

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

25 November 2021

Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Board Meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2021 via Microsoft Teams:

- Allan Blakemore, AAP Chair welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership.
- A warm welcome was offered to Kester Noble who had been appointed as a public representative on the board.
- Malcolm Gray was unable to attend the meeting. He had provided information for the AAP to consider/distribute to the board on Estate Walkabouts which are led by Housing Support Coordinators and are conducted across most of the areas where livin have large numbers of homes. Everyone was encouraged to attend and get involved.
- Angela Stobbart from Believe Housing provided links for grants available -
 - ❖ Large capital grant £10k-£20k
<https://www.believehousing.co.uk/in-your-neighbourhood/believe-housing-community-grants/large-community-capital-grant/>
Closing date 5th December at 4pm
 - ❖ Small grant programme remains always open as long as funds last for both £500 and £1,000
https://www.believehousing.co.uk/in-your-neighbourhood/believe-housing-community-grants/500_fund/; <https://www.believehousing.co.uk/in-your-neighbourhood/believe-housing-community-grants/1000-grant/>
- The Board approved the following Area Budget projects –
 - Coxhoe Village Hall Association - Making Coxhoe Village Hall Accessible
 - Rose Cottage Community Hub CIC – The Wellbeing Project at Rose Cottage
 - Sport Works – Head, Heart, Health
 - Trimdon Parish Council – Trimdon Grange Rec
- The Board approved two Holiday Activities with Healthy Food Fund applications for the Christmas Holidays 2021 -
 1. Fishburn Youth and Community Centre – Fun and Food Christmas Holidays 2021
 2. Rose Cottage Community Hub, Trimdon Grange – Elves Craft Workshops)

- The following neighbourhood budget project was shared with the board.

Name of Scheme: Making Coxhoe Village Hall Accessible

Councillor(s): McKeon / Hutchinson / Blakey

Interest Declared: No

Amount: £15,000 (£5,000 each)

The Board was happy to approve the project.

- Members of the public are being invited to apply to become a public representative on the Board of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership. For an application pack or for more information, please contact the AAP team via email eastdurhamruralaap@durham.gov.uk or call 03000 261128.
- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.
- The next board meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 1 February 2022 has had to be changed to Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 9.30 am via Teams.

Subsequent Board Meeting Date

- Wednesday 30 March 2022

Meetings will take place via Teams until further notice and will move back to the traditional 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm meeting time as soon as possible.