Notes of the Weardale Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

22nd November 2018 at Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope

PRESENT

Board Members

Public Representatives:	Tom Nattrass (TN) - ***CHAIR*** Phil Chatfield (PC) Tony Griffin (TN) Josephine Hayes (JH) Chris Powell (CP)
Partner Representatives:	Catherine Findlay - Clinical Commissioning Group (CF) Julian Haynes – Voluntary Sector (JuH) Damian Pearson - County Durham Housing Group (DP) Inspector Ed Turner – Durham Constabulary (ET) Peter Maddison – County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (PM)
Elected Members:	Cllr Brian Thompson – Stanhope (BT) Cllr David Sugden – Wolsingham (DS) Cllr Olive Wilson - Witton-le-Wear (OW) Cllr David Ellwood – CDALC (DE) Trish Chapman – Hunstanworth(TC)
Officers:	Angelina Maddison (AM) Tracy Edwards (TE) Fiona Barber (FB)

Apologies

Public Representatives:	Joan Warriner Dawn Gregory
Partner Representatives:	Paul Smissen – Business Sector Stuart Timmiss – Durham County Council
Elected Representatives:	Cllr Anita Savory Cllr Helen Barrass – Muggleswick Parish Council

Presentations:

Anne Gladwin (Durham Wildlife Trust)
Mark Dinning (Durham Wildlife Trust)
Michelle Panchen (Macmillan Joining the Dots)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

   The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table. Forum members who were also in attendance were invited to introduce themselves as well. Apologies are recorded as above.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   The Chair asked that any Declarations of Interest be raised at the appropriate time on the agenda.

3. **Agreement of Notes from Board Meeting held on 20th September 2018 and Matters Arising**

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

   There were no identified Matters Arising.

4. **Local Neighbourhood Issues and PACT**

   AM advised that there were no Neighbourhood Issues to be brought to the attention of the Board.

   PACT – ET reassured those present that Weardale is experiencing very low crime levels. He reported on a recent Farmwatch operation at which there had been a good turnout of volunteers - approximately 60 turning out across Teesdale and Weardale – and no crime was recorded.

   ET advised that the two Tri-Repsonders in Weardale have now moved on to new jobs. The Tri-Repsonder role employs an individual who takes on the three roles of PCSO, Fire Officer and is also a member of the ambulance service. They can be called out to respond to any of the three services. This has been recognised as a great initiative for rural areas. ET confirmed that the post will be advertised externally.

   TN queried whether these jobs are dependent on funding being decided on an annual basis. ET and PM confirmed that both the Police and Fire Service see the merit in the role and funding has now been allocated.

   Community Speedwatch – An effective scheme for lower level speeding concerns. There is a good team of volunteers across Weardale.
   Winter Nights Initiative – A scheme to encourage residents to be more ‘savvy’ with regards to the security of their homes and possessions. A number of crimes are still being committed that could have been avoided had there been less complacency and more awareness of security.
   Overall the crime and Anti Social Behaviour is very very low.

   TN thanked ET for the information, commenting that it was pleasing to hear that crime levels are so low.

   PC offered that he had recently witnessed a police response to an incident in Weardale and was impressed by what he saw.

5. Presentations

Low Barns Nature Reserve Visitor Centre Refurbishment – Mark Dinning (MD) & Anne Gladwin (AG) – Durham Wildlife Trust

MD gave a presentation on the work that is to be carried out at the Visitor Centre at Low Barns Nature Reserve. The total project will cost £85,275 and has received £17,000 towards it from The WAP's Area Budget.

A copy of the presentation is held on file. If you would like a copy of this please email the WAP team at weardaleaap@durham.gov.uk

Questions were invited from Board members – a summary of replies is detailed below.

Accessibility - MD confirmed that the Low Barns site is already fully wheelchair and other mobility needs accessible. This will extend to the new educational areas in the refurbishment.

Planning – MD confirmed that full planning approval was gained at the end of October 2018. (AM confirmed that Low Barns was included in the WAP area.)

Promotion of Weardale – MD confirmed that Low Barns is keen to promote the wider conservation interests of Weardale. They already distribute leaflets at the centre.

Environmental design – MD confirmed that there will not be a lot of material change in regard to the building. There are limitations as to what can be achieved with the level of funding obtained however the new windows will be triple-glazed and the car park surfacing will be permeable to prevent contaminants running into the water courses. Durham Wildlife Trust prides itself on investing in the environment. Although there are limitations with this funding the issue is under constant review.

The Chair thanked MD and AG for their presentation.

Changes to 7-Day Access to Primary care Services Consultation – Catherine Findlay (CF) – Clinical Commissioning Group

CF introduced the CCG's consultation which follows a review of the services provided currently that showed that the hubs are under-utilised.

A video presentation was shown – a copy of which is held on file. If you would like a copy of this please email the WAP team at weardaleaap@durham.gov.uk

Questions were invited from Board members – a summary of replies is detailed below.

