

Item 3

Durham Area Action Partnership

Draft Minutes of Board Meeting

Date:	Tuesday 22 January 2019	
Location:	Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ	
Present:	Board Members	
	Rev Joanne Thorns, Bill Moir, Cllr Amanda Hopgood, Cllr Katie Corrigan, Adam Deathe, Cllr Liz Brown, Cllr Marion Wilson, Hannah Shepherd, Cllr Eric Mavin, Parish Cllr Paul Finley, Joe Knight, Simon Bartlett, Insp Andrea Arthur	
In Attendance:	Craig Morgan, Wendy Lavelle, Barbara Williams, Marie Ainscough	
Apologies:	Cllr Arnie Simpson, Chris Tindale, Colin Hillary, Paul Cummings, Christine Scollen, Lee Alexander, Helen Elderkin, Denise Elliott, Sandra Almeida	
Forum Members present	There were 11 forum members present at the meeting	
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1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Amanda Hopgood (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Durham AAP Board Meeting and wished those present 'a Happy New Year'.</p> <p>Apologies for those Board members who were not in attendance, were noted.</p>	
2	<p>Proposals for North Road and the Proposed New Bus Station</p> <p>Dave Wafer, Strategic Traffic Manager, DCC gave a verbal update on the above and explained that the county council wanted to get a general sense of what local people would want to see in the first design.</p> <p>Draft artists impressions for the new development were available at the meeting and plans for the new bus station are at an early stage. The county council are looking at putting mezzanine floor in, toilets downstairs, improved visibility so people will be able to see the buses entering the station, increased security and they have had early discussions with the police to see if they want any space.</p> <p>The county council has set aside £8m for the proposed developed which could be completed in Summer 2020.</p> <p>The chair suggested that comments be forwarded to Craig and he would then pass them onto Dave and his team within the next 4/5 weeks.</p>	CM

<p>3</p>	<p>Durham Police Precept</p> <p>Jon Carling (on behalf of Ron Hogg, Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner delivered a presentation on Police Funding 2019/20. The purpose of the presentation was to help plan the budget for policing in County Durham and Darlington. The budget is made up of a grant from the government and a contribution from Council Tax payers.</p> <p>He explained that government funding for policing in Durham and Darlington has reduced every year since 2010 resulting in Durham Constabulary having around 390 fewer officers, a reduction of 1 in 4.</p> <p>By increasing the policing precept (an element of council tax) will allow for investment in technology in order to make officers more effective and efficient and maintain the number of police officers. The government have limited the increase to £2 per household (13.24%) per month for property in council tax band D. The increase would also be 13.24% for properties in other council tax bands.</p> <p>Questionnaires were available at the meeting. The closing date is 31 January 2019.</p> <p>Forum member's raised questions regarding the number of staff employed in the Durham and Darlington PCVC team compared with other areas such as Northumbria.</p> <p>JK praised the PCVC for raising the profile of hate crimes. EA stated it was positive that the Police Force were employing apprentices.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the Board meeting held on 11 December 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p>Laurel Avenue <u>Community</u> Association Toilet Refurbishment Project The applicant did accept responsibility for that part of the building and the application was approved.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Questions</p> <p>One neighbourhood question had been submitted from Ms Lucy Smout Szablewska -</p> <p>Question What can Durham County Council and other partners do to control the behaviour of street vendors such as those from First Utility and Octopus Energy who have been harassing people in Durham City Centre over the past few months?</p>	

	<p>Response from Durham County Council</p> <p>The Council's existing powers to deal with chuggers and financial selling in the Street (Gas, Electricity etc.) is extremely limited. For example, chugging and signing up members of the public for electricity and gas billing purposes, direct debits, credit/debit cards and similar on-line financial services are not activities that are covered by, for example street trading or charitable collection legislation, which is administered and enforced by the council. In a similar manner, Pedlars activities lie outside the control of the Council although they would require a certificate that is issued by the Police.</p> <p>Nuisance behaviour (includes harassment) should be reported to the Police non-emergency number 101 when it occurs.</p> <p>We appreciate you have highlighted these issues and I would like to assure you that we are working with the Police regarding the measures we can implement regarding the behaviour you refer to in your correspondence.</p> <p>The response has been feedback to Lucy.</p> <p>The chair notified the meeting that this item of business was for information only and not open for discussion.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Durham AAP Priorities 2019/2021 - Report</p> <p>A report to update on the outcomes of the recent priorities survey had been circulated and Board members were asked to decide on Durham AAP priorities for 2019/20 and 2020/21.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the Durham AAP priorities will be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, young people and families (incorporating Health and Wellbeing) • Older people (incorporating Health and Wellbeing) • Improving our villages and city <p>All three task and finish groups could cover elements of the top 7 ranked priorities.</p> <p>The AAP team will collate all of the comments for each relevant task and finish group by 1 April 2019.</p> <p>Craig thanked the AAP team for inputting all of the survey onto Survey Monkey and being proactive in targeting groups and event at which the surveys could be completed.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Priorities & Task Groups Updates</p> <p><i>Funding Allocation Update</i></p> <p>The Woodpile project have received their offer letter today.</p>	

