

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

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Durham Dales Centre,  
Stanhope**



**PRESENT**

**Board Members**

**Public Representatives:** Brian Thompson (BT)  
Clement O'Donovan (CO'D)  
Frances O'Riley (FO'R)  
Joan Warriner (JW)  
Mike Newton (MN)

**Partner Representatives:** Adam Hall – County Durham and Darlington Fire and  
Rescue Service (AH)  
Ian Coull – South Durham Enterprise Agency (IC)  
Kath Wright - Dale & Valley Homes (KW)  
Inspector Kevin Tuck – Police (KT)  
Stuart Timmiss – Durham County Council (ST)

**Elected Members:** Cllr Helen Barrass - Muggleswick (HB)  
Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW)

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

**Apologies**

**Public Representatives:** Christine Powell (CP)  
Paul Stockdale (PS)

**Elected Members:** Cllr Anita Savory (AS)  
Cllr Dennis Craig – Stanhope (DC)  
Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (DS)  
Cllr John Shuttleworth (JS)  
Trish Chapman – Hunstanworth (TC)

**Partner Representatives:** David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)  
Yvonne Probert – Durham Community Action (YP)

The meeting was also attended by 5 observers.

## AGM

### a) Introduction from Current Chair

AM conveyed apologies on behalf of PS who is unable to attend due to work commitments. On the agreement of Board members present, AM assumed the Chair. AM advised Board members that this meeting is not quorate due to a lack of attendees within the Elected section of the Board. Consequently, all decisions made tonight will be forwarded to all Board members via email for ratification.

### b) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

AM explained the rotation of the position of Chair. This year, the Chair will be from the Elected section of the Board. The WAP team had contacted all elected members in advance of the meeting to determine who would be interested in taking on the role. AS has indicated she would be happy to be Chair.

Board members present **AGREED IN PRINCIPLE** the following nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair:

Chair – **Cllr Anita Savory** (*Elected Representative*)  
 Vice-Chair – **Stuart Timmiss** (*Partner Representative*)  
 Vice-Chair – **Brian Thompson** (*Public Representative*)

### c) 2015-16 Area Budget Update

AM led the Board through a presentation detailing the allocation of Area Budget, Welfare Reform, Public Health and DDES CCG funding. An overview is included below:

Date of Approval	Project	Spend Allocation	Match Funding	Priority
15.9.15	Small Grants Fund	£31,155	£33,785	Support to Groups in Weardale
18.8.15	All In – Sports Apprentices – Year 2	£25,000	£10,000	Activities for Children & Young People
22.3.16	Stanhope Barrington School – Nursery Provision	£15,000	£8,287	Activities for Children & Young People
20.1.16	Weardale Rural Skills Training	£10,000	£4,253	Employment, Jobs & Tourism
2.2.16	Killhope Refurbishment	£10,000	£90,000	Employment, Jobs & Tourism
27.1.16	Wheels to Meals	£15,000*	£28,285	Health & Wellbeing (incl. Support & Care for the Elderly)
28.4.16	Wolsingham Recreation Ground - Outdoor Gym Equipment	£25,000	£5,140	Health & Wellbeing (incl. Support & Care for the Elderly)
3.5.16	Prince Bishops Community Bank – Schools Financial	£10,000**	£9,000	Health & Wellbeing (incl. Support & Care for the

	Education Pilot			Elderly)
<b>In development</b>	Community Wellness Coordinator (DDES CCG)	£33,333***	£5,000	Health & Wellbeing (incl. Support & Care for the Elderly)

**\* Includes £10,000 Public Health \*\*£10,000 Welfare Reform \*\*\*£33,333 DDES CCG**

#### d) 2015-16 Neighbourhood Budget Update

AM gave a presentation outlining spend from Cllr Anita Savory and Cllr John Shuttleworth's Neighbourhood budget.

