

**GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GAMP)  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018, 6:00PM, PIONEERING CARE CENTRE**



**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

**Public Representatives**

Sean Barnett  
Sue Cooke (Vice Chair)  
Chris Cunnington-Shore  
Alan Jordan  
Carl Robinson  
Hannah Siddle  
David Sutton-Lloyd

**Partner Representatives**

Carol Gaskarth – VCS Representative  
T/Chief Insp Sarah Honeyman – Police (Vice Chair)  
Malcolm Woodward – Fire Service

**OFFICER**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Brian Riley – GAMP Coordinator  
Paula Stockport – GAMP Support Officer

**PRESENTERS:**

Jenny Haworth (DCC Head of Strategy)  
Crew Manager John Cuerden (Fire Service)

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Paul Howell, Stephen Gosnay, Kim Lawther, Julien Kramer,  
Victoria Grieves

**OBSERVERS:**

R Adamson, S Day, M Wilson, H Brewster, C Hutchinson

**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, in accordance with updated GDPR guidelines, they have the right to remain anonymous in the minutes should they wish.

BR confirmed that two resignations have been received; Kim Lawther has recently stepped down from her role as health representative, and Stephen Gosnay has submitted his resignation today from his role as business representative. DDES CCG are currently seeking to identify a replacement health rep. BR confirmed he has contacted Business Durham and representatives from Aycliffe Business Park

today to promote the business rep vacancy. BR thanked both Kim and Stephen on behalf of the GAMP team and the board for their input and commitment during their respective terms. BR will keep Board members updated on new reps accordingly.

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

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25.9.18 – Matters Arising**

The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 25.9.18 were circulated in advance with the meeting papers. BR confirmed there were no outstanding actions, there were no 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 Fire Service Update (John Cuerden)**

Board members received an update presentation in relation to Fire Service provision for the GAMP area, including staffing, station area, incidents, specialist roles and wider work performed outside of dealing with incidents.

Cllr JA asked about the Ineos site, and what would happen in the event of an emergency. MW commented that the company would ultimately have responsibility for issuing appropriate safety bulletins in the event of an emergency situation, adding that they have extremely robust safety measures in place, and regular reviews take place between multi-agency partners in relation to this site specifically.

CR asked whether the Fire Service feel they still have an adequate force given ongoing budget reductions. MW commented that budget cuts are always difficult, for every service, however the focus is to maintain an efficient and effective public service, and this will always be the main consideration.

Cllr EA thanked John and Malcolm for the presentation.

### **3.2 DCC Vision (Jenny Haworth)**

Board members received an update presentation in relation to the Council's current review of the vision for County Durham. A lot has changed in the last 10 years, including areas such as technology, retail etc, and the Council is seeking to review its long-term aspirations, or 'ambitions', for the future of County Durham. Consultation is taking place to seek views on a range of issues, with a view to identifying what the Council's future priorities should be. Jenny highlighted that focus groups will be set up as part of the consultation process. There are 7 proposed ambitions, which respondents will be asked to consider and comment on:

- A thriving economy that creates financially secure jobs.
- County Durham is a place to visit, stay and come back to.
- A range of good quality housing is available to meet the future needs of the county.
- Vibrant town and village centres.
- County Durham is a great place for children and young people to grow up.
- People are supported to enjoy healthier and happier lives.
- Fair and supportive communities where everybody matters.

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

- SB commented that there's such economic diversity across the County, that a single 'vision' that suits all would be very difficult to achieve. It's important to recognise the importance and needs of the whole County, for example the City Centre isn't the only driver, Newton Aycliffe has the largest business park in the county and this should be taken into account.
- Cllr JC commented that efforts have been made previously to encourage industry into different areas of the county rather than just the City Centre, but this hasn't been entirely successful. This can lead to feelings of abandonment and neglect in outlying towns and villages, and the Council is well aware of this. There will be a need to balance demands and aspirations as part of the new vision.
- Cllr KH commented that more needs to be done to try and encourage young people studying in County Durham to stay in Durham, more opportunities need to be provided to make it an attractive area to live and work in.
- Cllr SD commented that a recent report to the C&YP Scrutiny Committee highlighted that youth unemployment in 16-24 year olds has halved over the last five years; it would be interesting to see in which sectors and areas the jobs have been created, to help identify potential areas for future growth.

