

## **COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Allerdale held on Friday, 4 March 2022 at 10.00 am at Annex Building, West Cumbria House

### **PRESENT:**

Mr AL Barry (Chair)

Mr AJ Markley (Vice-Chair)	Mr J Lister
Ms C Bell	Mr KA Little
Mr A Bowness	Mr T Lywood
Miss D Garton	Ms C McCarron-Holmes
Mr MA Johnson	Mrs M Rae
Mr A Kennon	Mrs C Tibble

Also in Attendance:-

Ms V Ayre	-	Public Health Locality Manager (Allerdale)
Mrs S Davis-Johnston	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (Allerdale)
Mr D Hamilton	-	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Shaw	-	Area Manager - Allerdale/Copeland
Miss A Sykes	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager
Miss L Thorburn	-	Area Planning Manager – Allerdale/Copeland

### **PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Lord Liddle and Mr H Graham.

#### **58 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations made on this occasion.

#### **59 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that, the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business.

#### **60 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no statement, questions or petitions presented on this occasion.

## **61 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee held on 17 January 2022 be agreed as an accurate and complete record.

## **62 ALLERDALE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the outcome of the meeting of the Highways Working Group (HWG) held on the 8th February 2022 and presented recommendations to the Local Committee for approval.

The Traffic Management Team Leader explained that following the submission of the HWG report, further consultation responses were received to three of the original proposals (Proposals 10 and 15). Members were provided with additional information relating to those proposals which were as follows:-

- Proposal 10 – U2230 Eleventrees, Keswick – Further responses were received, largely against the proposal. There was also a suggested amendment to the proposal which aimed to reach a compromise. The suggested amendment would reduce the proposed length of double yellow lines from approx. 32m to approx. 27m, which would result in the ‘saving’ of one on-street parking space when compared to the original proposal. Officers considered the suggested amended proposal alongside the other responses received and maintain the recommendation to abandon this proposal. This was due to the likely displacement of vehicles and the creation of further issues on the narrower sections of Eleventrees and the A591 Penrith Road.
- Proposal 15 – Vicarage Hill, Keswick – Informal consultation was being undertaken at the time of the HWG meeting. Responses to the proposal were minimal but mixed. Those responses in support make reference to obstruction caused when vehicles park in the area which is used as a passing place and a turning area for properties opposite. Responses objecting to the proposal do not believe that it will improve traffic flow, as any vehicles that would use this area would be displaced to narrower sections. Officers took the responses into consideration and recommended abandoning the proposal. Following discussion it was agreed that consideration should be given to installing a passing place sign in an effort to prevent vehicles from using the area to park.

The Highways Network Manager provided an update relating to the additional funding of £1.2 million which was agreed by Council for use on fixing potholes. This would result in an extra £200,000 being available for spending on Allerdale’s

highways. It was **AGREED** that the additional funds be used as part of the Revenue Budget to fix potholes in the area.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) the Local Committee notes the minutes of the meeting of the HWG held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022,
- 2) That Local Committee endorse the recommendations of the HWG and agree the following recommendations:

Keswick & Surrounding Area Traffic Regulation Order Review

a) that Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order (“the Order”) which would vary The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Keswick) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 2020, by proposing to introduce new restrictions as shown on the plans attached as Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 ONLY to the report.

b) that Local Committee agree that, subject to there being no unresolved objections received at the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement of the changes referred to in paragraph a) above, that the Order be brought into operation, as advertised having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to in the report.

## **63 AREA PLANNING REPORT**

Members considered a report which served to bring members up to date with the activity across Allerdale and any recent development including key projects and schemes associated with additional internal and external funding.

The Area Manager – Allerdale explained that the Aspatria Family Hub project had recently changed its name to Aspatria Community Hub to avoid confusion with other local family hubs. In addition members heard that the project was progressing quickly and had obtained approval from the strategic investment group to proceed to the next stage of concept and detailed design and these works were currently out to tender.

Similarly, the Flimby Flood Alleviation Scheme was progressing well. All stage 1 design deliverables had been submitted by the contractor in preparation for the issue of the stage 2 (construction) contract. Members heard that it was expected that works would begin on site April/May 2022.

Members heard that the team had been in contact with groups and communities leading on fund raising for supporting the people of Ukraine. The Area Manager – Allerdale explained that they were approaching groups to ask if they needed resources or access to the Communities networks.

A discussion took place regarding the Council's position relating to Ukrainian refugees. It was explained to members that the county's position would be led by Government expectation but there was an in county team which would work to support refugees and meet need if required and conversations were taking place with in communities.

The Chair reminded members of the Family Fun Day Event which will take place on 12 March at Maryport Rugby Club between the hours of 12pm – 3pm.

**RESOLVED** that, members note the content of the reports.

## **64 INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES REPORT**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community which set out the detail of grant applications received, that exceeded £5,000 for approval by local committee. Members heard that in some cases the application was for less than £5,000 but had been included as previous grants to the same organisation had already been awarded within the current financial year which totalled over £5,000.

The Area Manager – Allerdale talked members through the applications received and highlighted specific areas. The Cockermouth RUFC had applied for funding to develop an outdoor games area and replace the current flooring to provide a multi-use games area to develop further sporting groups such as basketball, handball, hockey, tennis and netball. The total cost of the project was £55,000 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £4,500 from the General Provision funding. A further £500 has already been committed to this project from the local member's allocations.

