



STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 5.00pm via 'Teams'

Councillor:

Cllr Carole Hampson
Cllr Gordon Binney
Cllr Angela Hanson
Cllr Joyce Charlton
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Departing Chair

Partner Organisations:

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)
Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS)
Max Wright (Business Representative)
Jonathan Smith (Fire Service)

Public Representatives:

Helen McCaughey
John Ullathorne, Newly Appointed Chair
Darren McMahan
Linda Tyman

Officer Attendance:

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)
Joanne Ashworth (Town & Villages, Community Development Project Officer)

Apologies:

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector), N Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary), Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council), Cllr Carl Marshall, Vicky Walton (Public Representative), Andrea Boyd (AAP Community Development Project Officer), Lesley Lines (AAP Support Officer), Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee, and Olga Milburn (Public Representative).

Public Attendance:

Two members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted above.

2. Declaration of Interest:

Item 7 – Cllr Angela Hanson declared an interest in the Beamish Football Centre Redevelopment Application that was to be put to the Board for approval.

3. Annual General Meeting:

Election of the AAP Chair and Vice Chairs for 2023/24

Daniel took the Chair and thanked Jeanette on behalf of the Board for her time as Chair throughout 2022/23.

As per the cycle of Chair between the three sections of the Board it is the turn of the Public Section to take up the role of Chair for 2023/24.

John Ullathorne was endorsed by the Public Section of the Board to become their Vice Chair and Chair for Stanley AAP for 2023/24.

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson was endorsed by the Councillor Section of the Board to become their Vice Chair for 2023/24.

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson was endorsed by the Partner Section of the Board to become their Vice Chair for 2023/24.

Daniel passed over the role of Chair to John to continue the meeting.

4. Agreement of the Minutes – 7th March 2023 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 7th March 2023 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

5. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Daniel gave the following Policing Update on behalf of N. Insp Dave Stewart:

Stanley Town section. All crime is down by 10% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. However, it is up 39% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year. In respect of that higher number of crimes the number of detected crimes has risen 5% year to date figure comparison. Most of the increase relates to theft offences including theft from motor vehicles and particularly shoplifting.

Annfield Plain section. All crime is up by 24% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. It is up 18% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year. In respect of that higher number of crimes the number of detected crimes has risen 3% year to date figure comparison. In this area again the increase in crime relates mostly to theft offences including theft from motor vehicles and particularly shoplifting.

South Moor section. All crime is up by 1% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. However, it is up 24% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year. In respect of that higher number of crimes the number of detected crimes has risen 6% year to date figure comparison. Most of the increase relates to theft offences.

Stanley Town section. All reported incidents are down by 16% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. However, it is up 7% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is down 49% in March 2023 on the 12-month average.

Annfield Plain section. All reported incidents are up by 12% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. However, it is down 4% on the year-to-date figure comparison with

last year. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is down 36% in March 2023 on the 12-month average and down 26% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year.

South Moor section. All reported incidents are down by 9% on the 12-month average for the month of March 2023. However, it is up 6% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is down 37% in March 2023 on the 12-month average and down 14% on the year-to-date figure comparison with last year.

Since the last AAP we have conducted two operations in the area to address the issues of off-road bikes. In both operations we utilised both the long lens camera and the drone to great effect. One set of riders has seen police and made off and hidden their bikes in a container. When police arrived, they were stood by the now locked container proclaiming their innocence. Until they were advised the drone had captured them putting the bikes in the container! Then we got some sense out of them.

Board Members welcomed the update and the use of the long lens camera and drone in the Stanley area.

Several Board Members raised issues with residents non-reporting of crimes and incidents to the Police. Saying that in some cases it is too complicated and the response time too slow. A Board Member noted that the web chat in many cases was quicker than the non-emergency number.

Board Members asked if an easier reporting mechanism for local residents could be developed?

It was also noted by one Board Member that the visibility of Police in the area had diminished.

Action: Daniel agreed to raise the above issues with N Insp. Dave Stewart.

6. Area Budget 2023/24

Daniel asked Board Members how they would like to manage and allocate Area Budget funding for 2023/24; via project development in Task Groups or a project Call Out as per the last two years?

