

**SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE ACTION AND INCREASING BIODIVERISTY WORKING GROUP**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**ACTION NOTES**

**In Attendance:**

**Core members:**

Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)  
 Cllr H Hodgson (Vice Chair)  
 Cllr P Dixon  
 Cllr H Ladhams  
 Cllr J Battye  
 Cllr J Filmore  
 Cllr M Brereton

**Other attending members:**

Cllr G Archibald  
 Cllr D Jones

**Officers:**

M Conefrey  
 L Foster  
 C Neubauer

**Apologies:**

Cllr H Chaffey

**External Parties Attending:**

Jill Salmon, Stricklandgate House  
 David Sykes. Trustee Stricklandgate House  
 Tanya St Pierre, Cumbria Wildlife Trust

**NOTES**

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Welcome and Apologies	Apologies from Cllr Chaffey		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
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>		
Declaration of interest	None		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
None arising			

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Cumbria Wildlife Trust (CWT)	Presentation on the Pollinator Programmes in Cumbria, including the 23/24 Planting for Pollinators which has included 7 sites in South Lakeland.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
Discussion to take place with CTW about the capacity to continue the project and include sites identified in the funding requests section below.		L Foster	£35 000 earmarked from CA&IB Budget with conditions

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Home Upgrade Grants	Presentation on the HUG 2 scheme being delivered by W&F Council to provide energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating for households earning up to £31,000 a year living in the least energy efficient, off-gas grid homes.		

	The aim is to reduce fuel poverty and to phase out off-gas grid fossil fuel.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	None arising		

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Biodiversity Guidance	SLDC Biodiversity Toolkit has been rebranded and updated as requested at the last meeting.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	To be shared by email once final ecologist comments added.	L Foster	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Performance and Budget Update	Members to note that £400 has been granted to Sustainability and Energy Network in Staveley SENS for a new ebike trailer (agreed by email in October).  £75 927 remains.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	None arising		

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding Requests	(1) South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC) – Waste into Wellbeing – development of their new premises ‘The Eddington’		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Recommendation to Locality Board on 24/1/24 to award £15 000 to SLACC – Waste into Wellbeing	M Conefrey	£15 000 earmarked from CA&IB budget pending Locality Board approval

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding Requests	(2) Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) – to enable a small grants pot for local community events as part of Great Big Green Week taking place in June 2024		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CA&IB WG to award £2500 to CAfS for the project.	M Conefrey to note for LB. L Foster to process the award	£2500 committed from CA&IB budget

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding Requests	(3) Stricklandgate House Trust (SGHT) – to support the Development Phase of a large scale building improvement project.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	To determine the corporate position on supporting SGHT	M Conefrey	£10 000 earmarked from the CA&IB budget pending Locality Board approval
	Recommendation for further discussion at the Locality Board on 24/1/24	M Conefrey	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding Requests	(4) Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall - Seeking funding towards solar panel and battery to reduce the carbon footprint of the local community hall.		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>
	To defer until the group have determined the exact cost and have received decisions on other pending funding applications.	L Foster	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>		
Funding	(5) Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project – to increase the biodiversity on the towpath trail		

Requests		
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>
Recommendation for collaboration with Cumbria Wildlife Trust on this project.		L Foster
		<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	
Funding Requests	(6) Peninsula Environment Action Team – Greener Grange project including installation of water fountains on the promenade and biodiversity improvements in the Ornamental Gardens	
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>
	Recommendation to defer the water fountain element of the project until appropriate permissions and installation costs determined.	L Foster
	Recommendation for collaboration with Cumbria Wildlife Trust on the Biodiversity aspect of the project.	L Foster
		<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	
Any other business	AOB	
	<b>ACTION/S</b>	<b>WHO</b>
None Arising		
		<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S</b>

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 6pm, Microsoft Teams (link to follow)