
3 May 2022

**To: The Chair and Members of the County
Council Local Committee for Barrow**

Dear Member

Barrow Local Committee – Wednesday 11 May 2022

Further to the agenda for the above meeting please find attached a copy of the agenda item 10 – Barrow Area Planning Report which was marked ‘to follow’.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Democratic Services Officer

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COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
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Meeting date: 11 May 2022

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services
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BARROW AREA PLANNING REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report brings together information from across the Community teams including Community Development, Archives and libraries, and provides an update on work and agreed activity since the last meeting of the Committee.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The County Council's vision set out in the Council Plan 2018-2022 is to be "a Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources." The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to this, and area based working, and shaping services locally is one of the key ways of delivering this vision.

2.2 The work of Barrow Local Committee, through its Area Plan and projects helps to achieve the Council Plan 2018-2022 outcomes, which are:

- **People in Cumbria are healthy and safe**
- **People in Cumbria are well connected and thriving**
- **The economy in Cumbria is thriving and benefits everyone**

2.3 The development, operation and monitoring of the Council Plan requires a focus on the Council's performance against the identified outcomes, increasingly understood through localities. Barrow Area Plan sets out three targeted priorities for the area, which are:

- **Improving health and well-being and tackling poverty**
- **To support Cumbria's Early Help strategy which enables support for children, families, and young people**
- **Promoting sustainable economic growth and creating jobs.**

- 2.4** *The locally devolved funding is available for Local Committees to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of Barrow. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*
- 2.5** *Local Committee is mindful of equality issues and duly considers that its actions and decisions do not result in inequality of service provision or exclusion from participation. The work of Local Committee directly supports the Council's wider equalities agenda.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** *That Members note the updates in this report.*
- 3.2** *That Local Committee agree the request for £5,000 funding from Barnardo's to undertake a consultation in 2022 on 'What it is like being a child living in Cumbria' as outlined in paragraphs 4.47-4.56.*
- 3.3** *That Local Committee agree the proposed project spend against the Environment Fund as outlined in paragraphs 4.66-69.*
- 3.4** *That Local Committee confirm whether they are happy for the Area Manager to agree under delegated powers £5,000 for the Walney Community Trust outlined in paragraph 4.70.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1** This report provides Members with an update of the work of Barrow Local Committee and the Community Services Teams since its meeting of 15 March 2022 and outlines provisional and actual expenditure against Local Committee's budget as of 31 March 2022.
- 4.2** The team continue to work to support and progress a range of work as outlined in this report. Members also continue to meet informally through virtual meetings to share information, discuss issues and recommend courses of action. In addition to the Informal Local Committee meetings there have been a number of other meetings / activities taking place since March including:
- Monthly - Environment / Tree Working Group
 - 14th March - Health and Wellbeing Partnership
 - 16th March – The Barrow Way Meeting
 - 30th March – BAE Local Liaison Meeting
 - 30th March – “Idealities Expo” - Town Centre Hub Taster Day
- 4.3** In addition to these specific meetings, Members also hold ad hoc meetings and workshops as needed, and also continue to be kept informed through regular communications from the Area Manager and Community Development Team

Area Working and Community Services Update

- 4.4 At the January Local Committee Meeting Members discussed the issue regarding the problems caused by the inappropriate parking of fast-food delivery vehicles in Barrow Town Centre, specifically around Crellin Street. At this meeting Members agreed that the issue should be referred to Cabinet with a recommendation that Cabinet consider applying to the DVLA to devolve powers to Cumbria County Council as the Local Highways and Traffic Authority to help resolve this and similar issues.
- 4.5 At the meeting of 17 March 2022 the Chair and Vice Chair presented this referral to Cabinet for consideration. Cabinet were concerned about the issue raised and supportive of the proposal. At this meeting (minute 212) it was resolved that Cabinet:
- (1) supports Barrow Local Committee's request and agrees to explore the process and feasibility of adopting the DVLA devolved powers from the Secretary of State for Transport take enforcement action on untaxed vehicles.*
- (2) also notes the work of the multi-agency working group which is coordinating and targeting enforcement action against vehicles which are inappropriately parked, where the devolved powers from DVLA would not address this issue*
- 4.6 As Local Committee are aware, the team locally continue to work to support area planning activity and priority areas of work including Barrow Town Deal and Borderlands. Key areas are highlighted below for Members' information:
- 4.7 **Barrow Town Deal Community Hubs and Earnse Bay** – This continues to be a major area of work for the team and Members, and following a recruitment process from 1st April additional capacity has been brought into the team in the form of a Project Delivery Lead for 2 days per week until 31st March 2023. An update on each of these projects is below.
- 4.8 Ormsgill - A range of service delivery continues at Ormsgill Community Centre including: Adult Community Skills & Learning, Family Action, Health, Drop Zone, the library service and the post office service.
- 4.9 Ormsgill Stronger Together (OST) have held numerous Easter events which have been fully booked. Families and the children have reported back how well run and great the activities were. Monthly Bingo sessions are also regularly full – with a waiting list. Many people have said that these sessions are the only socialising they have done since the start of the pandemic, and they value the opportunity to be out in the community. OST are looking at expanding their offer to reach other isolated people.