Board Members stated that they supported the Call Out for projects process and that it should be used again for 2023/24.

Action: Daniel to issue a Call Out for projects via email and social media for 2023/24.

7. AAP Coordinator Update:

Daniel updated on a range of initiatives that the AAP had been working on.

Community Engagement Review:

Daniel thanked Board Members for taking part in the Stanley AAP Board Member Community Engagement Review Session on Tuesday 18th April 2023 in Stanley Civic Hall. He also thanked Board Members for taking the time to attend the online Community Engagement Review Sessions and filling in the Consultation Questionnaire. The Consultation closed on the 23rd April and all the responses will now be analysed prior to a Report being presented to Cabinet regarding next steps in June/July 2023.

Area Budget Live Projects – Monitoring Report:

Daniel gave short update on the progress to date for the 13 live Stanley AAP Area Budget funded projects that are delivering for the benefit of local people in the area. All but one project is attaining their key performance indicators, reaching their milestones, and seeing

their outcomes have an impact (the underperforming project lead is keeping in touch regarding future delivery, and we will support them to hopefully make their project a success).

Board Members were asked if they had any comments on the report. None raised.

Town & Villages Task Group:

The next meeting of the Towns & Villages Task Group will be held Monday 22nd May 2023 at 1.00pm in person in The Louisa Centre. Board Members were reminded that if they would like to join the Task Group to contact Daniel so he can add you to the email circulation list for the meeting

For Approval – Beamish Football Centre Redevelopment Application:

The Towns & Villages Task Group had endorsed the Beamish Football Centre Redevelopment Towns & Villages Funding Application to be presented to the Stanley AAP Board for approval. The project will see the complete extension and renovation of a community facility located. The project will increase usable space for activities, improve the energy efficiency and carbon footprint, improve access to improved flexible space for youth services, family learning and social activities for the whole community.

The Board approved the application.

Poverty Task Group:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 5.00pm in The Louisa Centre. Board Members were reminded that if they would like to join the Task Group to contact Daniel so he can add you to the email circulation list for the meeting

Fun & Food May Half Term 2023:

Daniel advised that five projects had been successful in receiving Fun & Food Funding for project delivery during the May Half Term school holiday.

John asked if Sports Club would be eligible for Fun & Food Funding for future School Holiday periods?

Action: Daniel advised that they would and that he would approach Emma Lloyd-Edwards, Sport & Physical Activity Officer (North), Durham County Council to ask how best to publicise future Fun & Food funding opportunities to local sports clubs.

Annual Report 2022/23:

Stanley AAP's Annual Report for 2022/23 is being drafted and will be circulated for comment in the coming weeks prior to sign off.

8. Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:

Max Wright advised that **Love Beamish & Stanley** would be hosting a Relaunch Event from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Wednesday 10th May in Stanley Civic Hall. There will be free stalls for local businesses to showcase their wares (3 tables are still available for any organisations or businesses who wish to exhibit, please email Max on max@lovebeamishandstanley.co.uk to reserve a table). A buffet will be provided with tea and coffee.

Darren notified the meeting that **PACT House** will be hosting a Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

Jonathan informed the meeting that **County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service's** Business Fire Safety Team are hosting a Fire Safety Seminar on Thursday 25th

May 2023 at their Service Training Centre in Bowburn. The poster will be emailed to Daniel to share.

Suzanne updated the meeting about the work that **Karbon Homes** are involved in including a Durham Employment Connections Conference that is taking place at the Riverside in Chester-le-Street next week. Sub-Groups from Durham Employment Connections are to be held in the Stanley area going forward. The Skills Hub on Stanley Front Street continue to deliver local courses including our Money Works Course to help people with budgeting and online support tools for their finances, and our The Right Turn digital capabilities course that helps people who struggle with reading and writing, and can also support residents with their Driving Theory Test.

9. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

Summary Description – Wear Valley Wood Turners – Wear Valley Wood Turners digital Equipment

The project will enable the group to purchase a large screen TV, new camera equipment and a laptop. The equipment will be used to enhance demonstrator meetings be it via Independent Remote Demonstrations (digitally projected via the laptop and TV to Members) or in person. The screen will also be used by The Venue for other groups

Project Cost: £2,867.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £1,000.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £1,000.00

Summary Description – Durham County Council – South Moor Memorial Park Refurbishment

The project will support The Towns & Villages project for the Park's refurbishment where they will install new climbing equipment for younger children as well as other pieces of play equipment.

