



## STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 5.00pm via 'Teams'

#### **Councillor:**

Cllr Carole Hampson  
Cllr Angela Hanson  
Cllr Joyce Charlton  
Cllr Jeanette Stephenson

#### **Partner Organisations:**

Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS)  
Dan Hodgson (Fire Service)  
N Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)  
Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council)

#### **Public Representatives:**

Helen McCaughey  
John Ullathorne, Chair  
Darren McMahan  
Linda Tyman  
Olga Milburn

#### **Officer Attendance:**

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)  
Lesley Lines (AAP Support Officer)  
Andrea Boyd (AAP Community Development Project Officer)  
Joanne Ashworth (Town & Villages, Community Development Project Officer)  
Peter Ollivere (Policy Team Leader)

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Joan Nicholson, Cllr Gordon Binney, Cllr Carl Marshall, Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes) Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector), Max Wright (Business Representative), and Vicky Walton (Public Representative).

#### **Public Attendance:**

Two members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

## 1. Introductions and Apologies:

Daniel introduced Dan Hodgson (Fire Service) who would be taking over from Jonathan Smith. He welcomed Dan and everyone to the meeting. Apologies are noted above.

Daniel advised that the Chair had been delayed.  
Martyn Stenton, Chaired the meeting.

## 2. Declaration of Interest:

### **Item 6: Area Budget Applications For Approval:**

**Stars Youth & Community CIC – Freedom Zone.** Cllr Angela Hanson and Darren McMahon declared an interest.

**Tantobie Association for Sport & the Community – Sustainability, recovery and repair.** Olga Milburn and Cllr Joyce Charlton declared an interest.

## 3. Agreement of the Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

## 4. Housing Strategy Phase 1 – Consultation Presentation

Peter Ollivere, Policy Team Leader, Durham County Council gave a presentation:

### **Housing Strategy Phase 1 Consultation – Summary**

The County Council is beginning the process to develop a new housing strategy for 2024 which will update and replace the strategy agreed in 2019. The strategy outlines what the council and its partners need to do to ensure County Durham will be a place of good quality affordable homes that meet the needs of both existing and future residents including our older and younger generations.

It also aims to deliver quality housing that supports economic growth and contributes to improved health, and which creates and maintains sustainable, mixed, and balanced communities where people live long and independent lives.

A Principle and Priorities paper, which outlines draft proposals for the strategy, was agreed for consultation at [June's Cabinet](#).

The eight-week consultation runs from Monday 26 June to Friday 18 August and will be available at [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation)

Peter asked the Board for comment on the following two questions:

1. What are the housing issues in your area?
2. What are the potential solutions?

A discussion took place.

Parking was highlighted as a major concern.

Peter advised parking would be addressed on all new housing developments.

The Empty Homes Policy does not seem to be working. This needs serious consideration.

Peter advised that these issues / comments would be useful in writing as part of the consultation. He asked for specifics on areas of concern.

Grass cutting is hit and miss depending on where you live. It was highlighted that some Karbon Homes areas were not being cut.

Peter advised he would feed these comments into the Clean & Green Team.

Could Town & Villages monies not be used to create parking?

Selective Licensing needs tightening up. It was highlighted that targets were not being met and there had been no prosecutions.

Martyn suggested more plain English is needed to make the document more accessible.

Peter thanked the Board for their comments and encouraged them to use the consultation link to put their concerns in writing to ensure they are picked up and considered.

The Chair thanked Peter for the presentation.

## 5. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

Police – N Insp. Dave Stewart advised that violence against the person crimes have increased in Tanfield, and South Moor, the majority are domestic related. There was also an increased number of sexual offences which were due to school children sharing images (each one is recorded separately).

In South Moor – We have dealt with an incident with a dog that was out of control.

Fire at Iceland – an arrest has been made.

Overall crime 392 incidents last year – up to 247 this year.