Project	Spend Allocation	Match Funding
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#### Cllr Mrs Savory

St Johns Chapel Show	£3,000	£19,000
Wolsingham School & Community College – Mini bus	£20,000	£4,000
Weardale Museum	£2,000	£10,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£33,640</b>

#### Cllr Shuttleworth

Support Village Halls	£6,500	£0.00
Play Park Improvements*	£9,000	£0.00
Allotment Improvements*	£4,500	£0.00
Rookhope in Bloom*	£2,000	£40.00
	<b>*in development</b>	

#### e) Small Grants Fund

CD reported to the Board that in 2015/16, the Small Grants Fund has supported 33 groups (with activities for all ages), 10 community buildings and 200 volunteers. It has also attracted £35,000 in match funding.

#### f) Area Budget Projects

CD showed the Board photographs of various projects that the Weardale Action Partnership have supported over the past year including refurbishment work at Killhope Museum and Wheels to Meals.

#### g) Chairman's Medal

The Chairman's Medal was presented to Mrs Jean Proud and Josh Marlowe. Mrs Proud won the award for her varied voluntary work. Josh is one of the new Sports Activator Apprentices and is one of the first recipients of a new Chairman's Medal to recognise the achievement of young people in County Durham. Josh was nominated for his dedicated voluntary work in a local primary school with children who have Special Educational Needs.

**h) Chairman's visit to Weardale**

Recently, a gentleman was injured at the stepping stones at Stanhope and 4 local children came to his aid. This man wanted these young people to be recognised for their kindness. The Chairman of Durham County Council, Jan Blakey, presented them with an award in recognition of their actions when she visited Weardale last week. Cllr Blakey also attended Stanhope Barrington Primary School where students were enjoying a meal of their own choosing following completion of SATS.

**i) Wellbeing for Life**

AM advised the Board that the Wellbeing for Life programme was officially launched in Weardale on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. She encouraged Board members to have input into the programme as it will be tailored to the needs of residents in Weardale. This is a 1 year project which will see the WAP and other partner agencies working together to underpin groups and create sustainability.

**j) Prince Bishop's Community Bank Worker**

AM advised that a press release has been issued today with the aim of getting this worker known in Weardale before he starts up local community banks. The new worker, Paul Atkinson, is scheduled to attend the next Board meeting. Paul will be liaising with schools, community groups and community centres in the coming weeks.

**k) Draft Annual Report**

Board members were encouraged to look at the document and to forward any suggestions to FB

**l) Neighbourhood Budget Applications**

The Board were provided with the details of 3 Neighbourhood Budget applications for Cllr Shuttleworth. As the meeting was not quorate, CD advised that she would be contacting Board members after the meeting via email to see if there are any suggestions for how to add value to two of the projects and for approval of the third application where there is a conflict of interest.

**m) Area Budget Application**

The Board **AGREED IN PRINCIPLE** the application for the Small Grants Fund with an allocation of £25,000 Area Budget.

**n) AOB**

CO'D queried the current situation with regard to the clawback of money from YMCA Herrington Burn since they went into administration. AM advised that a claim has been lodged and this is currently being pursued by the Durham County Council Legal team. The Board requested that they be kept updated on the situation –

**Action: AM**

**The AGM was brought to a close.**

## **Board Meeting**

### **1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Introductions were made around the table. Apologies were given as received. AM informed Board members that letters have been despatched to Board Members who have missed three consecutive meetings. She reminded Board members that the Terms of Reference state that when a member of the Board has missed three meetings then this should be brought to the attention of the Board. She also advised that in Weardale we have no alternative for the position taken by a Unitary Councillor.

No conflicts of interest were declared. Board members were asked to declare any conflicts as they arise during the course of the meeting.

### **2. Agreement of Notes from meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March and Matters Arising**

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

### **3. Local Neighbourhood Issues**

None to report. AM explained that the office does receive 20+ enquiries a month but actions them as part of the daily activities. The Board agreed last year that they would like to be advised on an exception basis.

### **4. Priorities and Action Plans**

CD drew the Board's attention to the Project Update report provided at the meeting. She advised that the quarterly reports are due in July and a fuller report will be given then. Any comments on the report to be forwarded to CD.