- 4.10 Funding secured by the group for regular coffee mornings is being used to offer residents an inexpensive 'brew and bap' along with a chance to catch up with people. Other services are also attending these sessions to further support the health and wellbeing of the community. The official Co-Op funded Community Fridge, launch is on Monday May 2nd and all are welcome to come along.
- 4.11 OST also continue to develop comprehensive timetables of events for the year ahead, including a number of community meetings for the benefit of the estate. With Property colleagues the team are continuing to work on a license agreement to allow OST to manage / run elements of the building, take bookings for events and activities, in the evenings and weekends.
- 4.12 The Building User Group continues to meet regularly, having regular oversight of the day-to-day operations at Ormsgill Community Centre. A workshop is planned with the Building User Group and a range of partners who deliver services from Ormsgill Community Centre to discuss what is working well and what areas could be improved to help shape future working arrangements and ensure seamless delivery of activities for partners and the local community alike.
- 4.13 Bram Longstaffe - Friends of Bram have developed a draft business plan for the site which looks to separate the nursery and community hub into two separate delivery models. The Bram Steering Group will review the draft plan and provide feedback at the next meeting in May
- 4.14 The Capital Programmes Team have been liaising with the appointed contractor to progress capital works and designs for the building. There have also been some structural building issues identified on site which are currently being resolved.
- 4.15 Town Centre Hub - A public engagement event took place on Wednesday 30 March with a range of local providers and services who provided a range of activities and information for the public.
- 4.16 The objective of the day was to obtain public feedback regarding the types of events/activities people would like to see from a community hub at the Forum. Providers/demonstrators attending the day were also asked for their feedback. The event was well attended with a range of ages from children to older adults attending throughout the day. Feedback from both the public and providers suggested that on the whole, people would be interested in taking part in similar events at the Forum in the future, with suggestions being made for improvements.
- 4.17 The feedback provided is being analysed with the results being presented at the next Town Centre Hub Project Group in May. Next steps will then be discussed with the project group to progress the next phase of the project.
- 4.18 Earnse Bay - The Capital Programmes team are continuing to liaise with the County Council's legal department to develop agreements with Natural England to work alongside the County Council as the project progresses. Work is also underway to look to incorporate social value into the next procurement specification for Earnse Bay, with a document being drafted to outline the project's requirements.

- 4.19 Conversations around the operating model with planned workshops are being scheduled with key partners. These will take place over the coming months. A further engagement event will be held on Earnse Bay Car Park on May 18th. The outcomes will better inform the project group about the development of an operational model, building design and subsequent long-term plans for the project – from a community driven response
- 4.20 Town Deal Monitoring and Evaluation Plan - Work is underway to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for the Community Hubs & Earnse Bay project. This document will outline the key milestones, project expenditure, outputs and outcomes which the project will be held accountable to meeting and will provide a baseline to determine the impact of the project.
- 4.21 **Dalton Borderlands Place Programme** - The place plan for Dalton was presented to the Borderlands Partnership Board on 08 March 22. This was well received by the group and feedback is being provided to the Chair of the Town Team.
- 4.22 The Economic Programmes team are working to develop a commission to appoint an external consultant who will help to shape the identified projects in the programme into Green Book compliant business cases. Each of the project proposals that have been put forward will be assessed against defined selection criteria and prioritised for inclusion in the Borderlands Town Investment Plan. Other funding opportunities will be considered for those projects which are not deemed eligible for inclusion in the Borderlands programme.
- 4.23 Once the consultant has been appointed, working groups (identified as 'concepts' in the place plan) will be established. A draft communications & engagement plan has been written to plan upcoming engagement activity for the next phase of the project.
- 4.24 The notes of the Borderlands Town Team meeting of 2nd March 2022 are attached at Appendix 1 for information
- 4.25 The Community Partnership continues to meet regularly and is supporting a range of work including on-going progress of developing the community plan for Dalton.
- 4.26 Barra Culture awarded DACH £8k towards an artist in residence in Dalton to develop the Heritage Trail for Dalton. In addition, through Barrow Local Committee COMF funding £5k was awarded. The artist has been consulting and engaging with Schools including George Romney, Newton and Dowdales gaining banner ideas for the signage. Sizes and materials for the signs are complete, and once the design has been completed along with the QR codes people will be able to scan and link to leaflets and website. Through working with CCC Community Rail Partnership officer there will also be large signage, map of Dalton and QR code at Dalton Station.
- 4.27 The Community Partnership has also been updated on the Queen's Jubilee work with Friends of Dalton Castle. This will be a joint event with Dalton Town Council. A Sub-Committee has been set up and the event will consist of various stalls and events on Market Place including Dalton Town Band, singing by Becky Fishwick. It is hoped people will dress up in 1950s costumes. There will also be a stall on the Dalton Heritage Trail using the event as an opportunity to engage residents.

