

**GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GAMP)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018, 6:00PM, MIDDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: **Elected Members**
Cllr Eddy Adam – DCC (**Chair**)
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
Sean Barnett
Sue Cooke (Vice Chair)
Chris Cunnington-Shore
Carl Robinson
David Sutton-Lloyd

Partner Representatives
Carol Gaskarth – VCS Representative
T/Chief Insp Sarah Honeyman – Police (Vice Chair)
Helen Johnson – livin Housing
Julien Kramer – DCC Interim Head of Education
Oliver Sherratt – DCC Head of Direct Services
Malcolm Woodward – Fire Service

OFFICER

ATTENDANCE: Brian Riley – GAMP Coordinator
Victoria Grieves – GAMP Community Development Project Officer
Paula Stockport – GAMP Support Officer

PRESENTERS: Dr Liz Charles (Food Durham)

APOLOGIES: Stephen Gosnay, Alan Jordan, Kim Lawther, Hannah Siddle

OBSERVERS: R Adamson, J Johnson, S Day, D Bowman

1. Introductions & Apologies

Cllr EA welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising observers they would be welcome to comment under Items 3, 4 and 5 on the agenda. A brief round of introductions was given. Cllr EA reminded Board members of the standard Declaration of Interest item on the agenda.

BR advised members of the public that, in accordance with updated GDPR guidelines, they have the right to remain anonymous in the minutes should they wish.

Cllr EA welcomed new Board member Sean Barnett to his first meeting as Public Rep.

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

2. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 17.7.18 – Matters Arising**

The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 17.7.18 had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers. BR reviewed the minutes for matters arising, actions and accuracy.

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

[JK joined the meeting]

3. **Countywide Partner Issues**

3.1 **Durham County Council – Budget Update** (Oliver Sherratt)

Board members received an update presentation from DCC in relation to budgets. OS outlined that in recent years, the Council have carried out extensive consultation on the budget approach and proposals, including seeking views on proposed changes to specific frontline services, priority and non-priority services and identifying what is important to people when faced with making difficult decisions about unprecedented ongoing budget reductions and growing demand.

The Council is facing ongoing challenges and uncertainties in terms of budget reductions going forward, and this consultation is seeking views on current proposals for 2019-20.

The Council also needs to ensure its priorities for spend are correct and aligned with the priorities, needs and aspirations of the community, and will be reviewing the vision and corporate priorities. Details will be outlined in a series of presentations to AAPs and other partnership meetings over the next few months, and comments and views will be invited. Partners and organisations will be informed of the consultation and invited to add comments and views as well.

Further information is available via the website: www.durham.gov.uk/consultation

The closing date for the consultation is Friday 19 October 2018.

Cllr EA thanked OS for the presentation, and urged all Board members to take part in this important consultation.

3.2 **Food Durham Update** (Dr Liz Charles)

Board members received an update presentation in relation to the 'Food Durham' partnership, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of food and how it relates to the economy, the environment, health and wellbeing, and issues of social justice. The partnership's aim is for a food system that is healthier, green and fairer, and where every household has access to 'good food' – that is safe, nutritious, of good quality and environmentally sustainable.

A brief Q&A took place, and the following points were noted:

- Cllr EA highlighted the REfUSE Group, based in Chester-le-Street, who intercept food before it becomes waste and produce healthy, accessible meals.

- DSL commented that he would be keen to get involved in some partnership working on behalf of Woodham Community Centre, helping to share information, and will pass on his contact information to Dr Charles.
- HJ added that livin could potentially get involved with the partnership, and will pass on relevant contact details.

Further information is available via the website: www.fooddurham.net

BR will circulate a copy of the presentation slides with the minutes, for information, and also forward relevant contact details to DSL and HJ (**Action 1: BR**).

Cllr EA thanked Dr Charles for her presentation.

3.3 Co Durham Partnership Forum Update

BR confirmed that a copy of the meeting notes from the recent CDP Forum meeting held in June had been circulated to Board members by email, for information. Cllr EA briefly updated on some of the topics from the meeting, including the Durham History Centre proposals, social isolation funding, and the work of the environment partnership around the 'Altogether Greener' theme.

BR highlighted, for information, the next CDP Forum meeting is being held on 10 October 2018, with a mental health theme. SC will be attending on behalf of GAMP and will give a brief update at the November meeting.

BR took the opportunity to remind partner reps to contact the GAMP team if they would like to add items to a future meeting agenda under this section.

4. **Local Neighbourhood Issues**

4.1 Neighbourhood Policing Update (T/Chief Insp Sarah Honeyman)

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

Cllr JA asked whether the new PACT meeting times and venues have seen any improvement in attendance. T/Chief Insp SH confirmed there hasn't been any increase as such, but this could potentially be a positive, if people have no specific issues they may not have a need to attend.

T/Chief Insp SH confirmed that she hopes the Newton Aycliffe staff team will be complete in the next couple of months, and publicity will be circulated locally to confirm beat officers. The main Police website will also be updated over the coming weeks, with new beat areas and staffing information.