Location of Stanhope Hub – CF confirmed that the hub was based in the Weardale Practice. She also confirmed that the proposed location of the hub which will cover the Durham Dales is Bishop Auckland. She stressed that this is still under consultation and people are welcome to attend the upcoming consultation event which will take place on Saturday 24th November at Wolsingham School.

Lack of awareness of facility – Board members expressed concern that very few were aware of the hub's existence. CF stated that the hub wasn't a place you could just walk in to – instead, if you had contacted the 111 service they would have directed you to it if appropriate.

Public Transport – Board members expressed concern that Bishop Auckland was not accessible to residents of Weardale on a Sunday for those reliant on public transport.
Consultation Process – AM reminded Board members that this is a consultation and so there is opportunity for Board members and members of the community to have their say. The information has already been in our e-bulletin and CF will feedback the comments from tonight's meeting.

The Chair thanked CF for her presentation.

Macmillan Joining the Dots – Michelle Panchen (MP)

MP gave a short presentation on a new service which will have its official launch in January 2019. The service offers support to those who have received a diagnosis of cancer or anyone who is affected by someone else's diagnosis. The project is one of 5 pilots across the UK.

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Questions were invited from Board members – a summary of replies is detailed below.

Model - MP explained that the project is based on the model of 7 members of staff carrying out home visits with an unlimited end to these visits.

Awareness – MP advised that although the service has not been launched officially there are already clients being helped. The team are visiting AAPs, GPs (MP has already met with The Weardale Practice) and in Weardale, MP has arranged to have the window of the Hub to advertise the service as well as an article in the Weardale Gazette. MP also confirmed that medical specialists have the information about the service and are able to make referrals.

Linking with other professionals – AM stated that MP and Lisa, our Wellness Coordinator, will work together where appropriate and also liaise with Linda our Rural Advice Worker.

Board members felt that this will be a really valuable service – especially with the help available for family members and friends.

The Chair thanked MP for her presentation.

6. Weardale Action Partnership Reports – Board Ambassador Reports

i. Muggleswick Memorial Bench

Muggleswick Parish Community Association received £500 towards a memorial bench to commemorate the sacrifice of those who fought in World War 1. The bench was unveiled following a special service on Sunday 4th November.

ii. Little Friends of Crosshill

The Friends of Crosshill applied for funding of £400 from the Small Grants Fund to purchase equipment to enhance the visits to the nursing home by children of SCAMPS nursery.

iii. Sew Together – Sew Wot!

JH reported on her visit to the Sew Together – Sew Wot! Group which runs at Eastgate Village Hall. They successfully applied for £1,500 from the Small Grants Fund to purchase various art and craft equipment to allow each member to participate fully in the activities available – some equipment is specialist to allow members with certain physical restrictions to take part.

JH was pleasantly surprised by the group and was impressed with both the activities taking place and the friendship / social aspect. She noted that a number of those attending could be described as leading quite isolated lives.

JH did express concern over the future sustainability of the group. The WAP team will continue to support the group.

iv. Witton-le-Wear Heritage Centre

Joan Warriner visited the project during the summer which received £850 from the Small Grants Fund. Her feedback had been presented to Board members in a report.

v. Wolsingham School – Field Study Visit

Wolsingham School applied for funding from the Small Grants Fund of £600 to allow students who experienced difficulty in engaging within the classroom setting to attend a Field Study Centre for a few days. The school have reported noticeable changes in behaviour and attitudes of the young people involved in the visit.

7. Priorities 2018/19 Financial Year

AM drew the Board's attention to the spreadsheet displayed which gave an overview of the projects receiving funding from the WAP this year. A copy of this spreadsheet is included as Appendix 1.

AM updated the Board with developments since the last Board meeting.

Witton-le-Wear Youth Provision – following on from the discussion at the last Board meeting, the WAP team met with representatives of Witton-le-Wear Community Centre and Parish Council to negotiate the charges for venue hire and to establish clear processes.

Stanhope Play Area – Both Cllr Savory and Cllr Shuttleworth have agreed to funding of £2,500 from their respective Neighbourhood Budgets.

Kickabout Sessions – The Board were reminded of the project and a summary of the project was provided to each Board member. A request for £2,000 of Area budget and £3,902 AAP Youth Fund was submitted to Board members.

The Board APPROVED funding as detailed above.

Rural Skills Training – AM advised that the WAP team have been promoting these training opportunities at the Agricultural Shows over the summer. The training is delivered by UTASS and they have also linked another pot of funding to ours to increase the training opportunities on offer.

Low Barns Nature Reserve Visitor Centre Refurbishment – OW advised that Witton-le-Wear Parish Council have provided a letter of support.

Slitt Wood / Groverake / Rookhope Arch – AM advised that the element of the funding that has been requested from WAP is to provide Highways refurbishment work at the laybys near to some of these sites.

TG requested that in future, Board members be provided with a hard copy of the spreadsheet. **Action: WAP team** to ensure that this is provided at future meetings.

Board Ambassadors

The WAP team asked for volunteers to be Board Ambassadors for the following projects:

- Smiles Across Weardale (Dental Health in pre-school children) – AS, OW, TC,JH
- Improved Stage lighting at St Thomas' Church Hall – CP

A message of thanks from Wearhead Village Hall was read out to Board members.