Keswick Senior Citizens' Club had applied for funds which would be used towards a new disabled access. The total cost of the project was £20,000 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £4,000 from the General Provision funding. A further £1,000 had already been committed to this project from the local member's allocations.

Barnardo's Child and Family Support Service was commissioned by Cumbria County Council to provide a 4 Tier offer to children aged 0-19 and their families. The organisation funded and produced the 'Summit 17' report in May 2018 which provided a wide range of information on what it is like being a child living in Cumbria, following engagement with 6,293 children who participated in the project. The report documents the views of the young people including what they like most about living in Cumbria, what worries them most and what they would change if they could. Due to the success, Barnardo's would like to replicate the report in 2022. The intention of the project would be to reach a minimum of 33% of all children 8 to 12

years old in Cumbria and ask them "what is it like being a child and living in Cumbria today?". The outcome of the project would produce a follow-up report containing Cumbria wide data with a specific focus for each district. The total cost of the project was £45,000 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £5,000 from the General Provision funding. The Chair asked that the research be shared across all Council partners to ensure the results can shape strategy across the county.

The Young Health Champions Programme (YHC) at Lakes College provides a qualification for young people between the ages of 14-24 and promotes young people taking a lead on health and well-being issues. The total cost of the project was £5,450 and the organisation were applying to local committee for the full amount, split between £3,199 from General Provisions and £2,251 from 0-19.

The Centre for Leadership Performance run an annual Dream Placement leadership development programme which links 16-18 years old with local businesses. The programme includes a development day, a placement week and a showcase event along with support in between. The total cost of the project was £4,000 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £4,000 from the 0-19 fund.

Keswick Youth Centre Services (KYCS) are an independent rural youth charity providing a youth service to young people age 8-25 living in Keswick and the surrounding rural area. KYCS had been trying to secure a permanent sustainable Youth Centre since 2010. The total cost of the project at this initial stage is £5,967 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £5,967 from the 0-19 fund.

Wigton Youth Station provide universal youth services twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-9pm. Within these sessions, there are additional workshops on drug and alcohol misuse, drink/drug driving, cyber bullying, personal safety, sexual health and managing risk. The total cost of increasing their capacity was £62,500 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £6,097 from the Universal Youth fund.

The Centre for Leadership Performance run a Projx programme. The organisation would like to run the programme in Maryport, linking in with the existing regeneration works. The young people will gain transferable skills including project management, communication, problem solving and leadership. The total cost of the project was £4,000 and the organisation were applying to local committee for £4,000 from the Universal Youth fund.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) Members note the contents of the report.
- 2) Members agree that an amount of £4,500 is allocated from General Provisions to Cockermouth RUFC towards a new multi-use games area.

- 3) Members agree that an amount of £4,000 is allocated from General Provisions to Keswick Senior Citizen's Club towards improving the access to the building.
- 4) Members agree that an amount of £5,000 is allocated from General Provisions to Barnardo's for the Summit 22 project.
- 5) Members agree that an amount of £3,199 is allocated from General Provisions and £2,251 from 0-19 to CADAS towards a Young Health Champions Programme (YHC) at Lakes College.
- 6) Members agree that an amount of £4,000 is allocated from 0-19 to Centre for Leadership Performance towards to a pilot project to work with vulnerable young people to boost confidence and join the Dream Placement programme.
- 7) Members agree that an amount of £5,967 is allocated from 0-19 to Keswick Youth Club towards professional fees relating to the potential purchase of a building in Keswick.
- 8) Members agree that an amount of £6,097 is allocated from Universal Youth to Wigton Youth Station towards universal youth provision in Wigton.
- 9) Members agree that an amount of £4,000 is allocated from Universal Youth to Centre for Leadership Performance towards to provide a 'Projx' programme in Maryport
- 10) Members agree that an amount of £2,567, allocated to the Tour of Britain bike library scheme in Allerdale on 5 June 2018, be de-committed due to the project no longer going ahead.
- 11) Members agree that an amount of £2,980, allocated to the DWP youth hub in Allerdale 2 April 2020, is de-committed due to the project coming in at a lower cost than initially expected.
- 12) Members agree that an amount of £5,642.80, allocated to COVID recovery in Allerdale on 2 April 2020, is de-committed due to the project coming in at a lower cost than initially expected.
- 13) Members agree to commit the remaining General Provisions budget of an amount not exceeding £45,000 to area planning projects in Allerdale, to be undertaken in the 2022-23 financial year.

## **65 CHAMPION UPDATES**

The Armed Forces Champion expressed some concern that she had not been able to discuss sharing resources with the Armed Forces Champion from Allerdale District Council. She told members that she would continue to try and promote a close working relationship to ensure that Veterans were able to access schemes and opportunities.

The Chair discussed the Children's Partnership Board and highlighted the significance of putting 'the young person's voice' at the centre of decision making.

## **66 VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The representative from the Cumbria Police and Crime Panel (PCP) discussed their recent meeting and told members he would share the recent Scrutiny Management Board report which provided an update on the PCP to all members for information.

## **67 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee is due to take place on 6 May 2022.

The meeting ended at 10.30am