4.28 **Harri Bus Ward Tour update** - The Harri (Health Advice Recovery Resilience Information) has almost completed the ward tour - remaining wards to be visited are Hawcoat, and Walney North and South. The bus attended Services Day at Barrow Raiders earlier this month, surveys were conducted around the social prescribing pilot for walking and cycling. BeWellFest 22 will be hosted by CCC/NHS and Mind at Barrow Raiders on Saturday 9th July – further details to follow.



4.29 A BeWellFest Logo has also been agreed.

4.30 **Sacred Heart Community Hub** - Work continues on developing the Community Hub – the committee are setting up a clothes bank, food share and homework initially. Funding has been secured to landscape the grounds of the with raised beds and fruit trees from Local Committee's Environment Fund. Events are also being planned including the Jubilee celebrations for the community over the coming months. Funding still needs to be secured for toilets and lifts and the Community Development Officer is supporting the group to identify potential funding providers.

4.31 **ParkPlays** - Free sessions are now taking place every Saturday morning at 10am in Askam, Barrow Park & Ormsgill. These inclusive events are also followed by a catch-up brew and juice, giving people more time to socialise



4.32 **Supporting Active Travel** - The team are continuing to support the Active Travel work taking place in Barrow, including the scheme which has recently started on Michaelson Rd/Bridge Rd. They are also supporting the Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot, which will be submitted to government by the end of April.

4.33 The County Council has been awarded funding by the Department of Transport (DfT) to undertake a Feasibility Study to inform the development of a Project Plan and to make the case for funding to deliver an Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot (ATSP) in Barrow-in-Furness. The Feasibility Study will identify and develop active travel activities that could be implemented to enable the prescribing of these to get people more active and address health issues. Further updates will be brought to Local Committee as this work progresses.

4.34 **Heritage Audio Trails** - This work is progressing well, and Cando FM have created songs, stories and poems for the audio trails, all created and voiced by local people. A progress meeting was held in Barrow Library and another will be planned for after Easter holidays. An open event will also be held at Dalton Community Centre where local people can come along and share their stories.

4.35 The Archivist has also been supporting the project by supplying facts and plans ensuring all content is correct. Land permissions and ownership are currently being searched and contact made with owners, acquiring permissions.

- 4.36 **Hawcoat Community Centre** - Funding has been secured for benches from the Eric Wright Foundation, this has arisen following the Community Development Officer working with the Headteacher at Dane Ghyll School and Chair of Hawcoat Community Centre.
- 4.37 **Barrow Wheels 4 All Project** – This project is progressing well and a licence is being drawn up by Barrow Borough Council. The licence will start on the 1st May and run for 6 months, then it will be reviewed. Wheels 4 All are paying for the Boat House to be alarmed, it is also going to be made safe by removing some damaged panels of glass etc.
- 4.38 The bikes are all now purchased and are currently in a warehouse in Liverpool, and once the Boat House is alarmed, the bikes will be transported up and the club will begin. We have funding for a Co-ordinator role, this will be split into two part-time positions, one focusing on Older Adults and the other on Young People & disabilities
- 4.39 **Barrow Sports Awards** - Barrow Sports Awards will take place on 14th October at Barrow Rugby League Marquee. This is being arranged by a group of local volunteers and chaired by Terry Barker. He is being supported by Matt Davies (former Sports Editor of the Evening Mail) and John Knagg, Karen Scarr, Active Cumbria and the Community Development Officer.