Cllr EA thanked JH for the presentation, and encouraged all Board members to take part in the online consultation, as well as getting involved with the upcoming focus groups. Further information is available via:

[www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation)

### 3.3 Co Durham Partnership Forum Update

SC gave a brief update following her recent attendance at the County Durham Partnership Forum meeting on 10 October, where the focus was mental health, supporting World Mental Health Day. Representatives from DCC and the PCP both signed the 'Time to Change' pledge, which aims to end discrimination and stigma around the subject of mental health.

Lorraine O'Donnell spoke about the AAPs and their partnership working, highlighting that in excess of 5,000 community projects have been supported during the last 10 years.

The Director of Public Health for Co Durham spoke about working with the Local Government Association in relation to mental health, prioritising prevention by scaling up best practice, maximising funding, reducing demand for services, and prevention. The DCC workforce will be supported to thrive, with training given to help managers and others to recognise the signs of, and deal with, mental health, all to help break the stigma.

CG added that she would be happy to give an update at a future meeting in terms of the ongoing community resilience and prevention work the PCP is involved with in relation to mental health.

## 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.

It was noted that antisocial behaviour figures have increased slightly in both Woodham and the West Ward areas. A time-limited project is currently ongoing in the West Ward area, linking in with livin and local County Councillors, to help improve this.

T/Chief Insp SH also highlighted upcoming PACT meeting dates for information.

AJ highlighted that during the period of 5.8.18-19.11.18 there have been 6 x deliberate arson incidents in Middridge Parish. Two of these incidents were very close to the gas station, which, if not intercepted, could have resulted in no gas supply at all to the whole of Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. T/Ch Insp SH commented that patrols have been stepped up in the area, but there are no current leads in relation to these incidents.

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:

- a copy of the Community Grants Audit summary report circulated by email on 17.10.18;
- information on the Council's Local Safeguarding Week, 26-30 Nov, circulated by email on 16.11.16;
- GAMP ebulletin circulated 16.11.18.

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.

### 5.1 Aycliffe Radio Equipment

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

The request from NB is £4,602; the total project cost is £4,602. There are no Cllr Declarations of Interest.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund the purchase of outside broadcast equipment for use at community events etc across the GAMP area.

Board members commented that this was a really good idea and were fully supportive of the proposal, which was **approved**.

### 5.2 NAY&CC Cooker

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

The request from NB is £1,500; the total project cost is £1,500. There is a Declaration of Interest from Cllr John Clare.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund the purchase of a new cooker at NAYCC. The aim is to help increase capacity of the existing weekly lunch club, and to encourage more user groups to the centre.

SC commented that the weekly lunch club is really well attended, with at least 30 people each week, and this will greatly enhance the club.

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

### 5.3 The Moor Viewing Platform

(Cllrs Clare, Durham & Howell)

The request from NB is £10,158; the total project cost is £10,158. There are no Declarations of Interest.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund a viewing platform at the existing designated Local Nature Reserve (The Moor) in Newton Aycliffe. The proposed new viewing platform will provide an extension to the existing circular footpath, enabling better visual access to the nature reserve.

AJ asked for clarification of the location of the nature reserve. Cllr JC explained, and highlighted that the reserve itself is in its early stages, and will develop over time.

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

### 5.4 Play Café

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

The request from NB is £11,000; the total project cost is £25,725. There are no Declarations of Interest.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund weekly 'pop-up' play café events during school holidays, providing a free healthy lunch and play opportunities for referred families.

CG asked which organisation is leading the project; BR clarified the group is called Play Café (St Clare's). Cllr JC commented that this is a fabulous project; referrers identify families who may be struggling to provide food during school holidays, and the play cafes provide an opportunity to combine play opportunities with provision of healthy meals in a safe, stigma free environment.

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

### 5.5 ANPR Capability

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

The request from NB is £11,250; the total project cost is £14,460. There are no Cllr Declarations of Interest. T/Ch Insp SH declared an interest, as a staff member of the applicant organisation.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund 2 re-deployable ANPR cameras for use in the GAMP area, enhancing policing capabilities and improving intelligence. The cameras will also have a wider impact on surrounding towns.

Board members commented that this is a great project, the cameras are a fantastic tool to assist police. T/Ch Insp SH added that funding has also recently been secured in the East Durham Rural Corridor and Bishop/Shildon AAP areas for the same project, which will have broader impacts for the 'patch' as a whole.

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

#### 5.6 CPR & Defibrillator Awareness Training

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

The request from NB is £1,260; the total project cost is £2,800. There are no Cllr Declarations of Interest. DSL declared an interest, as project lead.

BR gave a brief outline of the project proposal, which will fund a CPR and defib awareness training programme across the GAMP area.

