

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

**24th November 2016 at Durham Dales
Centre, Stanhope**



PRESENT

Board Members

- Public Representatives:** Brian Thompson (BT)
Clement O'Donovan (CO'D)
Christine Powell (CP)
Mike Newton (MN)
Paul Stockdale (PS)
- Partner Representatives:** Damian Pearson - Dale & Valley Homes (DP)
David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)
Inspector Kevin Tuck – Police (KT)
Ian Coull – South Durham Enterprise Agency (IC)
Yvonne Probert – Durham Community Action (YP)
- Elected Members:** Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW)
Cllr Dennis Craig – Stanhope (DC)
Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (JH)
- Officers:** Angelina Maddison (AM) **(CHAIR)**
Christine Davison (CD)
Fiona Barber (FB)

Apologies

- Public Representatives:** Frances O'Riley (FO'R)
Joan Warriner (JW)
- Elected Members:** Cllr Anita Savory (AS)
Cllr Helen Barrass - Muggleswick (HB)
Cllr John Shuttleworth (JS)
Trish Chapman – Hunstanworth (TC)
- Partner Representatives:** Adam Hall – County Durham and Darlington Fire and
Rescue Service (AH / PC)
Stuart Timmiss – Durham County Council (ST)

The meeting was also attended by 4 observers

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Board agreed that AM would chair the meeting in Cllr Savory's absence.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table and members of the public were also given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Apologies were given as received.

The Chair extended a welcome to Damian Pearson who replaces Kath Wright as the Board Representative for Dale and Valley Homes. The Board requested that a letter of thanks be prepared and forwarded to Kath to thank her for her work as a Board Member.

Action: WAP team to write to Kath Wright on behalf of the WAP Board to express their thanks for her time as a WAP Board member.

The Chair advised that she will meet with DP in the coming weeks to discuss ways in which we can work together – for example with the Credit Unions.

2. Agreement of Notes from meeting held on 22nd September and Matters Arising

The Chair advised Board members that a 'Note Summary' will be placed on the WAP website within two weeks of this meeting. The Note Summary will record the main points and any key decisions which result from this meeting.

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

The Chair reminded Board members to advise the WAP team if they are unable to attend meetings in order that unnecessary printing can be avoided.

3. Local Neighbourhood Issues

No Neighbourhood Issues have been received.

PACT

PACT Meetings

DS queried why no transport had been provided to the PACT meeting held in Wolsingham on 26th October. He also noted that there was only he and a PCSO in attendance at the meeting and that publicity surrounding the meeting is not as good as it was previously. KT responded that there was never an agreement to provide transport to PACT meetings. He also reminded Board members that the dates of the PACT meetings continue to be detailed on the Police website <https://www.durham.police.uk/Pages/Event-Listing.aspx>

KT reminded Board members that any concerns can be raised at any time by calling 101 – there is no need to wait for a PACT meeting.

PACT Priorities

KT advised that at the PACT meeting on 23rd November an issue had been identified in Frosterley concerning anti-social behaviour with a group of young children throwing eggs and causing damage to trees. The Police will focus on this in the coming weeks.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras

The funding for the ANPR cameras has been received and the cameras are on order. There will be publicity once the cameras are installed – the location of the cameras will remain confidential. Any press coverage will focus on the benefit of the cameras in the intelligence gathering process.

Durham Police - Outstanding

Durham Police has again been recognised as being Outstanding in 3 areas. KT acknowledged that whilst the Police don't always get everything right we do have the best Police force in the country.

Crime and Victim's Plan 2016-21

CO'D shared that he had read the Police, Crime and Victims Plan 2016-21 and supported it. The Plan addresses both victims and rural crime and he expressed that he is looking forward to seeing it applied. The Plan can be viewed at: <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Your-PCC/Police-Crime-and-Victims-Plan/Police-Crime-and-Victims-Plan.aspx>

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group

Urgent Care Consultation – Update

DT-G advised that the new service should start in April 2017. A hub will be based in Stanhope – with a GP available in the area. The aim is to create a supportive network of resources.