Covid Response and Recovery

- 4.40 The Barrow Local Resilience Group continues to meet six weekly and discusses a range of issues and actions. The focus remains very much on the group's existing priority areas below, but with increasing focus on Financial Wellbeing / Cost of Living:
- Health and wellbeing including mental health
 - Children and families
 - Financial Wellbeing
 - Food and other urgent needs
- 4.41 The Community COVID Recovery Group also continues to meet monthly. This includes the Community Resource Distribution Points (CRDP) (3 x food hubs – Barrow Island, Spring Mount and Dalton) and wider partners such as ICC, Age UK, Barrow Foodbank, Family Action and the Barrow Advice Hub.
- 4.42 The key issues now are to support people for fuel, emergency goods and toiletries. These are the issues identified through the group who are working at the frontline in their communities. Funding has been secured for support with fuel costs from Barrow Borough Council Hardship Fund. A verbal update will be given at the meeting as to the current situation regarding increases in demand from Barrow Foodbank for food and fuel support from Walney Community Trust.
- 4.43 The emergency referral process co-ordinated by Walney Community Trust through Spring Mount was launched at the end of September. This was to provide a co-ordinated single distribution point for supporting families and individuals across Barrow Borough. Included in the referral process has been identifying existing agency support alongside any additional financial support to ensure the family or individual is receiving the right support, looking at the root cause of the issues and prevention going forward.

- 4.44 Cumbria Community Foundation has supported Walney Community Trust with a grant of £50,000 to support further provision of white goods etc which should allow the project to continue to October 2022 when the co-ordinator's post is funded until. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting with more detail regarding numbers of people accessing support.

Children and Families

- 4.45 **Young People's Multi-Agency Partnership Programme** – Local Committee agreed to award funding towards this programme from its Universal Provision 0-19 budget from 2021/22 and 2022/23 budgets. Further funding of £20k has since been secured from Barrow Borough Council Hardship Fund providing a total funding allocation of £70,000.
- 4.46 At the time of writing the report providers have been invited to participate in a workshop/brainstorming session following which a locality working group will be set up with additional partners. The response from providers has been encouraging with a desire and excitement to undertake a collaborative approach to this initiative.
- 4.47 **0-10 Services** - In 2017 Barnardo's Cumbria, undertook a consultation with children aged 8-12 years asking them what it was like being a child living in Cumbria. They received 6293 responses from children and the findings were shared through a report (previously circulated to members). Barnardo's made a public commitment in 2017, to undertake a follow up consultation 4 years later and this was an ask of Barnardo's from a number of partner agencies across the Children and Families partnership who attended the Conference to hear the findings.
- 4.48 Barnardo's are approaching each CCC Local Committee for funding of £5,000 to undertake the follow-up consultation. The anecdotal sense is that the numbers of children living and indeed worrying about 'not having enough' is more than before and that there may also be a significant shift in their worries 'for the mental health and wellbeing of others as well as themselves'.
- 4.49 Barnardo's have a particular interest in following up on Q5 'Other than close family who would you talk to if you needed help' and Q6 'If you could make one wish for your family what would it be' in the survey which they will use for consistency, as this gave a real insight into the worries and wishes of children and families for their peers. They are keen to see any changes in the data positive or negative – especially around standards of living, poverty and loss through relationship breakdown or death of a loved one. The 8-year-olds will likely remember the initial engagement and can now follow up with a response from a child and young person that has transitioned from Primary to Secondary during the backdrop of a global pandemic.
- 4.50 The pandemic has displaced the timeline of Barnardo's follow up in one sense but in another it will enable them to start to look at the impact it has had on children, young people, families and their communities, so that they can truly hear the voice of the child and understand their lived experience more. There is no denying that there has been a tremendous effort across the County to respond to the pandemic in terms of service continuity, supporting the most vulnerable. Barnardo's believe that services are being reconfigured in Cumbria to meet the perceived need, however in their opinion, no one is looking at this on the scale, on behalf of children as they

did in 2017, nor is there any evidence to show the reach that they did in 2017, to hear the lived experiences of children aged 8-12 years. Barnardo's intention remains the same today to reach a minimum of 33% of all 8- to 12-year-olds in Cumbria which was their reach in 2017 and ask them, 'What is it like, being a child, living in Cumbria today?'