DSL commented that the project continues to grow, following initial funding from Area and Neighbourhood Budgets, with more units being added across the GAMP area. The training programme has reached 298 people trained to date, which is great. Cllr EA and CG both endorsed the training, having attended themselves, and commended DSL on the project.

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

BR will forward the above NB applications x 6 to the Funding Team for technical appraisal (**Action 1: BR**).

### 6. **GAMP Coordinator's Update**

#### 6.1 AAP Priority Voting

BR reminded Board members that the closing date for AAP priority voting is 30 November 2018; BR will be attending the PCP Christmas Fair on 1 December for one final push, and these votes will also be fed into the results. BR thanked Board members for their efforts in promoting the voting, in particular MW, DSL and also Vince Crosby, who have gathered in a lot of responses. BR highlighted that this year's response is already higher than the vote from two years ago, which is encouraging. BR added that a report will come to the Board in January, where a decision will be required on which priorities to work on for 2019-21.

#### 6.2 DCC Vision

BR highlighted that he plans to host focus groups at the January round of Task Group meetings, as part of the Vision consultation outlined earlier by Jenny. All Board members are very welcome to attend, if they're not already a member of a Task Group; please contact BR for details.

#### 6.3 Area Budget/Welfare Reform/Youth Fund/Older Persons Social Isolation Fund

BR briefly updated Board members in relation to this year's funding allocations:

- Area Budget: This year's callout saw 12 projects supported through AB, all but one of which have now been signed off by the Funding Team.
- Welfare Reform: We issued 6 x application packs, and received 2 x Expressions of Interest, totalling £14,780 (oversubscribed for the £10k available).

- Youth Fund: We issued 21 x application packs, and received 7 x Expressions of Interest, totalling £17,093 (approximately £5k oversubscribed).
- Older Persons Social Isolation Fund: We issued 15 x application packs, with 7 x Expressions of Interest submitted, and a total funding request of £75,383 (oversubscribed by approx. £50k).

BR confirmed the ranking panel meeting for WR/YF/OPSIF is due to take place on 4 December, and thanked panel members again for volunteering. BR will keep Board members updated in due course.

CG asked whether any evaluation will be completed with those organisations who requested an application pack but didn't submit a proposal. BR agreed this would be a good idea and will take this forward (**Action 2: BR**).

#### 6.4 2019-20 Board Meeting Dates

Details of the scheduled 2019 board meeting dates were circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for information. BR highlighted that the meeting venues have been rotated across the GAMP area, as always, and asked Board members to diary all dates.

#### 6.5 Quarter 2 Project Update Reports

BR confirmed that copies of the Q2 project update reports (July-Sept 2018) for all ongoing projects funded through Area Budget were circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for information. BR asked Board members to note the content of the reports, and contact the GAMP team with any queries.

BR asked Board members to note that the GAMP team frequently go back to project leads to seek further information or clarity on the reports where required; some of this Quarter's updates have been returned two or three times. Support is also given by the GAMP team where a project may be struggling. If any Board member has queries in relation to any of the projects or the information provided, BR stressed these should be submitted to the GAMP team in writing, so they can be taken up directly with project leads. Part of each project's Terms & Conditions is a requirement to submit quarterly monitoring returns, but unfortunately some leads submit more detailed information than others. SC asked if it would be possible to 'insist' that project leads attend a Task Group meeting to give an update presentation on progress. BR clarified, following guidance from the Funding Team, this isn't possible, although attendance is always encouraged by the GAMP team. CG added that perhaps it could be incorporated into the T&Cs, or encouraged locally, that at least one quarterly update would take the form of a presentation, either to the Board or a relevant Task Group. BR will give this some consideration for the next round of updates (**Action 3: BR**).

#### 6.6 GAMP Council Question Feedback

BR confirmed that a copy of the question recently submitted on behalf of GAMP to full Council, along with the subsequent DCC response, had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers, for information. BR added that the process for Council questions from AAPs is currently being reviewed, with potential for more of a 'presentation' style update to Council on the work of the AAP in future. BR will keep Board members updated accordingly. Cllr JC added that the quarterly County Durham Partnership update reports give a good summary of the wealth of work, for all AAPs, and are definitely worth a read. The reports are available online with Cabinet meeting papers, for information ([www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk)).

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

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

**Tuesday 29 January 2019, 6:00pm at Oakleaf Sports Complex**

BR confirmed that the following items are scheduled for the agenda:

- a presentation on the Fire Service Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation
- priority voting decision.

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