



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP) MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 4.00pm on Microsoft Teams

Councillor

Cllr Christine Bell
Cllr Joan Nicholson
Cllr Carole Hampson
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council)

Partner Organisations

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes) Chair
Alan Tubman (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee
Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee
Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)
Max Wright (Business Representative)
Michael Pearson (Fire Service)
Joanne Clennell (County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group)

Public Representatives

John Ullathorne
Helen McCaughey

Officer Attendance

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)
Andrea Boyd (AAP Community Development Project Officer)
Lesley Lines (AAP Support Officer)
Joanne Ashworth (Towns & Villages Community Development Project Officer)

Apologies

Cllr Carl Marshall, Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Public Representative), Vicky Walton (Public Representative) Linda Tyman (Public Representative), and Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council)

Public Attendance:

Five members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Suzanne Jobson, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted above. Alan Tubman introduced the New Town Clerk Helen Richardson, Helen will take over from Alan at the next Board meeting. The Chair welcomed Helen on behalf of the Board

2. Declaration of Interest:

Board Members were asked to declare any personal or pecuniary interest in relation to the agenda as per the AAP Terms of Reference:

- Cllr Christine Bell – Declared an interest in Stanley Town Council’s application
- Cllr Angela Hanson – Declared an interest in Stanley Town Council’s application
- Cllr Joan Nicholson – Declared an interest in Stanley Town Council’s application
- Cllr Gordon Binney – Declared an interest in Stanley Town Council’s application
- Cllr Carole Hampson – Declared an interest in Stanley Town Council’s application
- Cllr Angela Hanson – Declared an interest in Stars Youth & Community’s application and Stanley Town Council’s application
- Insp. Dave Stewart – Declared an interest in Durham Constabulary’s application

Daniel advised these projects if agreed would be done so in principle by Board members in attendance and followed up with an email to all Board Members.

3. Agreement of the minutes – 12th January 2022 and Matters Arising:

Suzanne asked for agreement of the previous Board Minutes. The minutes were agreed as a true record. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

4. County Durham Inclusive Economic Strategy Consultation Presentation:

Glenn Martin, Durham County Council gave a presentation on the County Durham Inclusive Economic Strategy Consultation. He highlighted that last year the new leaders of the County Council identified a gap in the Council’s strategy framework and the need for a new Economic Strategy

He advised the main economic strategy that had been in place was the Regeneration Statement which was due to be reviewed or replaced in 2022. He added that several key strategies had recently been adopted by the Council including the County Durham Vision, the County Durham Plan, and the Climate Emergency Response Plan.

He advised that the regional and national policy landscape is very different to when the Regeneration Statement had been developed.

The new leaders of the Council wanted to consult widely and see a different approach to developing this key strategy so we commissioned a branding agency in Newcastle to help us develop the ‘Our Big Econ-versation’ brand and website. The marketing agency are also helping us to promote the conversation over the coming months.

The Inclusive Economic Strategy will;

- **Balance economic growth with the need to reduce carbon emissions** and improve socio-economic sustainability
- **Define priorities for growth** and recovery from Covid-19
- **Enhance and create opportunities** across the county
- **Align with the County Durham Vision 2035**, which sets the ambition of generating more and better jobs across the county

To stimulate conversation, the discussions could be broken down into the themes of:

- People (e.g., education, training, jobs, entrepreneurs, careers)
- Prosperity (e.g., innovation, growth, productivity, high-skilled jobs)

- Places (e.g., town centres, business parks, transport, housing)
- Promotion (e.g., to visitors, investors, developers, students)
- Partnerships (e.g., to develop the economy, to tackle deprivation)
- Planet (e.g., lower carbon / net zero, renewable energy, recycling / re-use / re-purposing)

Responses from Stanley AAP Board Members Present:

Members welcomed the chance to highlight Stanley's issues which included:

- Poor Shops
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Traffic Calming
- Education Facilities
- Leisure Facilities
- Tackling Climate Change
- Transport links / Shift Workers
- Mental Health Provision
- Care Academy lack of staff
- A693 Problematic – links to A1 – Infrastructure

Opportunities

- Could empty shops / premises be maximised – is there an opportunity for small business to use them – Business support would be needed from Durham County Council
- Must be aligned to the Masterplan & Levelling Up Bid
- Look at the projects Stanley AAP has funded and feed this in
- City of Culture – Use promotion to try to attract GPs and Dentists to Durham

Health & Wellbeing – shortage of GPs and Dentists in County Durham and the North East. Difficult to get an appointment to see a Doctor in the Stanley area.