- 4.51 The funding will be used to support the engagement, collation and strategic response. It will enable specifically the coordination and consistency in inputting and the analysis of the surveys received both in a quantitative and qualitative way which is vital in being able to see the trajectory of the key themes and trends identified in 2017 whilst allowing for any new ones to emerge. It will be used to support a dedicated team of volunteers and professionals to facilitate co-creation and co-production of an event in which they will share the findings as well as children and young people being supported to understand the analysis and voice of the child within Cumbria. This will include trips, away days and learning opportunities that they would not ordinarily experience.
- 4.52 All children who take part will have their survey reviewed and inputted, by a member of the team. Within this, Barnardo's will be alerting any schools or groups to any safeguarding risks that have been identified by the children and young people within their response. Surveys will be collated in cohorts from the groups where they originated to enable them to go back to and alert the Designated Safeguarding lead of any concerning content that the child may have shared. This model worked extremely well previously and so they will be replicating this safeguarding measure again.
- 4.53 Barnardo's will be able to produce a follow up report which will give the Cumbria wide data with a specific focus on each District with a deeper dive into the worry statements that they have received from their participants.
- 4.54 The findings will also be of interest and have the potential to inform the Local Government Reorganisation Process, Children's Trust Board Priorities and the Policy responses.
- 4.55 This project will enable all those who respond to the findings to fulfil The United Nation convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) Article 3: This is one of the most important articles in the UNCRC, and many other articles are related to it. The interests of children and young people should be thought about at all levels of society, and that their rights should be respected by people in power. In other words, it says adults should think about the best interests of children and young people when making choices that affect them.
- 4.56 Local Committee are asked to consider this request for funding and are recommended to commit a grant of £5,000 from its 0-19 services budget to support Barnardo's to undertake a consultation in 2022 'What it is like being a child living in Cumbria'.

Barrow Libraries and Archive Service

- 4.57 March and April have been busy months for the library service with a wide range of activity and work taking place.
- 4.58 On 20th April 2022 the 6 main libraries across the county, including Barrow, began supporting the Homes for Ukraine scheme by processing disclosure and barring applications (DBS). People who have applied to become hosts

are required to complete a DBS application form as part of the process and take it to their main local library where the forms are checked and posted on their behalf. We have received several enquiries and expect the number of applications to be significant.

- 4.59 There was a full activity programme this Easter in Barrow Library and some of our branch libraries. BAE Systems delivered another full day of STEAM through their Engineering Fairy tales' event at Barrow and Roose Library. Wordsworth Trust provided us with their ever-popular Rucksack and Rhymes and Women's Community Matters offered a treasure hunt throughout the week. We offered Lego taster sessions which were very popular, so we have decided to run regular sessions throughout the year. Our Story Tots sessions have picked up momentum and numbers are increasing week by week. A welcome addition to our event programme is 121 Basic IT support which includes help for people to access our E-book, E-magazine and Ancestry subscription services. We also delivered Feed and Read on World Book Day at Roose library.



- 4.60 Barrow Library also hosted Theatre Factory's Queer Cabaret 3 evening on Saturday 9th April which was open to the LGBTQ+ community, family & friends. Artists included Drag King extraordinaire, Dropzone Queer Choir and a Burlesque Acrobat and Hoop artist.
- 4.61 Following the cessation of our DVD service we gifted a number of items from the collection to local schools for their libraries.
- 4.62 Similarly the Archive has been very busy with this period, and outlined below are some of the activities that have taken place:
- Cando FM visited the Archives Centre to interview the Archivist and photograph items for the new trails from Dalton to Furness Abbey and Biggar Bank.
 - Adult Learning's Art tutor is working with Age Uk on a project about the Queen for the platinum jubilee celebrations. Copies of newspaper articles and photographs of the Queen's various visits to Barrow were provided to one of the sessions
 - A talk was given to Barrow Civic Society on the History of the Library, Broughton Mills WI on Voices from the Archives and Furness Carers on The Diaries of Edward Wadham of Millwood (1851-1913)
 - The final exhibition organised by Signal Film and Media for Looking at the North with Sankey was opened in the Cooke's Building. Susan Benson and Robert Baxter, senior archivist attended.

- The Archivist ran a training on using archives for volunteers registered to take part in the Migration NW project being run by CDEC.

School Crossing Patrols

4.63 The Service Level Agreement for 2022/23 for school crossing patrol delivery is attached at Appendix 2 for information. It is not proposed at this time for additional funding to be vired to the school crossing patrol budget, but that Members keep this budget under review and re-considered at future next Local Committee meetings.