He highlighted that this week is 'Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week' and we are working with Durham County Council to target Off Road Bikes. Looking at the possibility of purchasing new signs which display 'Section 59 notices' that give the Police the authority to seize bikes immediately if they are being rode in an area with the notices displayed.

Daniel advised that he had been contacted by Community Safety about funding for the Section 59 signs that have been estimated at just under £3000, which would be a potential approach to County Councillors for Neighbourhood Budget support as the Area Budget minimum funding threshold is £5,000. He asked for comments from the Councillors on the call. Joyce advised that an £80 charge to each lamp post would need be added, to cover testing prior to safe installation.

John advised the Police can only respond to what is being reported. However, 101 is not working with calls taking too long to get a response.

## 6. AAP Coordinator Update:

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

### **Community Engagement Review:**

Daniel advised Board Members that the recommendations report, was available to view at <https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=154&Mid=15173&Ver=4>

The recommendation report proposes the setting up of Local Network Panels that would replace AAPs. The Local Network Panels would utilize a Local Profile for their area that would contain empirical data to help them produce a 4-year Local Plan to guide their community engagement and development work. The Panel make up would be similar to AAPs with seven Community Representatives, seven Councillor representatives, and seven Key partner representatives. A 4-year funding cycle for the Panel would also be adhered to.

Working Groups will be set up to start the process of putting together new governance and Terms of Reference for the Local Network Panels imminently. Timescales for the new Panels are launch in early 2025 and for them to become operational in April/May 2025.

Helen advised that only three Public/Community representatives on AAP Boards had commented on the review, she found that very disappointing. She also highlighted that most of the information is hidden within the appendices.

Daniel asked Board Members to read through the recommendations report and contact him with any concerns. He would keep them all up to date with further developments and opportunities to get involved in working groups

### **Town & Villages Application For Approval:**

#### **Play Space Refurbishments Package Application:**

Joanne highlighted that the five areas to benefit from this application would be:

**Oakies Park** – refurbishment of old equipment including painting, new safety surface where needed and replacement of previously removed equipment.

**Oakies Changing Rooms** – painting all interiors, refurbishment of bathroom, general repairs to the building

**Annfield Plain Park** – Installation of outdoor gym equipment

**Cleveland Terrace** – Installation of a brand-new play area

**South Moor Park** – Installation of outdoor gym equipment.

Joanne highlighted that this was a large package of funding (£102,000) that addressed areas of concern under the direction of the AAP's Towns & Villages Task Group.

**The Board approved the application.**

### **Area Budget Applications For Approval:**

#### **Stars Youth & Community CIC – Freedom Zone:**

Daniel highlighted this will enable the CIC to maintain the Freedom Zone project for 2 years, fund a dedicated youth and community worker to support members of the LGBTQ+ community to facilitate the 'Freedom' Project, including those facing issues relating to gender identity and their sexuality.

**The Board approved the application.**

#### **Just for Women – Art Therapy**

The project will enable Just for Women to provide art therapy classes for women and girls, focusing on supporting mental health, empowering victims of domestic abuse, and enhancing overall well-being.

**The Board approved the application.**

#### **Oxhill Nursery School – Sensory Space**

The project will enable the Nursery to set up a sensory room and outdoor sensory space to help develop children and meet their individual needs. The areas will also be shared with their Community Toddler Group.

**The Board approved the application.**

### **South Moor Allotments – Fencing and waste removal**

The project will enable the Association to secure the site with the installation of new fencing as at present several allotment sites have tenants, but no secure perimeter boundary. And remove waste as a few allotment plots have historical hidden/present waste from previous tenants.

**The Board approved the application.**

### **Tantobie Association for Sport & the Community – Sustainability, recovery and repair**

The project will enable the Association to provide activities for children by hiring coaches to deliver a range of sporting activities; Cricket, gymnastics and dance and archery, redecorate Tantobie Community Centre, and help with their core running costs for the community centre.