Strategic Transformation Plan (STP)

The STP is a programme designed to look at organising the NHS' existing resources in a more efficient manner. A detailed consultation will take place in due course and DT-G encouraged all Board members to participate in the process.

Board members discussed some local concerns regarding hospital accessibility and ambulance provision in Weardale. Board members requested that the ambulance service be contacted and invited to a future Board meeting.

Action: WAP team to extend an invite to the Ambulance Service
Action: Board members to prepare questions in advance of the Ambulance Service attending the meeting

4. AAP Update - Action Plan

Area Budget Update / Applications

1) Overview of Budget committed / pipelined

Area Budget Allocation 2016 / 17			
	Area Budget	Match Funding	Total
Support to Groups in Weardale			
Small Grants Fund	£25,000	£26,000	£51,000
	£25,000	£26,000	£51,000
Health, Wellbeing and Support for All			
	£0	£0	£0
Employment, Jobs and Tourism			
Thornley Wood	£5,000	£3,150	£8,150
	£5,000	£3,150	£8,150
Activities for Children and Young People			
All In Apprentices – Year 3 (Cultural Inclusion)	£28,000	£8,000	£36,000
Ready Sett Go	£6,650	£1,900	£8,550
We Are Weardale (Creative Writing, illustration)	£8,348	£2,235	£10,583
	£42,998	£12,135	£55,133
Total	£72,998	£41,285	£114,283

AM advised that the apprentices for Year 2 of the 'All In' project, Josh and Daniel have both been offered sessional hours at the end of their apprenticeships. Recruitment for Year 3 of the apprenticeships will begin early in 2017 – Board members are encouraged to publicise this opportunity. AM confirmed that the applications are encouraged from both males and females.

2) Employment, Job Prospects and Tourism Task Group Update

A Task Group Meeting was held on 15th November – IC relayed to the Board information regarding 3 projects which the Task Group recommend to the Board for their consideration and approval.

Slitt Wood. IC reminded the Board that the WAP does not fund any project which falls within a statutory provision. This project is to fund work which will enhance the statutory repair work and will ensure lengthier sustainability.

Weardale Museum. This is a project for four interactive displays to enable different aspects of the museums and more of the exhibitions to be showcased.

OREsome & LIDAR

LIDAR is an airborne geophysics survey project with the recording of information being carried out by volunteers to identify areas of historic interest. OREsome is a project which works with volunteers to look at ancient sites that are at high risk of being lost. AAP funding is to allow the volunteers to be supported within a much larger project

3) Consideration of Area Budget projects for Board Approval

Board members discussed each of the three projects detailed above.

Slitt Wood

There was concern that £12,000 is a large amount of money to be spent in a specific area which does not appear to be a major tourist attraction. Other Board Members confirmed that it is a very popular site. AM confirmed that it is the most downloaded of the PDF versions of walks on the AONB website. There has also been a lot of investment at the nearby mine site which is now inaccessible due to the landslip.

The Board **APPROVED** the project **with the following additions to the Terms and Conditions:**

- The provision of a full financial breakdown
- A survey to be carried out prior to the survey and following the completion of the work.
- A site visit for members of the WAP team and Board members
- A clear understanding of the enhanced work which will be undertaken with AAP funding
- Promotional materials to be available

Weardale Museum

The Board discussed the project application and **APPROVED** the project.

OREsome & LIDAR

Board members discussed the project and **APPROVED** the project **with the following additions to the Terms and Conditions:**

- That the WAP funding is solely for use on volunteer expenses (not management of volunteers)
- The payment is subject to success recruitment and retention of: Year 1 – 80 volunteers from Weardale; Year 2 – 50 volunteers from Weardale.
- That Grove Rake is considered for inclusion in the project.

Board Ambassador Reports

1) Weardale Baby and Toddler Group

The Weardale Baby and Toddler Group is a very successful group which has an average attendance of between 25-30 children. Funding was obtained from the Small Grants Fund to purchase matting and chairs.

