

## Item 4

### Durham Area Action Partnership

#### Approved Minutes of Board Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 5 June 2019	
<b>Location:</b>	Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	
	Cllr Amanda Hopgood, David Peries, Joe Knight, Chris Tindale, Karen Fearon, Cllr Bill Kellett, Cllr Liz Brown, Hannah Shepherd, Rev Joanne Thorns, Insp Andrea Arthur, Cllr Marion Wilson, Cllr Arnie Simpson	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Craig Morgan, Wendy Lavelle, Marie Ainscough	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Bill Moir, Parish Cllr Paul Finley, Simon Bartlett, Christine Scollen, Cllr Eric Mavin, Denise Elliott, Lee Alexander, Adam Deathe, Sandra Almedia, Ryan Briggs, Paul Cummings	
<b>Forum Members present</b>	There were 12 forum members present at the meeting	
<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Chris Tindale (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Durham AAP Board Meeting and apologies were noted for those Board members who were not in attendance.</p> <p>Forum members were asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting &amp; Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Board meeting held on 30 April 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Questions</b></p> <p>No neighbourhood questions had been submitted.</p> <p>You can raise neighbourhood questions, which are any issues that you feel Durham AAP Board can address. They do need to be received in advance of the Board meetings to allow time for responses.</p>	

	A question/response concerning student noise will be addressed at the next meeting.	
4	<p><b>Priorities &amp; Task Groups Updates</b></p> <p><b>Children, Young People and Families</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Children &amp; Young People &amp; Health Task Group held on 14 May 2019, had previously been circulated.</p> <p>No questions were raised in relation to the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Proposal – Laurel Avenue Rising Stars</li> </ul> <p>An application has been received for £3,300.00 (Youth Fund) towards a total project cost of £5,267.75.</p> <p>The project will work with a core group of 35 young people who attend the youth project at Laurel Avenue Community Centre. The funding will help to engage the services of ‘Active Theatre’ and supporting youth workers. The young people involved will develop and put on a show that will hopefully be performed at the Gala Theatre in Durham. This project will enable a group of young people who might not normally have the opportunity, to get involved in putting on a performance.</p> <p><b>Joe Knight declared an interest in this project.</b></p> <p>The application was approved.</p> <p><b>Older People</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Older People’s Task and Finish Group held on 22 May 2019, had previously been circulated.</p> <p>No questions were raised in relation to the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Proposal – Kings Church Achor Project</li> </ul> <p>An application has been received for £7,500.00 towards a total project cost of £23,190.32.</p> <p>This project was considered by the AAP Board at the last meeting. However they requested additional information that needs to be considered before a decision can be made.</p> <p>The Achor project provides a number of services for older people in the Sherburn Road area of Durham. Activities include a lunch club, befriending service and a gardening project. Staff from King’s Church along with volunteers from the Church and local community deliver the various activities. The project has run successfully for several years and funding would help to sustain the work. The</p>	

project aims to help 50 older people and will involve 40 volunteers (1601 hours of volunteer time).

The applicant has provided additional information in support of the application at the request of the Board.

The application was approved.

- **Project Proposal – Durham Bridge Club**

An application has been received for £5,690.00 (Social Isolation Fund) towards a total project cost of £6,690.00.

Durham Bridge Club offer a safe and inclusive environment for people to come together, socialise and play Bridge. The club is based at Framwellgate Moor Community Centre and has approximately 150 members, most of whom are over 50.

The club has had the offer to take over an office at the centre which would mean the club would have a permanent and secure base. This will help the club to develop and buy their own Duplicator machine (a machine to sort out the cards). Club members currently travel to Darlington to pick up the cards. The club is inclusive and welcomes all comers and runs several sessions a week including sessions for beginners. Funding will enable the club to run an additional session every week.

During the application process the club have made good links with Age UK County Durham and Wellbeing for Life who are both interested in linking socially isolated older people with the club.

Cllr Amanda Hopgood proposed that Durham AAP offer £5,000.00 and the applicant bring in the remainder. Craig Morgan highlighted that he had spoken to the applicant and they were happy to contribute.

**Cllr Liz Brown declared an interest in this project.**

Marie-Therese Pinder looked forward to the outcome of the monitoring of this project now that the club pursue working jointly with Age UK County Durham and Wellbeing for Life.

Board members agreed to allocate £5,000.00 towards this project.

- **Project Proposal – Newton Hall Community Centre Refurbishment**

An application has been received for £10,000.00 (Area Budget) towards a total project cost of £60,000.00.

Newton Hall Community Centre offers numerous activities for the local community with many of their activities focusing on older people. The design of the centre means that some of the spaces they have are not fully utilised. Funding would enable them to change some of the internal layout creating new

space from which additional activities could be delivered from.

Over 75% of the centre's users are older people and the work will allow the centre to increase the number of users annually and develop new activities.

**Cllr Amanda Hoggood declared an interest in this project as she is a Trustee of the community centre**

The application was approved.

**Improving Our Villages and City**

The minutes of the meeting of the Improving our Villages and City Task and Finish Group held on 14 May 2019, had previously been circulated.

Hannah Shepherd reminded everyone about the Community Fun Day that is taking place on Saturday 22 June from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Palace Green. There will be something for all ages and interests and will include live music, theatre, sports, arts and crafts and much more. Entry is free although there may be a small charge for some activities. Everyone is welcome.