BR highlighted that GAMP are scheduled to submit a question to full Council in October; if any Board member has any potential suggestions, please contact BR directly no later than 10 October.

BR confirmed that no other local neighbourhood issues had been submitted in writing to the GAMP team.

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

- County Durham Partnership Forum meeting notes from 29.6.18 circulated by email on 23.8.18;
- GAMP Q1 Project Monitoring update reports circulated by email on 4.9.18;
- GAMP ebulletin circulated by email on 7.9.18;
- DCC Budget consultation promoted via a range of partners, Facebook etc – deadline for responses now extended until 19.10.18.

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. Neighbourhood Budget Applications

BR confirmed that a summary sheet for this evening's NB proposals had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for information. BR confirmed there are no Cllr Declarations of Interest and the projects are therefore being put to the Board for information and comment only.

5.1 Pease Way Bus Shelter (Cllrs Adam & Hopper)

The request from NB is £1,100; the total project cost is £3,200. There are no Declarations of Interest.

VG gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund a new bus shelter on Pease Way.

No comments were raised from Board members or observers, and the proposal was **approved**.

5.2 Moule Close/Castlereagh Close Highways Improvements (Cllrs Adam & Hopper)

The request from NB is £10,780; the total project cost is £10,780. There are no Declarations of Interest.

VG gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will see dropped crossings installed at Moule Close and Castlereagh Close, to improve access and enhance the existing highway infrastructure.

No comments were raised from Board members or observers, and the proposal was **approved**.

5.3 Navy Club Defibrillator (Cllrs Adam, Clare, Durham, Hopper & Howell)

The request from NB is £1,700; the total project cost is £2,420. DSL declared an interest, as project lead.

VG gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund a 24-hour public access defibrillator unit to be installed at the Navy Club.

SB highlighted that the location is close to the Scout Hall which is frequently used by young people and asked if any training will be arranged for children and young people. DSL confirmed that a full training programme was provided through the previous GAMP-funded project, and he is currently in the process of looking at extending the training in future.

No further comments were raised from Board members or observers, and the proposal was **approved**.

5.4 Team Warrior Taekwondo

(Cllrs Adam, Atkinson, Clare, Durham, Hopper, Howell & Iveson)

The request from NB is £4,000; the total project cost is £4,000. There are no Declarations of Interest.

VG gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund new equipment to enable the club to utilise new premises and expand membership.

No comments were raised from Board members or observers, and the proposal was **approved**.

BR will forward the above NB applications x 4 to the Funding Team for technical appraisal (**Action 2: BR**).

6. **GAMP Coordinator's Update**

6.1 2018-19 Area Budget Project Callout Update

BR briefly updated; the 12 successful project applications were previously circulated by email to all Board members for final approval and ratification, and have been passed to the Funding Team for technical appraisal.

BR thanked all Board members for their input into this year's process, and particularly ranking panel members. We had another great response this year, with a total of 29 project applications, and funding was oversubscribed by £131k. We slightly tweaked the process this year, mainly in terms of the admin side, and it was definitely easier from the AAP team's perspective.

6.2 2018-19 Funding (Social Isolation, Welfare Reform & Youth Fund)

BR reminded Board members that the callout for these three funding streams will be launching in the next couple of weeks. The allocations are as follows:

- £25k a year for the next three years for Social Isolation;
- £10k for Welfare Reform;
- £12,242 Youth Fund.

BR asked Board members to help promote the funding following the launch. BR will also be highlighting the funding at the next round of Task Group meetings. BR will also be looking to convene another subgroup panel to carry out the project ranking later in the process.

6.3 AAP Priority Voting 2019-21

BR confirmed that a report was circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for Board members to note. The report briefly outlines the process for this year's priority voting across all AAPs. There are two separate electronic surveys available, one aimed specifically at secondary schools as well as a wider public survey. There is also a hard copy available for use at local events etc, and Board members are welcome to take a supply of forms from the office to use through respective networks.

AAPs had an interim update on current figures at the start of this week; so far GAMP has received 111 votes from the public survey, and 2 from schools.

BR highlighted that AAPs are being asked to give consideration to potentially keeping next year's priorities (2019-20) for a two-year period, and asked Board members for their views on this. A brief discussion took place and Board members **AGREED** they would be happy to retain next year's priorities, once agreed, for two years. BR confirmed that consideration will also need to be given at a future meeting in relation to allocation of funding across the priorities once they have been agreed.

Items not on the Agenda

BR highlighted that AAPs have recently started consultation with some local groups on the 'vision' for DCC. Focus groups will also be set up over the coming weeks, and BR will be hosting sessions as part of the next round of Task Group meetings. This is an important consultation for DCC and everyone will be encouraged to participate. BR will keep Board members updated accordingly.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Cllr EA confirmed the next Board meeting is arranged as follows:

Tuesday 27 November 2018, 6:00pm at the Pioneering Care Centre

BR confirmed that he will arrange for Julien Kramer to give an education update at this meeting, as well as a Fire Service update from Malcolm Woodward.

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