

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting 18 July 2023 Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2023:

- In the absence of Angela Stobbart, Cllr Chris Varty chaired the meeting. Everyone was welcomed to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting.
- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.
- Jane Bellis delivered a presentation on the Community Engagement Review update.
- The Board approved the following Area Budget applications –
 - ❖ Trimdon Village Hall, Trimdon Village Hall Development - £5,740
 - ❖ From Loft to Loved Workshops CIC, Sewing for All - £6,188.65

There is £107,973.35 of Area Budget remaining, and the project call out will be relaunched on 19 July 2023.

- 8 groups/organisations received Fun and Food funding for Summer 2023. There is £1,918.70 remaining for the Christmas holiday period.
- Stuart Dunn delivered a presentation on the Shaun Henderson Community Sports Ground in Coxhoe.
- Steph Rich, Spatial Policy / Housing Officer – DCC delivered a presentation on Durham County Council's Housing Strategy, which will provide a strategic framework to inform the actions and investment of the Council and its partners and will also ensure we are well positioned to maximise future opportunities for funding support.

Consultation will ask whether we have the right principles and priorities but also ideas around how we can deliver them. The consultation will run until 18 August 2023 at 5.00 pm; the Draft Strategy Consultation will run from October – November 2023 and the Housing Strategy will be adopted in Spring 2024.

Further information and the surveys can be found on the DCC website at:
www.durham.gov.uk/thehousingconversation or
Email: thehousingconversation@durham.gov.uk

- The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board –

Name of Scheme: Durham Miner's Gala Band
Councillor(s): Blakey / Hutchinson
Interest Declared: Yes, Cllr Blakey Chair of the committee

Amount: £2,000.00

Name of Scheme: Coxhoe and Area Community Pantry and Foodbank
Councillor(s): McKeon
Interest Declared: Yes, Volunteer at the pantry
Amount: £3,000.00

Name of Scheme: Sedgefield Lyric Singers – 50th Anniversary Project
Councillor(s): Brown / Lines
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £2,000.00

Name of Scheme: Cassop Community Centre Youth Club
Councillor(s): Blakey / Hutchinson
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £1,512.00

The Board was happy for these projects to go ahead and the interest as declared.

- Date and Time of Next Board Meeting – Thursday 21 September 2023, 5.00 pm – Trimdon Station Community Centre

Subsequent Board Meeting Dates (all meetings start at 5.00 pm)

- Tuesday 21st November 2023 – Bowburn Community Centre
- Wednesday 24th January 2024
- Thursday 21st March 2024, Cassop Community Centre

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.