Project Cost: £24,598.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £2,299.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £2,299.00

Summary Description – Annfield Plain Cricket Club – New Electronic Scoreboard Project

The project will support the club to purchase new electronic numbers for their scoreboard which will replace the current ones which are obsolete and not in working order. They will also purchase electronic ECU Units and control pad. The new scoring system will be able to be used for many years to come for the benefit of Cricket Club players of all ages, as well as reducing ongoing costs to the club.

Project Cost: £3,060.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £1,275.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £1,275.00

Summary Description – East Stanley Cricket Club – Sports Club Toilet Refurbishment

The project will see the renewal and upgrade of the existing dated toilet facilities within the club house, also create better access for disabled guests and visitors. Included is the installation of none slip flooring and more hygienic wall coverings. The obsolete water heater and tank will also be replaced by a new, more environmentally friendly and efficient electric powered emersion heater. Vanity bowls and work tops to replace the current sinks and installation of new eco-friendly hand dryers will also take place.

Project Cost: £45,000.00

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £15,000.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £15,000.00

Small Grants:

Applicant: Tanfield Lea Countryside Group – Funday

Project Brief: To support the group deliver a community funday.

Total Cost: £350.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £350.00

Applicant: Tanfield Lea Partnership – Mini Miners Gala

Project Brief: To provide entertainment for the Mini Miners Gala event.

Total Cost: £600.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £350.00

Applicant: Craghead Village Hall – Craghead Banner

Project Brief: Help towards costs of taking Craghead & South Moor banner to the Miners Gala in July 2023.

Total Cost: £2,524.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £237.75

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £87.75

King's Coronation Small Grants:

Applicant: White-le-Head Church – King's Coronation Afternoon Tea

Project Brief: To hold a King's Coronation Afternoon Tea for members of the community.

Total Cost: £500.00

Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £150.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £100.00

Applicant: Annfield Plain Association Football Club – Happy Coronation Community Event

Project Brief: Annfield Plain Association Football Club are to host a "Happy Coronation" Event for the local Community.

Total Cost: £1,000.00

Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £300.00

Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £300.00

Applicant: Tanfield in Bloom – Operation Coronation

Project Brief: To repaint and plant up the wooden tubs around the two greens in the Village and plant up the flower beds.

Total Cost: £200.00

Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution: £100.00

Applicant: Craghead Village Hall – Coronation Craghead

Project Brief: To hold a Coronation Party in Craghead Village Hall and its' grounds for local residents.

Total Cost: £400.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £100.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £100.00

Applicant: Stanley Young Peoples' Club – Coronation Day

Project Brief: To have a fun day in Stanley Young Peoples' Club themed around the Coronation to allow young people from South Moor and the wider Stanley area to be engaged in the Coronation Day celebrations, make their own Coronation decorations and have Coronation themed food.

Total Cost: £200.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £100.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £100.00

Applicant: Quaking Houses Village Hall – Coronation Day

Project Brief: To have a fun day in Quaking Houses Village Hall for local residents that will include Afternoon Tea, Watching the Coronation, Raffle, Tombola, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle.

Total Cost: £200.00

Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £100.00

Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £100.00

Applicant: PACT House – Coronation Crafts

Project Brief: To purchase craft materials and foods to hold Coronation themed craft and celebration sessions in PACT House.

Total Cost: £300.00

Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £300.00

Applicant: South Stanley Partnership – The King’s Tea Party

Project Brief: Many elderly people in our community will be unable to join in any community events, so we will send them a free afternoon tea to enjoy while they watch the King’s Coronation at home.

Total Cost: £362.52

Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £300.00

10. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

East Stanley Allotments – Helen informed the Meeting that East Stanley Allotments have two free plots available - each 7m x 7m for use by local charities. Anyone interested to contact Margo Warke on 07562382693.

11. Next Meeting:

Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 5.00pm – Venue to be confirmed (Hybrid or online).

For further details about these minutes please contact Stanley AAP office,
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