

# Notes of the Weardale Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Durham Dales Centre,  
Stanhope



## PRESENT

### Board Members

**Public Representatives:** Clement O'Donovan (CO'D)  
Christine Powell (CP)  
Joan Warriner (JW)  
Mike Newton (MN)

**Partner Representatives:** Paul Cummings– County Durham and Darlington Fire and  
Rescue Service (AH)  
Ian Coull – South Durham Enterprise Agency (IC)  
Stuart Timmiss – Durham County Council (ST)  
Yvonne Probert – Durham Community Action (YP)

**Elected Members:** Cllr Anita Savory (AS)  
Cllr Helen Barrass - Muggleswick (HB)  
Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW)  
Cllr Dennis Craig – Stanhope (DC)  
Cllr Jane Henderson – Wolsingham (JH)

**Officers:** Angelina Maddison (AM)  
Christine Davison (CD)

## Apologies

**Public Representatives:** Brian Thompson (BT)  
Paul Stockdale (PS)  
Frances O'Riley

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

**Partner Representatives:** David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)  
Kath Wright - Dale & Valley Homes (KW)  
Inspector Kevin Tuck – Police (KT)

The meeting was also attended by 6 observers and 5 presenters

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Introductions were made around the table. Apologies were given as received.

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 26<sup>th</sup> May 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

### *PACT*

This will be an agenda item for all future Board meetings. If issues are raised they can be dealt with directly with Inspector Tuck or the WAP team can pass information on if requested.

### *The Willows (Duck Lane)*

Following a report of an incident involving a child falling off the picnic bench, splitting his head open and being taken to A&E for treatment, a site visit was arranged with the Clean and Green Team, WAP team and Cllr Mrs Savory. In order to make the area safe, the decision was made to remove the bench immediately and make good. All concerned are working together to look at a refurbishment of the site which would involve renewing seating and picnic tables.

Costs to be supplied by the Clean and Green team to possibly work up an Area or Neighbourhood budget application.

### *Prescription Delivery*

Tracey Stores from the Durham Dales Health Federation raised this issue and attended the meeting to explain the problem. Residents who live in Weardale do not, as far she is aware, have a prescription delivery service and it is difficult for some to get to the Doctors or chemist to collect. AM suggested that there may be models out there could be utilised and need to see what is feasible.

## 4. Priorities and Action Plans

- **2016/17 Task Group Updates**

1. **Employment, Job Prospects and Tourism**

IC gave an outline of the projects that had been considered by the group:

UTASS Rural Skills Training

Weardale Walkers

IT apprentices

Super-Fast Broadband Use/Business Resilience

Thornley Wood

Slitt Wood

Signage

Christmas Markets

2 for 1 voucher scheme

Bikes

The Willows (Duck Lane)

The group agreed to support two projects to full application:  
Thornley Wood and The Willows (Duck Lane) while working with the  
Access and Rights of Way Officer to carry out work at Slitt Wood.

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

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

Ageing Well In Weardale  
Community Fitness Project  
Walking/Jogging/Strolling-Wolsingham Recreation Ground (Couch to 5K)  
Dementia Friendly Garden  
Promotion of what's available already  
Underpinning of existing volunteers/activities  
Level 1 Care Qualification  
Self-Care  
Summer Programme/Camp

The group agreed to support two of the projects:  
Walking/Jogging/Strolling-Wolsingham Recreation Ground (Couch to 5K)  
Community Fitness Project (Upper Weardale Town Hall Gym)

## **3. Activities for Children and Young People**

CP gave an outline of the projects that had been considered by the group:

All In Year 3 Sports and Cultural Apprentices  
Movement and exercise  
Underpinning Libraries – Reading/Literacy  
Swimming  
Great North Walk  
Taster craft sessions and intergeneration work  
InterOpera – Drama Opportunities  
Stanhope Play Area – Riverside  
Survey of School Students/Focus group  
Cuckoo Young Writers  
Allotments

The group agreed to support three projects to full Area Budget  
application:

All In Year 3 Sports and Cultural Apprentices  
Underpinning Libraries – Reading/Literacy (We are Weardale)  
Movement and exercise (Ready, Sett, Go)