8. 2018/19 Neighbourhood Budget

The Board were shown the details of the spend on the Neighbourhood Budgets for both Cllr Savory and Cllr Shuttleworth. See Appendix 2.

A Neighbourhood Budget application from Cllr Savory's allocation was submitted to the Board for their approval due to a **Declaration of Interest from Cllr Savory**.

Wolsingham Primary School have applied for funding of £2,895 from Cllr Savory's Neighbourhood Budget – the **Board APPROVED** the application.

AM confirmed that Neighbourhood Budgets could be rolled over from Years 1, 2 and 3 but must be fully allocated in Year 4.

9. Countywide Partner Issues

AM advised Board members that Durham County Council will be consulting on our new vision. Further information will be forwarded to Board members once received. AM stated this was an opportunity for the community of Weardale to influence the work of Durham County Council and encouraged all residents to take part in the consultation.

AM also advised that just prior to the meeting she had received an email from Dawn who has sadly expressed a wish to resign from the Board due to other commitments. AM stated that she would be in touch with Dawn to confirm her resignation and that recruitment for the vacancy would begin in due course. AM confirmed that a letter of thanks will also be sent to Dawn.

10. Dates and Times of Future Meetings

The Chair advised that the March Board meeting had been brought forward by a week to Thursday 14th March.

Next meeting – Thursday 7th February, 2:00pm–4:00pm in Durham Dales Centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1

Area Budget 2018/19 Projects	Budget				
	Area Budget	Other AAP AB/NB Investment	Match Funding	Total	Minimum 20% Capital
Support to Groups in Weardale					
Small Grants Fund (18AB-WEAR001)	£20,000	£9,640	£21,000	£50,640	
	£20,000	**£9,640**	**£21,000**	**£50,640**	
Children Young People and Families					
Wolsingham Skate Park (18AB-WEAR004)	£20,000	**0**	£72,000	£92,000	£20,000
Witton-le-Wear Youth Provision £3K YF	£2,000	£3,000	£1,500	£6,500	
Stanhope Play Area	£20,000	£5,000	£20,000	£45,000	£20,000
Underpin Kickabouts £3760 YF	£2,000	£3,760	£2,000	£7,760	
Rural Skills Training	£10,000	0	£9,346	£19,346	
Witton-le-Wear Breakfast Club	£4,000	0	£5,880	£9,880	
	£58,000	**£11,760**	**£110,726**	**£180,486**	**£40,000**
Culture, Tourism and Heritage					
Low Barns - Visitor Centre Refurbishment	£17,000		£69,090	£86,090	£17,000
Slitt Wood / Groverake / Rookhope Arch	£5,000		£15,000	£20,000	£5,000
	£22,000	**£0**	**£84,090**	**£106,090**	**£22,000**

Area Budget 2018/19 Projects	Area Budget	Other AAP AB/NB Investment	Match Funding	Total	Minimum 20% Capital
***Social Isolation x3yrs(* £25,000pa)**					
Wellness Coordinator	£25,000		£4,492	£29,492	
	£25,000		£4,492	£29,492	
Youth Fund £9,902					
Weardale Tub		£3,000		£3,000	
Witton-le-Wear Youth Provision £3K YF*					
Underpin Kickabouts £3760 YF*					
	£9,902	**£3,000**	**£0**	**£3,000**	**£0**
Welfare Reform £10,000					
Rural Advice Worker	**£10,000**		**£6,845.80**	**£16,845.80**	
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AREA BUDGET SUMMARY	
2018/19 Area Budget Allocation	£100,000
Welfare Reform	£10,000
Youth Provision	£9,902
Social Isolation Fund	£25,000
Total 2018/19 Area Budget	**£144,902**
Allocated budget	**£144,760**

Appendix 2

Neighbourhood Budget 2018/19

Cllr Anita Savory

Neighbourhood Budget	
Centenary Outdoor Room – Wolsingham Primary	£2,525
Community Day	£4,500
Stanhope Play Area	£2,500
Resurfacing Play Area – Wolsingham Primary	£2,895
Neighbourhood Budget – Small Grants Fund	
Planters for Wolsingham – Cornerstone	£150
Wearhead Clippy Mat Group – New Boiler	£100
Weardale Flower & Garden Club – Bulb planting	£200
Wolsingham Adult Football Team	£200
Stanhope Silver Band March	£150
Witton Word	£200
Wolsingham Christmas Market	£500
Senior Citizen's Lunch, Wolsingham School	£200
Wolsingham School Craft Fair	£100
Light Up Frosterley	£100
Neighbourhood Grant Remaining - £25,575	

Cllr John Shuttleworth

Neighbourhood Budget	
Weardale Agricultural Show	£2,000
Stanhope Play Area	£2,500
Neighbourhood Budget – Small Grants Fund	
Barrington Bites Luncheon Club	£150
Cowshill Leek Show	£200
Barrington Bites Christmas Lunch	£200
Rookhope In Bloom	£200
Neighbourhood Grant Remaining - £33,550	