- **2016/17 Task Group Updates**

- 1. Employment, Job Prospects and Tourism**

The Task Group will meet for the first time on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am

- 2. Health, Wellbeing and Support for All**

AM advised that this had been a well-attended Task Group. She gave an outline of a couple of projects that had been considered by the group:

**Legacy Gyms** – The gym at St Johns Chapel has been hailed as a model of good practice. A report is being prepared to show how it works and whether help is needed to maintain sustainability.

**Self-Care Programme** – A project to look at 'Getting Old Better' - to see which agencies need to work together and how.

CO'D spoke about the potential use of Wolsingham Pool for people to undertake recommended hydrotherapy exercises. It was acknowledged that there is limited availability at the pool and that this may be a barrier. Concerns were raised about the need for a qualified supervisor to be present – CO'D reassured the Board that this would not be necessary as the exercises are given to patients to carry out in their own time.

- 3. Activities for Children and Young People**

Information provided at the meeting showed that access is an issue when it comes to activities for Children and Young People in Weardale. A number of projects were discussed by the group, including:

**Library programme** – A project led by Durham County Council's library service to encourage more engagement in reading and using libraries in an attempt to improve reading ability.

**Basic Movement in young children** – Durham County Council Leisure Service have piloted an EYFS programme in the Three Towns AAP area "Ready, Set Go" designed to ensure that children are attaining their targets. The group is interested in finding out more about this project.

**'All In' Apprenticeships** – A continuation into Year 3 of this successful project. Working again with Durham County Council's Leisure Services department to bring apprenticeships to Weardale. This would be the third year of funding for this project and so would be the final time it could receive funding from WAP.

ST suggested that the Board are informed of any barriers and hindrances identified within the groups that challenge progress in order to see if Board members can help to remove these barriers.

AM also reported that some of the issues identified will require lobbying as opposed to funding - for example, lobbying the LEA to encourage improvements in swimming ability.

IC suggested that a good point of contact would be Alison Wilkinson of the Young Adult Enterprise Group. They are carrying out work with Keystage 1 and 2 in schools. Action: IC to bring further information to the relevant Task Group.

MN asked whether the DCC Youth Strategy has been implemented yet. AM advised that this has not been implemented as yet but that she will keep the Board informed as to developments. In the meantime it is proposed that the Sports Activator Apprentices engage with students and young people and determine what they would like to see being provided.

#### **4. Support for Groups in Weardale (Small Grants Fund)**

If the Area Budget application is agreed by all Board members, it is anticipated that the new funding will be available by September. Until then, the Fund will not be advertised as being closed as the WAP team can work with local groups to source other funding.

#### **5. Countywide Partner Issues**

KT spoke about the proposed changes to PACT meetings. A letter has been distributed via the WAP team to all Board members and Forum members on email. In summary the proposed changes are to:

- Move to one central PACT meeting in Weardale – to be held monthly
- Use AAPs as a medium to hear about community issues

- Encourage members of the public to contact the police immediately with concerns rather than waiting for a Public meeting.
- Encourage Police Officers / PCSOs to make a conscious effort when on patrol to call in to meetings or groups taking place
- Information to be collated from various sources and used to set the priorities for the PACT meeting
- Police attendance at Parish Council meetings will only be when there is a real issue but reports will no longer be submitted.

KT advised that the details of the meeting would continue to be posted on the Force website. It is anticipated that the meetings will take place in Wolsingham as a central location but KT stated that he is flexible as to its location in the long term. It was also suggested that the information regarding the meetings be forwarded to the WAP team for inclusion in the e-bulletin and on Facebook – **Action: KT**

**6. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 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			<b>£31,155</b>
		<b>£34,931</b>			
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			<b>£40,000</b>
Open Air Swimming Pool		£10,000			
		<b>£72,000</b>			
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
		<b>£15,000</b>	Killhope		£10,000
					<b>£20,000</b>
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
		<b>£33,682</b>			<b>£83,333</b>
Total Area Budget/ Public Health / Welfare Reform		<b>£155,613</b>	Total Area Budget/Welfare Reform/Public Health /DDES		<b>£174,488</b>