

## SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

## COMMUNITIES &amp; EQUITY WORKING GROUP

6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## ACTION NOTES

## In Attendance:

**Core members:**

Cllr H Ladhams (Chair)  
 Cllr J Drake (Vice Chair)  
 Cllr Stephen Bavin  
 Cllr Giles Archibald  
 Cllr Suzanne Pender

**Other attending members:**

Cllr H Chaffey  
 Cllr P Thornton  
 Cllr R Audland  
 Cllr J Battye  
 Cllr S Evans

**Officers:**

M Conefrey  
 C Last  
 A Shields  
 H Karaaslan  
 P Landreth  
 F Millward

**Apologies:**

Cllr M Brereton  
 Cllr J Boak

**External Parties Attending:**

Lois Sparling, Poverty Truth Commission  
 Jade Gibson, Community Catalyst

## NOTES

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Welcome and Apologies	Apologies from Cllr M Brereton, Cllr J Boak		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
None Arising			

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	Minutes of the last meeting approved as a true record.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
None Arising			

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Community Catalyts	Jade Gibson updated members on current activity, commissioned by Westmorland and Furness Council to provide free advice and information to caring support businesses in Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden. Support is provided on helping dress and wash, shopping, befriending and getting out and about, advice on framework policies such as insurance, marketing, governance to ensure people are safe and sustainable.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
HC contact details to be shared with Jade to discuss how the initiative could be supported locally. JG to forward link Small Good Stuff to circulate		C Last  C Last	

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Poverty Truth Commission	Lois Sparling provided an update on current activity, in the process of recruiting a facilitator, evaluating the commission, providing training for community commissioners and in bedding what's coming out of working group which runs until end of November 2024. 2 full commission meetings have taken place the community commissioners about lived experience of poverty and civic commissioners about power and influence locally. Next meeting 18 <sup>th</sup> December, still looking for a business to join the commission, aim to start working groups from easter will possibly be focussing on food, access to services, cultural, and communication of services.		
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Regular updates to working group twice a year.		C Last	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Performance and Budget Update	Members to note that £37,080 has been granted (agreed by email in October). £39,248 remains.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Future funding requests will be shared with core working group members by SharePoint.	C Last	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding Requests	(1) Stricklandgate House Trust – to support the Development Phase of a large-scale building improvement project.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Recommendation to defer for further discussion at an extraordinary meeting.	C Last	£15 000 earmarked from C&E budget
	Recommendation for discussion at Locality Board on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	M Conefrey	

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Funding Requests	(2) Inspira– to support unemployed adults on the programme to be provided with lunch.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Agreed by core Members of the C&E WG to award £4,000 to Inspira towards the project.	M Conefrey to note for LB. C Last to process the award	£4,000 committed from C&E WG budget

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Arnside to Grange Trail	Sarah Mason, provide an update on the Arnside to Grange Trail which included background information, what the funding will support, the technical work, community and partnership work, wider benefits and costs.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Members support in principle, request more information on sustainability.	C Last	
	Recommendation for further discussion at Locality Board on 25/1/24	A Shields	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Local Sustainable Transport Fund	Austin Shields, Senior Manager Sustainable Transport update, a request to cabinet on 6 <sup>th</sup> June £419,400 allocated to South Lakeland Local Sustainable Travel and Transport towards footpaths, community transport, public right of ways, cycling and walking and school streets. First phase of schemes approved by Members at the South Lakeland Locality Board on 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023, schemes are currently being progressed by officers. The remainder of the balance £289,200 needs to be committed before the end of this financial year. Schemes have come from the members walk the wards and have been classed as high, medium low feasibility recommended to build in a 15% contingency to cover increased material costs. Looking to have the remaining schemes approved at the next South Lakeland Locality Board on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Proposed by Cllr S Pender to support the high to medium schemes listed. Seconded by Helen Ladhams.	A Shields	
	Recommendations to be taken to the Locality Board on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.		

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Any other	AOB		

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	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
None Arising			

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 6pm, Microsoft Teams (link to follow)