2) Edmundbyers Defibrillator

Funding from the Small Grants Fund went towards the money that had been raised by Edmundbyers Women's Institute to purchase a defibrillator for the village.

3) Wheels 2 Meals Coffee Morning, Edmundbyers

The Wheels 2 Meals service transported people to Edmundbyers for a coffee morning to raise money for the Daft As A Brush charity. The event raised in excess of £1,000

4) Wolsingham Cenotaph WW1 Booklet

A local man has carried out research into the names detailed on the cenotaph in Wolsingham. A booklet of his findings has been given to each school in the Weardale area. The Chair also advised that there will also be an article in the Northern Echo about this project.

Neighbourhood Budget Update / Applications

Cllr Savory's Neighbourhood Budget is fully allocated as detailed in the table below

Cllr Mrs Anita Savory £20,000 + £4,000 c/f from 2015/16	Neighbourhood Budget	Match Funding	Total
Approved Projects			
ANPR Cameras x 3	£12,800	£5,400	£18,200
Wolsingham School Signing and Lining	£2,685	£0	£2,685
Total	£15,485	£5,400	£20,885
Pipeline Projects 2016/17			
Seating and Signage, Wolsingham Area *	£2,033	£400	£2,433
Police Cadets	£6,482	£5,000	£11,482
Total	£8,515	£5,400	£13,915
Total Neighbourhood Budget Remaining		£0	

* This work is additional to the statutory provision from Durham County Council.

Cllr Shuttleworth has £5,216 remaining from his Neighbourhood Budget with the following projects having been supported:

Cllr John Shuttleworth £20,000 + £18,000 c/f from 2015/16	Neighbourhood Budget	Match Funding	Total
Approved Projects			
Rookhope Village Hall – Electrical Work	£3,943	£0	£3,943
Total	£3,943	£0	£3,943
Pipeline Projects 2016/17			
Wolsingham Show	£7,500	£0	£7,500
Stanhope Show – crowd control barriers + gates	£8,841	£0	£8,841
Stanhope Silver Band – Flooring	£2,500	£0	£2,500
Cowshill Village Hall – Renewing lights	£2,000	£0	£2,000
Witton-le-Wear Community Centre	£4,000	£0	£4,000
Frosterley Village Hall	£4,000	£0	£4,000
Total	£28,841	£0	£28,841
Total Neighbourhood Budget Remaining		£5,216	

The Chair provided an explanation as to the difference between a County Councillor's Neighbourhood Budget and Member's Initiative Fund.

Forum Summary Report

The Chair expressed her thanks to all those who attended the Forum event. 103 people were in attendance and positive feedback had been received by the WAP team. The Forum was identified as being a worthwhile means of engaging with the public to raise awareness of the work of the WAP. The school was praised as a venue and the inclusion of the choir was welcomed as something a bit different. It was suggested that consideration be given to allocating more space to the displays in order to encourage local groups to network and to share what they offer with members of the public.

5. Countywide Partners Issues

Police

KT advised that Weardale is undergoing a change in staffing as some PCSO's are leaving to become Police Officers. He also advised that one of the Tri-responder's has obtained full-time employment within the Fire Service.

He also shared that the attendance of a PCSO and Tri-responder at the Forum event was part of the commitment to get out and about to community events. This is an example of trying different ways to engage with the community following the centralisation of PACT meetings.

6. Date and Time of Next Meetings

Board members discussed the feasibility of changing the day of future meetings from a Thursday. It was decided that this would be too disruptive to a number of Board members so future Board Meetings will be held on a Thursday. Board members are asked to look at the following list of proposed Board meeting dates for 2017 and advise the WAP team if they perceive any issues with any of the dates.

Thursday 26th January
Thursday 23rd March
Thursday 18th May
Thursday 13th July
Thursday 14th September
Thursday 23rd November

The next Board Meeting will be held at **6:00pm on Thursday 26th January 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.