

**GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GAMP)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017, 6:00PM, MIDDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**



PRESENT:

Elected Members

Cllr Eddy Adam – DCC
Cllr Jim Atkinson – DCC
Cllr John Clare – DCC
Cllr Scott Durham – DCC
Cllr Brian Hall – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Cllr Kate Hopper – DCC
Cllr Paul Howell – DCC

Public Representatives

Sue Cooke
Alan Cooper
Chris Cunnington-Shore
Alan Jordan
Barry Knevitt

Partner Representatives

Karen Grundy – VCS (representing Carol Gaskarth)
Phil Hodgson – DCC (representing Oliver Sherratt)
Insp Sarah Honeyman – Police
Kim Lawther – DDES CCG Health Representative
Graeme Metcalf – Fire Service
Steve Robson – Business Representative

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE:

Brian Riley – GAMP Coordinator
Adam White – GAMP Community Development Project Officer
Paula Stockport – GAMP Support Officer

APOLOGIES:

Carol Gaskarth, Helen Johnson, Oliver Sherratt

OBSERVERS:

V Crosby, R Mitchie, J Mitchie, R Adamson, A Chandran, S Barnett, H Stoker

1. Introductions & Apologies

Insp SH welcomed observers to the meeting, pointing out they would be welcome to comment under Items 3 and 4 on the agenda. Insp SH reminded Board members of the standard Declaration of Item on the agenda.

BR confirmed that apologies for absence had been received, as noted above.

BR informed Board members that Adam White will be leaving his CDPO post with the GAMP team towards the end of October, having successfully secured a promotion to the AAP Coordinator post at Teesdale; BR congratulated Adam on behalf of the Board and wished him well in his new role. AW thanked Board members past and present, and has thoroughly enjoyed his six years with the GAMP team. BR clarified that the process to appoint a replacement CDPO at GAMP is currently being looked at, and BR will keep Board members updated accordingly.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 18.7.17 – Matters Arising**

The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 18.7.17 had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers. BR reviewed the minutes page by page for matters arising, actions and accuracy.

BR confirmed there were no outstanding actions or other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting were **AGREED** by the Board as a true and accurate record.

3. **Countywide Partner Issues**

3.1 West Ward Regeneration Community Conversation Update (Karen Grundy)

Board members received a presentation from Karen Grundy (Pioneering Care Partnership), in relation to the Western Area Regeneration Project which has recently commenced. Funding has been secured by livin to develop a Master Plan for the regeneration of the Western Estate in Newton Aycliffe over the next 10-15 years, and the PCP have been appointed to lead the community engagement element of this project.

Karen outlined work that has taken place to date, including recruiting community champions, meeting key stakeholders and partners, gathering community ideas etc, and also gave an outline of next steps.

livin will be launching the #imagine campaign, with a standalone website, as well as hosting local events and advertising etc, with a view to encouraging wide engagement and gathering consultation views.

If any Board member would like a copy of the presentation slides, please contact the GAMP team.

Further information is available via:

Tel: 01325 321234

Email: conversation@pcp.uk.net

Website: www.pcp.uk.net

4. **Local Neighbourhood Issues**

4.1 Neighbourhood Policing Update (Insp Sarah Honeyman)

Insp SH updated Board members in relation to year to date crime figures, current policing activity across the GAMP locality, as well as local PACT priorities, and current and emerging issues. Insp SH also highlighted upcoming PACT meeting dates for information.

BR confirmed that no other local neighbourhood issues have been submitted to the GAMP team in writing ahead of the meeting.

BR confirmed, for the minutes, that Board members have received the following correspondence from the GAMP team since the last meeting:

- GAMP ebulletin circulated 5.9.17.

If any Board member would like information on events, activities, projects etc circulated to the GAMP database via our ebulletin or Facebook page, please contact the GAMP team.

5. **2017-18 Priority Voting**

BR confirmed that a report had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for Board members to note. BR confirmed that this is a countywide report, submitted to all 14 AAPs. The recommendation is for Board members to consider an option to retain current priorities for another financial year, and not carry out another priority voting exercise in winter 2017. The main reasons for the suggestion are the higher number of people responding to the priority voting exercise which took place in 2016, the provision of more detailed information from respondents around their specific key issues, and also the double Purdah period in 2017 which led to delays starting work on the priorities in the current financial year.