## Area Budget Update

<b>2016/17 Area Budget Allocation £100,000 + £5,636 c/f from 2015/16</b>	<b>£105,636.00</b>
<b>Discretionary allocation Welfare Reform 10K</b>	£10,000.00
<b>Durham Dales Easington &amp; Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group (DDES CCG)-none allocated</b>	£0.00
<b>Total 2016/17 Area Budget</b>	£115,636.00
<b>Total Amount Granted</b>	£25,000.00
<b>Budget remaining</b>	£90,636.00
<b>Total of projects under consideration</b>	£73,998.00
<b>Budget remaining if projects under consideration are approved</b>	<b>£16,638.00</b>

AM gave an update of spend from this year's Area Budget. If all projects are approved, there will be £16,638 left to allocate. This amount includes the £10,000 Welfare reform funding.

## Neighbourhood Budget Update

<b>Cllr Mrs Savory</b>	<b>£24,000</b>
<b>Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras x 3 (ANPR)</b>	£12,800
<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>£11,200</b>
<b>Cllr Shuttleworth</b>	<b>£38,000</b>
No budget allocated to date	
<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>£38,000</b>

AM gave an update explaining that the application for ANPR would be discussed later in the agenda.

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

The Area Budget application for £25,000 has now completed technical appraisal and the fund is now open. CD asked that all Board members promote the availability of the fund.

## Area Budget Applications

### *Thornley Wood*

Working in partnership with the Durham Wildlife Trust and Woodland Trust, Wolsingham Parish Council are working towards a project that will provide a re-planted woodland area with footpaths, picnic benches and parking at the entrance to the site.

The total cost of the project is £8,150 with a request of £5,000 from the Area Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £5,000**

*All In Apprentices Year 3*

Following on from the last two years successful All In project, DCC culture and sport will recruit two further apprentices to continue the excellent work of the project. Additionally this year the apprentices will work alongside the community cultural officer to provide new cultural diversionary opportunities.

The total cost of the project is £36,000 with a request of £28,000 from the Area Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £28,000**

*We Are Weardale*

A yearlong project which will encourage children and young people to develop their literacy skills through a creative project which will incorporate illustration, creative writing and poetry while encouraging visits to Wolsingham library in partnership with Weardale schools and the local Creative Writers Group in Stanhope giving this project an inter-generational approach.

The total cost of the project is £10,583 with a request of £8,348 from the Area Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £8,348**

*Ready, Sett, Go*

The Ready Sett Go programme is made up of innovative equipment designed to engage early year's children in physical activity and play. The delivery of the programme will support the key outcomes and goals in the framework for the EYFS standards. Through the delivery of the programme this will primarily work on the child's physical development however the programme has been developed to also aid the development of PSE, Communication, Language and Literacy, Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Creative development and knowledge and understanding of the world.

The total cost of the project is £8,550 with a request of £6,650 from the Area Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Board AGREED to fund this project to the sum of £8,550**

## **Neighbourhood Budget application**

*Rural Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Capability in Weardale-Cllr Savory declared an interest*

The funding will secure the purchase of three re-deployable ANPR cameras for use in rural Weardale. This will fill a recognised gap in ANPR infrastructure and improve the intelligence picture within this area.

The total cost of the project is £18,200 with a request of £12,800 from Cllr Mrs Savory's Neighbourhood Budget.

## **Board agreed the application**

### **5. Presentations**

County Durham Plan – Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning and Asset

Child Sexual Exploitation- Sean Barry, Children & Adult Services

School Financial Education Pilot – Paul Atkinson, Prince Bishops Community Bank

Business in the Community – David Ramsdale, Business Connector

### **6. Countywide Partners Issues**

### **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at the Durham Dales Centre.

The Forum event will be held at 6pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at Wolsingham School and Community College.

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**

<b>Jobs, Employment and Tourism</b>			<b>Support to Groups in Weardale</b>		
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>			
<b>Activities for Children and Young People</b>			<b>Activities for Children and Young People</b>		
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	Stanhope Barrington Nursery worker		£15,000
Electric Bikes		£12,000			<b>£40,000</b>
Open Air Swimming Pool		£10,000			
		<b>£72,000</b>			
<b>Care for the Elderly and Disabled</b>			<b>Employment, Jobs and Tourism</b>		
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>
<b>Health and Wellbeing (underpins the above priorities) £20K</b>			<b>Health and Wellbeing incl. Support and Care for the Elderly</b>		
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>