

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

19 July 2022

Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 at Coxhoe Village Hall, Front Street East, Coxhoe, DH6 4DB:

- In the absence of Cllr Chris Varty, Allan Blakemore chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting.
- A warm welcome was offered to our new Board members - Councillor Sandra Dowson from Fishburn Parish Council (Town and Parish Council representative); Mark Readman, Head of Highways (Durham County Council representative); and Dave Tempest, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (Fire representative), and also Jenny Wood, Principal Consultant from ERS who are leading on the Community Engagement Review.
- Jenny Wood, Principal Consultant, ERS delivered a presentation on the Community Engagement Review: ERS Research and Consultancy Approach.

Once the review is complete, the recommendations and options will be consulted on, and the final report and implementation plan will go to Cabinet in December 2022.

- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.
- Board members agreed funding of £17,395.84 towards The Cornforth Partnership – Youth Links project from last year's Area Budget, however due to price increases following Covid, the costs had risen to £21,395.04.

The Board agreed in principle to approve this project, subject to a further Board members agreement via email as the meeting wasn't quorate.

- A video on the Easter 2022 Fun and Food Scheme was shared with the meeting.
- The Fun and Food project call out for October Half Term 2022 was launched on 18 July 2022. The deadline for completed applications and supporting documents is 12 noon on 7 September.
- Stuart Dunn (Public representative) delivered a presentation on projects delivered within Coxhoe Village Hall, and thanked the AAP for their help with grants and attracting match funding to facilitate the improvements. The improvements and works had transformed the building and enabled many groups to re-open.

- In the absence of Angela Stobbart, Vice Chair and Partner and Business Representative (Believe Housing) on the Board, Jane Bellis gave a brief update from the County Durham Partnership Forum meeting held on 17 June. Board members will be updated further on the discussions had at the Forum on the review and levelling up at the next Board meeting.
- Board Members decided that the Believe Housing Update should be deferred until the next meeting.
- There is a vacancy for a public representative on the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP Board. For an application pack or for further information, please email eastdurhamruralaap@durham.gov.uk
- The following Neighbourhood Budget project; was shared with the Board -

Name of Scheme: Sedgefield Rugby Club Scoreboard
 Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown
 Interest Declared: No
 Amount: £2,000.00

The Board was happy for this project to go ahead.

- Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 27 September 2022, 5.00 pm - venue tbc

Subsequent Meetings

- Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Wednesday 25 January 2023
- Wednesday 22 March 2023

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.

- Everyone was invited to take a tour of Coxhoe Village Hall to see the new improvements to the building, and speak to Jane Bellis in the Coordinators Surgery.