Local Transport – Stanley is one place that suffers. Getting people home from shift work, no transport.

Education – Look at how the Economy looks like now – those jobs pre pandemic don't exist now. Need to connect with universities and education to align training to the local jobs.

There are a lot of jobs that are not being filled. Lack of confidence in young people.

Need to connect with the AAP Priority survey results.

Glenn highlighted that the consultation website gives more information, contact details, and hosts 3 online surveys:

- One for young people which has been developed with the County's Youth Council.
- One for residents and the anyone who wants to respond.
- And a more tailored survey for businesses – this is also available through the Business Durham website.

Glenn also highlighted the extra steps that were being taken to work with colleagues, partner organisations and experts who are advising on how to engage with people who might be missed and adapting the materials we have and methods we're using to try to give everyone the chance to give us their thoughts.

Next Steps:

- Take on board feedback
- **January to April Our Big Econ-versation**
- **May to July** - Analysis of feedback and drafting of strategy
- **Summer to Autumn** - Consultation and feedback on draft strategy
- **Late 2022** - Adoption of strategy

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The Chair thanked Glenn for the presentation.

5. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Insp Dave Stewart gave a brief update on the ongoing Multi-Agency work to deal with incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour.

He advised that with regard to the 'Drink Drive Campaign' highlighted at the last meeting he could find no information to back this up.

Recruitment of Neighbourhood Police Officers for the Stanley area was taking place.

6. AAP Coordinator Update:

2nd Community Recovery Project Call Out - Applications for Approval

A Board discussion took place regarding the following project applications that were submitted for Stanley AAP Board approval:

- Durham Constabulary – Drones
- Quality First – Volunteers Project
- Stanley Town Council – Stanley in Bloom (Northumbria in Bloom)
- Stars Youth and Community CIC – I-identify.

Board Members present approved the above applications in principle. Daniel to follow up with an approval email to all Board members. **Action Daniel**

Daniel asked Board Members to respond directly to the Priority Survey which was now live. To have your say, please visit; www.durham.gov.uk/consultation

Daniel advised he had received a funding approach to Stanley AAP for £20k Area Budget support from Sharon Gollan, County Durham Community Foundation for the continuation of the Stanley Community Fund. He highlighted this project had already been supported twice and if agreed this would be the third and final time of funding could be approved by the AAP. Daniel added he would speak to Alan Tubman and email all Board Members for their feedback regarding the approach. **Action Daniel**

7. Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

Jobcentre Plus

- The Jobcentre is still open for business, although some interviews are still being carried out on the phone.
- Job Fair on Friday at Derwentside College 11- 4pm

Love Beamish & Stanley:

- The new website will be live during the last week of January
- There will be a Jobs Page on the website and an Events page. All partners and organisations are encouraged to unload any jobs or events.
- 20 vidoes have been taken of which 10 have been released. With one more being released every week.

Stanley Town Council

- Alan advised they are looking at a programme of events for the coming year to include Stanley in Bloom, Play in the Park, Jubilee Event, and Armed Forces Day.

8. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Applicant: Backspin Table Tennis Club

Project Brief: Purchase Court Barriers

Total Cost: £ 450.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £ 225.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £ 225.00 - Supported

Applicant: Craghead Football Club

Project Brief: Craghead Under 10s Training Equipment & Kit

Total Cost: £500.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £ 250.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £ 250.00 - Supported

9. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

Cllr Nicholson informed the meeting that The Bread & Butter Thing Project will be starting in March in Annfield Plain Community Centre with a dry run on the 22nd February, the cost will be £4.00 increasing to £15.00 a week depending if it is an individual, family, or large family. This is a self-referral project that can feed up to 80 people on the day per week.

10. Next Meeting:

Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 4.00pm on Stanley AAP's dedicated 'Teams' page.

For further details about these minutes please contact Stanley AAP office,
Tel: 03000 265323.