- Project Proposal – DREAM: Pride in Durham

An application has been received for £10,000.00 (Area Budget) towards a total project cost of £30,500.00.

Dream CIC are working with local volunteers on the historical site of Beaurepaire manor house near Bearpark. Some initial work to clear the decades of undergrowth from the site has already been done but in order to take the project forward a lot more work needs to be done. Funding will help with equipment and space on site for storage and meetings.

The work at Beaurepaire is the first project being carried out by DREAM. There are plans for at least 8 other community heritage projects in the Durham AAP area as the organisation moves forward. The project is expected to involve 500 people which will include work with schools. 40 local volunteers will also be involved with the project.

John Watkins, Director of Dream Heritage highlighted that this project has already generated huge interest in the local schools.

The application was approved.

**AB Funding Update**

For 2019/20 Durham AAP has an allocation of £145,000.00 of funding. To date, £33,000.00 has been approved.

A funding leaflet detailing grants available through Durham AAP from a number of different funding streams has been circulated far and wide and hardcopies had been taken along to the meeting.

	<p><b>Quarterly Project Updates</b></p> <p><b>Woodpile Project Visit Report</b></p> <p>Craig Morgan and Hannah Shepherd visited the Woodpile and Hannah who is the Board Ambassador for this project gave a verbal update following their visit -</p> <p>Many of those who attend the sessions have been referred through the NHS and many are massively skilled people with disabilities. The free courses are proving very successful and are aimed at targeting barriers of unemployment. Karen and her husband spoke passionately about recycling and talked at length about the case studies. They do however face physical challenges and currently rent the premises. The funding they received from Durham AAP has made a big difference.</p>	
5	<p><b>Budget Updates</b></p> <p><i>Welfare Reform – 2019/20 Criteria</i></p> <p>The Welfare Reform Fund is an allocation of funds to each of the 14 Area Action Partnerships to support community led initiatives that meet local needs, impact on County and AAP priorities as they relate to improving outcomes for those affected by Welfare Reform.</p> <p>Each AAP receives £10,000.00 and is now available. A guide to the AAP Welfare Reform Fund had been included in the packs for information.</p> <p>Craig did point out that <b><i>Applicants must have a case management system to record outcomes for monitoring purposes</i></b> had been added to the criteria as well as applicants must also be a member of the <b>Advice in Durham Partnership</b>.</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Budgets</i></p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board -</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Durham Cavalliers Replacement Instruments  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hall / Kellett  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £1,020.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Planting in Framwellgate &amp; Newton Hall Ward  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hopgood / Simmons / Wilkes  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £7,929.62</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Newton Hall Community Centre Refurbishment  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Wilkes / Hopgood / Simmons  <b>Interest Declared:</b> Yes – Amanda Hopgood &amp; Mamie Simmons are members of the Community Centre Committee</p>	

	<p><b>Amount:</b> £10,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Littletown CC Land Purchase  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hall  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £15,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Bearpark School Velo  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Wilson  <b>Interest Declared:</b> Yes – Cllr Wilson is a school governor  <b>Amount:</b> £1,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Play Team Fram  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Wilkes / Hopgood / Simmons  <b>Interest Declared:</b> Yes – Mark Wilkes is a Governor of the School  <b>Amount:</b> £6,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Oswald Court Planting  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Ormerod  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £3,960.00</p> <p>The Board was happy to approve the projects and the interest as declared.</p>	
6	<p><b>Co-ordinator's / AAP Reports</b></p> <p>Craig had very little to report on but did notify the meeting that he had been doing a lot of work in Sherburn Hill and with Neville's Cross Community Centre.</p>	
7	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p><i>Police Update</i></p> <p>Andrea Arthur provided the AAP with the following update on local policing information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The community newsletter is going live this month and will include crime and ASB figures.</li> <li>➤ There has been an increase in the theft of motorbikes in the Gilesgate and Sherburn area.</li> <li>➤ PCSO Rebecca Carey is leaving Durham Constabulary and will be replaced by Sean Tindale.</li> <li>➤ Sherburn section office has now opened.</li> <li>➤ The copper bike scheme has been launched.</li> <li>➤ It has been announced that a 7 year old pupil from Cassop Primary School has been awarded the Young Heroes Award. Andrea will be presenting him with a certificate. Applications are available online for anyone wishing to nominate someone.</li> <li>➤ Durham Constabulary will be supporting the Community Fun Day.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Joe Knight asked Andrea if she could arrange for a group of people to visit the Police HQ for a 'look around'. Andrea did say that this would have to be organised and that she would need to ask for permission. Andrea agreed to facilitate this.</p> <p>Marie-Therese Pinder asked if it would be appropriate to hold a future Board meeting there. Andrea said this could be arranged although there would be an issue around parking.</p> <p>All of the venues for Board meetings have been booked for this year however Marie did make a note of this when organising venues for Board meetings in 2020/21.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> If there are any concerns/queries or issues then please contact Andrea Arthur on the following e-mail address</p> <p><a href="mailto:Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk">Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk</a></p> <p><i>NHS Update</i></p> <p>Christine Scollen had submitted her apologies but had let us know that Gillian Curry from CDDFT had been in touch about booking a slot on the agenda for the July Board meeting to provide an update on the Emergency Care Centre Development at UHND.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> – Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 6.00 pm at Collingwood College, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LT</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	