Local Committee Budget

- 4.64 Members have continued to monitor and review their budgets in line with the significantly changed situation, including the additional funding that has been received to support communities and activity during the pandemic. The full discretionary budget delegated to Local Committee is detailed in Appendix 3, providing the latest financial position including the committee expenditure and the remaining unallocated resources up to 31 March 2022.
- 4.65 Members have discussed the additional funding at length in informal Local Committee meetings and at previous Local Committee meetings. Headline figures are that there is currently £1,200 uncommitted funding in the Harnessing Capacity Fund and £7,745 uncommitted funding in the Improving Outdoor Spaces (Area Based Events and Activities) Fund.
- 4.66 In addition to these funding streams on 10 February as part of the budget setting process, Full Council agreed additional one off funding *“to support environmental improvements for enhanced verge maintenance, tree maintenance and replacement, and footpath maintenance.”*
- 4.67 Following this decision Members have held a series of discussions at Informal Local Committee meetings to explore the potential schemes that they wish to use this funding to support. Following these discussions Members have suggested the following projects.

Proposal	Type of activity	Proposed Allocation
Benches in various locations including Roose to Rampside, Ormsgill Reservoir, Channelside, Monks Trail, Hawcoat	Benches	£10,000
Paths around Cows Tarn Lane	footpath	£20,000
How Tun Woods footpaths	footpath	£10,000
Westfield Trail - Complete works to resurface	footpath	£40,000
Cliffe Lane	footpath	£10,000
Grant to community group to purchase land at Mikasa Street looking for £10k	grant	£10,000
Multiple sites around the borough for Planting for Pollinators	pollinator	£75,000
pocket of land at Sacred Heart	pollinator	£5,000
Grant for polytunnels / growing	Community Growing	£2,000
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- 4.68 If Members agree the above schemes and the indicative costs this would be a total of £184,000 committed from the Environment Fund, leaving £16,000 to be used as contingency funding for additional projects or if additional funding is required on the above projects.
- 4.69 Local Committee are therefore recommended to consider the above list of schemes for delivery via the Environment Fund in 2022/23.
- 4.70 Members have also received a request to consider funding £5,000 towards staffing at Walney Community Trust to enable the work being carried out to support the community to continue, whilst longer term funding is being sought. This was considered by Members at the Informal Local Committee Meeting of 20 April. Local Committee therefore are requested to confirm that they are happy for the Area Manager to agree under delegated powers £5,000 to provide this support.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Local Committee can choose to support the recommendations outlined in this report, amend them and choose to commit different levels of funding within their delegated budget, or not to accept the recommendations.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides the Local Committee with a comprehensive update on its Communities budgets and related matters delegated to the Committee.

Dawn Roberts

Executive Director - Corporate, Customer and Community Services

17th April 2022

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Borderlands Town Team notes

Appendix 2 – School Crossing Patrol Service Level Agreement

Appendix 3 – Local Committee Budget

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision	<table border="1"><tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr></table>	Yes		
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

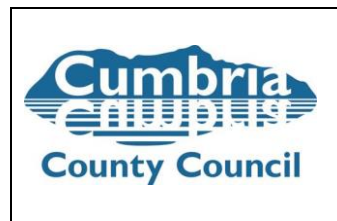
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Minutes

Meeting	Borderlands
Date	02 March 2022
Times	2.30pm
Venue	VIA TEAMS



<p>Attendees: Cllr. Bill McEwan (Chair) Adele Fitzsimmons (Notes) Garry Ronson Tracey Ingham Alison Meadows Sam Ronson Helen Houston Barry Doughty Eleanor Farrell Cllr. Ben Shirley</p>	<p>Apologies: Nick Perie Cllr. Des English</p>
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Discussion / Action
<p>1. Welcome Introductions, Apologies</p> <p>All of the above officers were present.</p> <p>An apology of absence was received from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Perie • • Cllr. Des English <p>2. Notes from the previous meeting (18 January 2022)</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed.</p> <p>Working Groups</p> <p>Suggestions were received from the Town Team regarding potential groups/organisations/individuals who could sit on the Dalton working groups.</p> <p>Adele has developed an overview of the proposed working groups, including membership. This is discussed further under agenda item 3.</p> <p>'Next Steps' Timescale</p> <p>Alison shared a copy of the 'next' steps timescale with the Community Partnership Group. The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>

3. Draft Working Groups Governance – Presentation

Adele provided a presentation to highlight the proposed working groups that could be established to progress the next phase of the Borderlands project.

The groups proposed were identified as concepts within the Dalton Place Plan and included:

1. Highstreet Enhancements
2. Gateway to Dalton
3. Creation of new attraction to celebrate the culture & Dalton as Ancient Furness Capital
4. Dalton to Barrow Active Travel
5. Enhanced indoor & outdoor recreational facilities

Working groups 1 & 2 relate to the place plan theme 'A Community to Cherish'.

Working group 3 relates to the place plan theme 'Celebrating our Character'.

