

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

**8th February 2018 at Durham Dales
Centre, Stanhope**



PRESENT

Board Members

Public Representatives: Joan Warriner (JW)
Phil Chatfield (PC)
Tom Nattrass (TN)
Tony Griffin (TG)

Partner Representatives: David Taylor-Gooby - Clinical Commissioning Group (DT-G)
Gordon Elliott – Durham County Council (GE)
Peter Maddison – County Durham and Darlington Fire and
Rescue Service (PM)
Damian Pearson - County Durham Housing Group (DP)
Yvonne Probert – Durham Community Action (YP)
Inspector Kevin Tuck – Durham Constabulary (KT)

Elected Members: Cllr Anita Savory (AS)
Cllr Brian Thompson – Stanhope (BT)
Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (DS)
Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW)

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

Apologies

Public Representatives: Chris Powell
Frances O'Riley

Elected Representatives: Cllr Helen Barrass – Muggleswick Parish Council

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chair, DT-G, explained that he was approaching the end of his term with DDES CCG and wanted to express how impressed he has been with the dedication of the members of the WAP Board.

Apologies were given and are recorded above.

The Chair asked that any Declarations of Interest be raised. **TN declared an interest in Item 5 – Community Buildings Capital Fund - Eastgate Village Hall; AS and TG declared an interest in Item 5 – Transition for Schools in Weardale (Youth Fund).**

2. Agreement of Notes from Board Meeting held on 23rd November 2017, and Matters Arising

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

AM advised that the Helen's Trees project raised in excess of £700.

3. Presentations:

1) Care Navigation – David Taylor-Gooby.

DT-G gave a presentation on Care Navigation. The NHS faces 2 challenges: funding and a shortfall in personnel. DDES CCG and North Durham CCG are working together to find new ways of working to ensure that patients see the correct healthcare professional as quickly as possible.

The scheme has been running for a couple of years and the CCGs will be setting up a Task Group to look at it now and see what is working. DT-G asked that anyone with an interest in being a part of the Task group contact him.

DT-G answered questions from those present.

TG expressed concern that there was still insufficient GP coverage for the area. DT-G advised that with the introduction of the Hubs there should always be a GP available in the area. It appears that residents are not utilising available GP appointments particularly on weekends. Board members suggested that people were not all aware of this facility.

2) Durham History Centre Consultation - Gordon Elliott

GE gave a presentation on Durham County Council's plans to take ownership of Mount Oswald House in Durham with a view to moving the Registry Office services there as well as history collections and archives into a purpose-built extension.

Durham County Council will be making a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to request funding assistance for the project. GE advised that each AAP was being approached to gain an understanding of what AAP Boards think would be beneficial to the project as well as to request letters of support to help the HLF bid.

DT-G drew Board members attention to the questionnaire provided in the packs and asked Board members to take a few minutes to complete them.

As part of the presentation GE mentioned that the sale of the land where County Hall is currently sited and the development of the Aykley Heads site is

anticipated to generate 6,000 jobs. Board members asked for further information regarding this. GE suggested that someone with a more detailed knowledge of the project be invited to give a presentation at a future Board meeting.

Board Members voiced their support of the project.

Action: WAP Team to draft a letter of support on behalf of the WAP Board

Action: AM to arrange for a presentation on the development of the Aykley Heads site at a future Board meeting.

DT-G thanked GE for his presentation.

For further information and to share your views visit:
www.durham.gov.uk/consultation

For a copy of either presentation please email weardaleaap@durham.gov.uk

4. Local Neighbourhood Issues

1) PACT – Inspector Kevin Tuck

The outgoing PACT priority concerned the parking issues at Stanhope Barrington Primary school. KT reported that the situation is now much improved. The new PACT priority concerns issues with the parking situation at Wolsingham Primary School in Uppertown.

KT reported that there had been a recent crime spree when counterfeit notes were being spent in Weardale. 13 businesses were affected. 4 men have been arrested and a car seized.

KT referred to a recent article in the Northern Echo and the Weardale Gazette regarding tyre marks on St John's Chapel recreation ground. KT expressed his opinion that the criticism in this article was unfair. Feedback has been given to the relevant association to look at ways of keeping the field secured.

KT also advised that 2 works vans had been broken into in Stanhope with tools and drills stolen. Edmundbyers Village Shop had also suffered a break-in recently. KT confirmed that the ANPR cameras continue to help officers to solve crimes and apprehend criminals.

KT reported that some councillors from Teesdale would like to increase the number of ANPR cameras in Weardale. It is hoped that these would become part of a bigger network which can build on the coverage of current ANPR cameras.

Police Community Support Volunteers – KT advised that a recruitment process is underway for people who would like to volunteer with Durham Constabulary. Individuals would be trained to liaise with the local community and give out key messages as well as being a conduit for taking information back to the police. This new scheme is not intended to replace the PCSOs. It is anticipated that volunteers commit to a minimum of 4 hours per week for a minimum of 18 months. Training and uniform are provided.