Board members had been provided with information on approved projects, those to be considered for approval by the Board and those projects in the pipeline.

Should the two projects be approved tonight, there will be £217.00 Area Budget and £1,901.00 Youth Fund remaining which must be committed by 31 March 2019.

Children, Young People and Families

No Children & Young People & Health Task Group meetings have taken place since the last board meeting.

Older People

A meeting of the Older People's Task Group was held on 16 January 2019. There were no minutes to bring to the meeting.

Project Approvals: Bearpark Older People's Work

An application has been received for £12,960.00 towards a £17,040.00 project.

This grant would support the ongoing work of the group who would run two weekly sessions. One would work with residents of a local nursing home who have additional needs. Weekly activity sessions and trips would be provided. The second weekly session would be an older people's drop in offering food and social activities.

This project has been to the Board previously but the applicant was asked to clarify why they should be providing activities for people living in the nursing home. This has been discussed with the applicant at the older people's task group.

Discussion ensued and Board members agreed that they were happy to support the café/drop in session however, rejected the weekly session with residents of a local nursing home as they felt they were not open to the wider community.

The applicant to be invited to resubmit the application as per the above decision.

St Margaret's Centre Café Visit Feedback

Craig had visited the café before Christmas and was pleased to report that this project, funded by the AAP, was complete and he encouraged people to go and use it. The café is a safe space for people to visit and open to anyone.

Promotion of City Centre / Durham AAP

The minutes of the meeting of the Promotion of the City / Durham AAP meeting held on 15 January 2019, had previously been circulated for information.

Project Approvals: Durham City Visitor Church Map

An application has been received for £5,065.00 towards a £7,105.00 project.

	<p>Durham City has a number of historic churches within close proximity of each other. They are part of the cities heritage and could form part of its offer to tourists. Visit County Durham are looking to develop a map of the churches so visitors can add them to their schedule. The project will also look to support volunteers at the churches and provide interpretation information at each church.</p> <p>This project has been to the Board previously but the applicant was asked to look at a map/guide focusing on the exteriors as there was not always the option for people to go into the churches. The applicant has come back with a revised proposal.</p> <p>Board members were happy to support this project and the application was approved.</p>	
8	<p>Budget Updates</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Budgets</i></p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board.</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Kings Church Achor Project Councillor(s): Corrigan Interest Declared: No Amount: £2,000.00</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Durham Area Youth Councillor(s): Kellett / Hall Interest Declared: Yes – Cllr David Hall is a member of the management committee Amount: £2,000.00</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Nevilles Cross Flower Towers (supporting Durham in Bloom) Councillor(s): Scott / Brown Interest Declared: No Amount: costs are still to be clarified</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Wantage Road/Dene Drive Resurfacing Councillor(s): Eric Mavin / Lesley Mavin Interest Declared: No Amount: £13,455.40</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Aykley Road Parking Area Councillor(s): Wilkes / Hopgood / Simmons Interest Declared: No Amount: £26,145.95</p> <p>Name of Scheme: St Mary’s Church Refurbishment Phase 3 Councillor(s): Stoker Interest Declared: No Amount: £4,000.00</p>	