SR commented that he agrees with the approach, but suggested that it would still be useful when attending local events to gather views on specific issues behind the priority headings as a refresh; this would provide useful feedback when the Task & Finish Groups begin their work in the new financial year.

Board members **AGREED** to follow the recommendation in the report, and to retain the same three priorities from this year for 2017-18:

- Children, Young People & Families
- Employment, Enterprise & Training
- Older People

6. **GAMP Coordinator's Update**

6.1 Area Budget Project Callout Update

BR updated Board members on progress with this year's Area Budget Project Callout. There was a fantastic response to our call for projects, with 42 applications submitted, and a total funding request of £438,229. BR confirmed that the three Task & Finish Groups have now met to review and discuss each application, as well as agreeing a consensus of comments or queries in relation to the projects for applicants to address. BR went on to explain that the ranking panel meetings will be taking place on 28 & 29 September; BR thanked those Board members who had volunteered to sit on the panels. The relevant project scores will be totalled up after the second ranking meeting has taken place, to determine which projects have been successful. BR reminded Board members that there is a requirement for all AAPs to allocate a minimum of £24k from their total £100k AB to capital spend, and this will be tracked during the ranking meetings to ensure we meet the required target.

All project applicants will be notified of the outcome of the ranking. Copies of all successful AB applications will be circulated by email to all Board members, just for formal agreement and ratification, before then being passed for technical appraisal by our Funding Team.

For unsuccessful applicants, the GAMP team will be providing them with further information on other possible sources of funding, as well as hosting a support and information session with Adam and the Co Durham Foundation. There could also be potential for Elected Members to give consideration to funding some of the unsuccessful projects through their Neighbourhood Budgets.

BR will keep Board members updated accordingly. BR also plans to review and discuss the callout process in more detail at the November Board meeting, with a

view to consideration of repeating the process next year; BR will agenda (**Action 1: BR**).

6.2 Welfare Reform Funding

BR highlighted that discussion had taken place during the recent Task Group meetings as to the possibility of some project applications submitted under the wider callout who don't secure funding perhaps fitting with our £10k Welfare Reform allocation. BR highlighted there were at least 4 projects where the Task Groups felt they could be relevant. BR suggested that a panel could be set up after the wider AB ranking to look at these projects, with a view to possible funding from the £10k Welfare Reform allocation and asked for Board members' views on this approach.

Cllr JC expressed the view that he would prefer to see a separate call for projects, to specifically target Welfare Reform, rather than allocating the money to a 'failed' project from another priority simply for the sake of convenience. Cllr JC added that the impacts of Universal Credit will be terrible and far reaching, and his view is that the Welfare Reform funding should be directed towards a project which looks to address the resultant issues arising from this, e.g. rent debts, borrowing, hunger etc.

Board members discussed possible options for allocation of the Welfare Reform funding, and it was agreed that the GAMP team would open a specific call for projects, probably alongside the Youth Fund, and then convene a panel of Board members who would review the projects accordingly. Any of the 4 previously earmarked projects which are unsuccessful after the AB ranking could then be advised to reapply under Welfare Reform if appropriate. BR will set up a panel and keep Board members updated accordingly (**Action 2: BR**).

6.3 November Forums

BR proposed to follow the same format as in recent years this November; rather than holding one stand-alone event, the GAMP team will attend a number of smaller local events to help engage with new Forum members and promote the work of GAMP, as well as gathering budget questionnaires. BR encouraged Board members to get involved with these events wherever possible, and also to help with the budget questionnaires throughout their respective networks etc. BR will keep Board members updated with relevant dates etc in due course.

7. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

Insp SH confirmed the next Board meeting is arranged as follows:

Tuesday 28 November 2017, 6:00pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre

BR highlighted that the following agenda items are arranged for the next meeting:

- DCC budget presentation
- flood resilience presentation

Insp SH thanked all attendees, as well as Middridge Village Hall for hosting the meeting, and the meeting was closed.