet to develop potential projects and bring these to the Board for a decision on funding allocation.

AM reminded the Board that statistical information will be gathered to inform the Task Groups to ensure that any incorrect perceptions can be addressed. The WAP team will also be working to gain as much input from residents of Weardale as possible as to how they think the priorities can be addressed. Board members offered the following ways of getting information to as many as possible:

- Placing questionnaires at GP surgeries
- Distributed during Health and Wellbeing assessments or Fire Safety visits
- Distributed by new Health workers
- Via community centres.

The Board encouraged the WAP team to develop a way of gathering information which also stimulates debate. It is important that as much information as possible is given out and examples given as to potential projects.

AM advised the Board that the team will be writing to Partner agencies as well as all Board members requesting their input.

8. Countywide Partner Issues

Police – KT advised the Board that 2 new Community Responders are now in post in Weardale. The funding for these posts has come from the Innovation fund and the three partners. Community Responders are specialist PCSOs who are also First Responders for the Ambulance service and retained Fire Fighters. The posts are part of a two-year pilot and future roll out will be determined after the pilot is completed and evaluated.

AM asked if the Community Responders could contact the WAP if they see a need whilst carrying out their duties and there could be a benefit from some Small Grants Fund funding.

Durham County Council Central Heating Fund – This is a fund which can supply Central Heating to eligible homes in County Durham. More information can be found at <http://www.warmupnorth.com/> Board members were supplied with a briefing note and encouraged to pass this information on to their local communities.

High Sheriff Awards – Nominations are open to recognise young people for doing ground-breaking and life-changing work across the community.
http://www.cdcf.org.uk/foundation-news/high-sheriff-awards-celebrate-the-achievements-of-young-people?dm_t=0%2C0%2C0%2C0

Chairman’s Medal – The WAP team are awaiting further information on this year’s Chairman’s Medal award. **Post meeting note:** Guidance and application forms have now been received at the office and will be distributed to Board members. This year there will be two awards per WAP area – one for adults / community groups and one for young people. Board members are requested to spread the word in their local community and suggest people for nomination.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 17th March 2016 at the Durham Dales Centre. 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			£50,000
		£33,682	Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group (DDES CCG)		*£33,333
Total Area Budget/ Public Health / Welfare Reform		£155,613	Total Area Budget/Welfare Reform/Public Health /DDES		£174,488

***DDES CCG funding not yet allocated**