Working groups 4 & 5 relates to the place plan theme 'Active Lifestyles'.

Suggestions for the membership of each of the working groups was put forward by the Town Team.

It was noted that an invite proposal is now needed to be circulated to the list of suggested membership representatives (for each of the working groups) which includes the responsibilities and commitment required from 'active' participants who agree to take part in any of the working groups.

Action: Adele to develop an invite proposal to be circulated to the suggested membership of the working groups to:

- invite nominated groups/individuals to sit on the working groups,
- highlight the responsibilities and commitments required and
- determine whether people would like to be 'active' or 'informed' participants.

Garry also commented that he would be able to assist in the engagement of businesses to be involved in the working groups once the invite proposal is advertised.

Working Groups Terms of Reference – Conflicts of Interest

Eleanor commented that the terms of reference set out for each of the working groups will need to be clear on the process for members declaring any conflict of interest in relation to the development of any of the proposed project schemes.

Barry also noted that an identified support officer will be required to support each of the working groups to meet agreed deadlines and timescales. It was noted that this support will be provided by the appointed external consultant and Adele Fitzsimmons (Project Delivery Lead).

Working Group Chair's

The Town Team agreed that Chair's for each of the working groups can be agreed once the groups have been established.

Barry asked for clarification on whether members of the Town Team would be able to chair one of the working groups. It was noted that this would be fine as long as there was no conflict of interest in any of the proposed schemes.

4. Draft Communications & Engagement Plan

Alison provided a draft communications & engagement plan for the Dalton Borderlands programme.

The plan includes:

- Overarching outcomes of the programme
- List of various stakeholders/audiences who need to be engaged and/or consulted
- Communications and activity timeline
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The next scheduled communications activity will take place following the outcome of the Borderlands Partnership meeting on 08 March where the board will be asked to approve the place plans for each of the Borderland's towns.

Alison noted that the plan includes a forecast of activity to undertake engagement for the scoping of the proposed project proposals. Timescales for these engagement activities are subject to change and will be clarified once the consultants have been appointed and working groups have been established.

Once the working group membership has been confirmed the communications plan will be updated to reflect the 'audiences' to be consulted with.

Eleanor commented that there was work scheduled to develop an executive summary of the place plan, however there was not enough time within the previous commission for the contracted designers to undertake this work.

It has been agreed that the development of an executive summary will be undertaken during the next commission and will be placed within the Borderlands Town Investment Plan (BTIP).

Action: Alison to amend the timescales within the communications plan to reflect the change to the development of the executive summary.

The group were happy to approve the communications plan, noting that there may be some changes made to the forecasted engagement timeframes.

5. Community Partnership Group update & matters arising

6.

Barry and Alison provided an update on the Community Partnership Group work to date.

Dalton Heritage Trail

The local artist who has been appointed to work on the Dalton Heritage Trail attended the last Community Partnership Group to provide an update on the work that has been undertaken to date.

Consultation & engagement has taken place on the signage and banners for the trail and there has been a focus on engagement with young people (linking with schools, youth groups, scouts & guides) to undertake the design works.

The project is looking to launch a website which will include an audio film and photographs of the trail. Cando FM have also been involved in the audio trail and it was noted that there are a number of examples of good partnership working for this project.

Queen's Jubilee

The group discussed potential events that could take place for the Queen's Jubilee in Dalton and how different partners could support each other.

Community Partnership Attendance

Barry noted that the Community Partnership Group continues to be well attended with members all making positive contributions and suggestions to the meetings.

7. Next Steps

Eleanor noted the next steps which included:

- Submission of the place plan to the Borderlands Partnership Board for approval (08 March 22).
- Subject to the place plan being approved, the Dalton Town Team will then receive feedback (via the Town Team Chair – Kevin Hamilton) and be advised of the next steps and the process for developing the project ideas into detailed project proposals for prioritisation before progressing into the Borderlands Town Investment Plan (BTIP) stage.

8. AOB

There were no further business matters to discuss.



APPENDIX 2

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR 2022/23 WITH BARROW LOCAL COMMITTEE

The 2022/23 agreement will continue to embrace the following service aspects:

- **Training** – all school crossing patrols will continue to receive refresher road safety training, including an update on current road traffic legislation as it relates to their role.
- **Customer Care** – all school crossing patrols will continue to receive guidance on the importance and benefits of customer care with particular reference to the needs of children and accompanying adults.
- **Uniforms and equipment** – the requirements of all school crossing patrols are continually assessed to ensure that they comply fully with current legislation. Statutory items of uniform (hat and coat) and equipment will be issued accordingly.
- **Management activities** – Oran Solutions Ltd will pay all salaries and standard employment costs for each individual crossing patrol and recruit any replacements as directed. We will continue to liaise with associated schools to ensure effective communication and information to parents. We will also work closely with schools to make the crossing patrol service sufficiently flexible to accommodate any changes to departure or arrival times for breakfast clubs, after school clubs and special events.