DT-G thanked KT for his update.

5. Priorities and Action Plans

- 1) **Area Budget** - AM talked Board Members through a presentation on the current situation with regard to Area Budget funding.

Area Budget Allocation 2017 / 18			
	Area Budget	Match Funding	Total
Support to Groups in Weardale			
Small Grants Fund	£25,000	TBC	£25,000
Community Buildings Capital Fund	£20,000	TBC	£20,000
<i>Support to Groups in Weardale Total</i>	£45,000	TBC	£45,000
Health and Wellbeing			
Wellness Coordinator	£15,000	£8,499	£23,499
Rural Advice Worker (Welfare Reform)	£10,000	£6,676	£16,676
<i>Health and Wellbeing Total</i>	£25,000	£15,175	£40,175
Culture, Tourism and Heritage			
Altogether Archaeology (Ring-fenced)	£15,000	TBC	£15,000
2 for 1 vouchers – Killhope	£5,000	£495	£5,495
<i>Culture, Tourism and Heritage Total</i>	£20,000	£495	£20,495
Children, Young People and Families			
Young Firefighters	£10,000	£3,800	£13,800
Weardale Tub	£10,000	£9,391	£19,391
AAP Youth Fund – Make Do and Mend	£3,000	£15,350	£18,350
AAP Youth Fund – Transition for schools in Weardale	£3,000	£5,000	£8,000
AAP Youth Fund – Holiday Activities and Nutrition	£3,902	£5,098	£9,000
<i>Children, Young People and Families Total</i>	£29,902	£38,639	£68,541
Total	£119,902	£54,309	£174,211

Young Firefighters – PM related an account of a young person (who is part of the Young Firefighter scheme in Bishop Auckland) who was able to help to save the life of a man who collapsed in the street thanks to the skills she had learned via the scheme.

Match Funding - TG queried the Match Funding totals (figures have now been amended). AM reminded Board members that Match Funding can consist of volunteer time or other in kind contributions as well as actual cash

amounts. DP advised that the County Durham Housing Group has a small fund that can be accessed by local groups and that would provide match funding for project. AM confirmed that the WAP team works with YP and Durham Community Action to bring in other funding.

2) **Neighbourhood Budget** – AM advised that no funding has been allocated from the Neighbourhood Budgets of either Cllr Savory or Cllr Shuttleworth. However, each councillor has allocated some of the Small Grants element of their Neighbourhood Budgets.

3) **Area Budget Applications**

AM talked Board members through the Area Budget funding applications that were submitted for approval. The Boards decisions are as follows:

- Weardale Visitor Attractions 2 for 1 vouchers – The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Rural Advice Worker (Welfare Reform) – The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Holiday Activities and Nutrition (Youth Fund) – The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Transition for Schools in Weardale (Youth Fund) – The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Community Buildings Capital Fund – Eastgate Village Hall – PC queried the terminology in the application which stated that the playground had previously been ‘abandoned’ and asked whether it would be abandoned again in the future. It was explained that the playground was abandoned due to the state of the equipment not through the lack of use / need. TN confirmed that the Village Hall would be taking over the area. He also advised that as the site is on the Weardale Way it makes an excellent rest area and can be advertised with Weardale walks. The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Community Buildings Capital Fund – Edmundbyers Village Hall – The Board **APPROVED** the project.
- Community Buildings Capital Fund – **(YP declared an interest)** Hunstanworth Village Hall – The Board **APPROVED** the project.

4) **Priority Setting** – The Board AGREED that the top three priorities from the November Forum voting exercise be taken forward to be worked on in 2018/19.

These were:

- i. **Supporting Local Groups**
- ii. **Children, Young People and Families**
- iii. **Culture, Tourism and Heritage**

6. **Countywide Partner Issues**

Fire – PM advised that there had been 4 incidents in Weardale in the past few weeks. However, no issues or trends have been identified.

7. **AAP Board Matters**

We Are Weardale Book Launch – FB gave a verbal report on the Book Launch which had taken place the previous day. The children from Wearhead Primary School

had given another wonderful presentation and members of the NorthPens writing group had participated in the event also. AM advised that Cllr Olwyn Gunn had been particularly impressed with the project and is keen to see it emulated across the county. AM also advised that this project gave us a link to the Northern Heartlands project.

Board Member Vacancy – AM advised that Paul Stockdale has resigned as a Public Representative due to increased work commitments. The WAP team have begun the process of recruiting for a new Board member and all Board members are encouraged to promote this opportunity in their communities.

8. Date and Time of Next Meetings

AM advised that with the ending of DT-G's involvement with the CCG it would be advantageous to bring the AGM forward to the March meeting. Board AGREED.

Board Members AGREED to keep the new time of 2:00pm for the next meeting to keep this under review.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd March, 2:00pm, Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope, DL13 2FJ

Note: If you would like any further information or supporting documentation please contact a member of the WAP team