	<p>Name of Scheme: Signage from High Pittington Councillor(s): Hall Interest Declared: No Amount: £1,480.00</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Huntingdonshire Drive, Belmont Councillor(s): Eric Mavin / Lesley Mavin Interest Declared: No Amount: £14,853.33</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Carrside, Carrville Carriageway Resurfacing Councillor(s): Eric Mavin / Lesley Mavin Interest Declared: No Amount: £9,407.68</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Sherburn Primary School Councillor(s): Kellett / Hall Interest Declared: No Amount: £12,000.00</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Carrville High Street Footpath Resurfacing Councillor(s): Eric Mavin / Lesley Mavin Interest Declared: No Amount: £12,043.15</p> <p>The Board was happy to approve the projects and the interest as declared.</p> <p>Community Small Grants Report</p> <p>An update report on Durham AAP's Small Grants Scheme, managed by County Durham Community Foundation, was circulated with the papers for information.</p> <p>The balance remaining for allocation from the AAP is £3,800.00.</p> <p>Anyone who had project ideas were to contact County Durham Community Foundation.</p>	
9	<p>Co-ordinator's / AAP Reports</p> <p>The AAP team are currently working on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways Project - trying to identify some funding (Barbara Williams) • Sherburn Hill Primary School (Barbara Williams) • Sherburn Hill Hub (Craig Morgan) • Nevilles Cross Cllrs, Merryoaks Community Centre, Section 106 funding (Craig Morgan) <p>Interviews have taken place to fill the two public representative vacancies on the board and the newly appointed Board members are to be named once they have accepted the role.</p>	

Rev Joanne Thorns is the new VCS (partner representative) replacing the Durham Community Action role.

Helen Elderkin is leaving the board as a public representative.

10 Partner Updates

DURHAM AAP Report – Police Update

Report compiled by Neighbourhood Inspector Andrea Arthur (January 2019)

Sherburn news

The refurbishment of Sherburn section office is now complete and the officers have moved back in last week. Officers are planning on arranging an open day event to allow the community to see the results of the refurbishment and encourage drop in visits for good partnership engagement.

Sherburn are continuing the mutual gain work on Sherburn Road estate and a number of residents are being trained as peer mentors to support some of the drugs diversion work that is being undertaken.

Both Ludworth and West Rainton have been the focus of multi-agency scoping meetings for issues with youth anti-social behaviour and off road biking. Officers have been working with residents to identify problem areas, focus patrolling and deal with known offenders.

City Issues

The city team were joined by a number of force wide officers to conduct an operation in the city on the run up to Christmas. The first three days of the operation officers were faced with a number of issues from known rough sleepers who were begging and openly drinking in the City in breach of the PSPO restrictions. Positive action was taken using anti-social behaviour legislation and community protection warnings and then notices were given. Within a short space of time it appeared that the issues in the centre had been displaced with people congregating out of sight of the CCTV for example below Kingsgate Bridge. Businesses were reporting to officers that during the time officers were on duty the problems weren't apparent but outside of these hours some were continuing to beg albeit more discreetly.

Significant positive feedback was received at the end of the operation. The challenge I have now is to keep the focus on the City and dealing with presenting issues in a consistent manner. I am continuing to push the issues with partners and I have regular meetings to discuss individuals in genuine need of help and support allowing the police to focus on attached criminality.

Staffing updates

The local neighbourhood teams welcomed three new members of staff. Newly trained PCSO Stephanie Clarke has joined the Sherburn team. PCSO Kirsty Lawrence has joined the Framwellgate Moor policing team and PCSO Sophie Leng

	<p>has joined the City team. They are all being mentored in the role at present but I am sure with time they will all be fantastic additions to the teams.</p> <p>The police website will shortly be amended to reflect a reduction in beat code areas allowing members of the public to easily identify the officers who cover your area. The officers will all be producing a localised newsletter on a monthly basis which will include crime statistics available from the police.co.uk website.</p> <p>This will hopefully better inform people of local crime trends and neighbourhood initiatives and news</p> <p>Contact If there are any concerns/queries or issues then please contact Andrea Arthur on the following e-mail address</p> <p>Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>NHS Update</p> <p>Christine Scollen</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>Any Board member who wished to become a board champion for any of the projects (funded by Durham AAP) on the list, they were asked to let Craig know.</p> <p>Durham Vocal Festival which is being part funded by Durham AAP will take place from 26 January – 9 February 2019. Further information can be found on the website www.durhamvocalfestival.co.uk</p> <p>Leaflets were available at the meeting for distribution and display purposes.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Board Meeting – Wednesday 27 February 2019 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm in Durham Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda Item: County Durham Plan Pre-Submission and Housing Strategy</p> <p>Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning – Durham County Council will be in attendance.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	