However, site reviews, public consultation exercises and traffic surveys will remain the responsibility of the Local Committee and as such, Oran Solutions Ltd will not be involved. Similarly, Oran Solutions Ltd will not be responsible for enforcement of any local parking restrictions or alterations that may be required to the highway, including road markings, hazard warning lights or flashing beacons.

Legal information

The school crossing patrol service complies with the legislative requirements of the School Crossing Patrol Act 1953, School Crossing Patrol Order 1954 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which was subsequently amended by the Transport Act 2000 (section 270).

The law gives a school crossing patrol appointed by an appropriate authority the power to stop traffic on condition that they are wearing a uniform approved by the Secretary of State and are using the prescribed sign.

The law states that even where a crossing patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for ensuring their children's safety on their journey to and from school.

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School crossing patrols in Barrow

	School	Additional crossing facility	Filled (F) or vacant (V) post	Weekly hours/ mins
1	Barrow Island Primary School (Island Road)	None	F	5.25
2	Brisbane Park School (Blake Street)	None	F	8.10
4	Greengate Junior School (Rawlinson Street)	Pelican	V	7.30
5	Ireleth St Peter's School (Kirkby Road)	Puffin	F	5.25
6	Newbarns Primary School (Lesh Lane)	None	F	5.50
8	South Walney Infant School (Ocean Road)	Zebra	F	8.45
10	St Mary's School (Coronation Drive, Dalton)	None	F	5.00
11	St Paul's CE School (Hawcoat Lane)	None	F	7.30
12	St Pius X RC School (Schneider Road)	Zebra	V	6.00
13	Victoria Infant School (Oxford Street)	None	V	8.20
		4 sites	3 vacant	67.55

Vacant Posts

- 4 Greengate Junior School (Rawlinson St) – vacant from Nov 2015
- 12 St Pius X RC School (Schneider Road) – vacant from July 2021
- 13 Victoria Infants School (Oxford Street) – vacant from January 2022

All 10 sites for 38 academic weeks during 2022/23 @ £19.19 per hour = £49,526.14 per annum + VAT

(Based on current filled posts the cost 2022/23 @ £19.19 per hour = £33,604.86 per annum plus VAT)

Within this service level agreement, the Local Committee will continue to be invoiced for delivered kerbside hours only.

Discretionary budgets total allocation 2021/22 Council 18/02/21	167,156
Budget Allocation as Council Before Review By Local Committee	
General Provision	53,300
Community Grants	0
School Crossing Patrols	30,866
0-19 Services	82,593
Total Allocation	166,759

Budget Sector	2021/22 Original Budget	Balance B/Fwd see note	Virement In	Virement Out	Revised Budget	Other Contribs	2021/22 Spending Limit	Remaining Commitments	Actual Expenditure	Expenditure And Commitments	Unallocated Resources or (Variance)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Discretionary Budgets											
General Provision	50,851	31,303	0	(15,000)	67,154	0	67,154	3,791	58,120	61,911	5,243
Community Grants	30,000	6,563	15,000	0	51,563	0	51,563	0	51,563	51,563	0
School Crossing Patrols	30,866	4,694	0	0	35,560	0	35,560	5,682	29,878	35,560	0
0-19 Services	55,042	16,042	0	0	71,084	0	71,084	25,042	46,042	71,084	0
	166,759	58,602	15,000	(15,000)	225,361	0	225,361	34,515	185,603	220,118	5,243
Other Revenue Budgets											
Neighbourhood Development Team	87,798	0	0	0	87,798	0	87,798	0	87,798	87,798	0
Money Advice Contract - CAB	57,060	0	0	0	57,060	0	57,060	0	57,060	57,060	0
Environment Fund	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	10,000	190,000	200,000	0
COMFEV Supporting events & activities	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	42,255	42,255	7,745
MFHC Harnessing Capacity	0	0	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	148,800	148,800	1,200
MFOS Improving Outdoor Spaces	0	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	50,970	50,970	149,030
	344,858	0	0	0	744,858	0	744,858	10,000	576,883	586,883	157,975
LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITIES TOTAL	511,617	58,602	15,000	(15,000)	970,219	0	970,219	44,515	762,485	807,000	163,219

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