**The Board approved the application.**

Daniel asked for Board approval to go out for another Community Recovery Area Budget project call from September. **The Board approved.**

### **Poverty Task Group:**

The next meeting of the Task Group will be held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 5.00pm 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.

The Task Group will be focusing on the live projects going forward. Looking at supporting families with the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Launch of the Household Support Fund delivered by County Durham Community Foundation. And the Welfare Rights Officer based in The Venue.

### **Fun & Food Summer 2023:**

Daniel advised that eight applicants had been successful: Stanley Young Peoples' Club, Just for Women, OASES, South Stanley Partnership, Oxhill Youth Club, Quaking Houses Village Hall, The Activity Den, and Wear Rivers Trust. They will all be delivering excellent activities right across the Stanley area during the School Summer Holidays. Free Swimming will also be available in The Louisa Centre.

### **Annual Report 2022/23:**

Stanley AAP's Annual Report for 2022/23 is now signed off and available to view on the Stanley AAP Webpage on the Durham County Council website. Daniel advised he would forward this to all Stanley AAP Board & Forum Members

**Action: Daniel to circulate Stanley AAP 2022/23 Annual Report.**

## **7. Partner Work Update / Stanley specific items of interest:**

### **Integrated Care Board, Barbara Edmundson:**

Due to the pressures on Primary Care, NHS England directed that the Integrated Care Board work with PCNs on the Local Capacity and Access Improvement Plan which could attract payment as part of the Capacity and Access Payment, (CAP) element of the Investment and Impact Fund (IIF).

The aim of the funding is to provide the space, funding, and license for PCNs to focus on making improvements to help manage demand and improve patient experience of access. It also supports the accurate recording of general practice activity, so that improvement work can be data-led.

To qualify for part of this funding, NHS England issued a Capacity and Access Improvement Template for PCNs to complete to give a baseline of activity in three key areas:

- i. patient experience of contact;
- ii. ease of access and demand management; and
- iii. accuracy of recording in appointment books.

All 13 PCNs completed templates have been returned and signed off.

The next stage is to develop the metrics to measure the improvement for access in Primary Care. These metrics will form the basis of the improvement plans due by 31 July 2023.

The improvement plans will be periodically monitored against performance targets in relation to achievement. To receive the funding a PCN should have demonstrated improvement or be able to demonstrate that high levels of achievement have been sustained through the year across all three key areas.

## 8. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

### **Croft Community School – Growing Communities**

The project will support the Area Budget and Towns and Villages application submitted to help create within the school a community garden centre and reflection space that will benefit every age, need, and circumstance.

**Project Cost: £44,000.00**

**Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £2,000.00**

**Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £2,000.00**

### **Durham Pride UK – Durham Pride**

The project will support 'The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Pride in Durham' alongside neighbouring AAP areas. The event will celebrate diversity and inclusion as well as raise awareness and improve responses for the growing LGBT+ community.

**Project Cost: £40,000.00**

**Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £ 250.00**

**Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £ 250.00**

**Councillor Joyce Charlton Contribution £ 200.00**

**Other AAP Councillors Contribution £9,000.00**

### **Stanley Young Peoples Club – Making Music**

The project will support the club to run a weekly music session for young people who attend Stanley Young Peoples Club. The club will purchase, a number of instruments and sound proofing to enable the sessions to teach skills and improve confidence of the young people involved. It will provide a music club for young people whose families cannot afford this kind of activity.

**Project Cost: £13,103.20**

**Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £4,787.50**

**Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £4,787.50**

### **Stanley Learning Partnership – Annfield Plain Junior School London Visit**

The project will see an end of term visit for Year 6 children, before they leave for secondary schools. This will include a visit to Parliament, a trip on the London Eye and a short river cruise - as well as seeing the sights of the capital City. This will be an amazing opportunity for the children as not one has been to London before.

**Project Cost: £4,839.70**

**Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £1,000.00**

**Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £1,000.00**

### **Morrison Lodge Banner Group – Morrison Banner Group Durham Miners Gala 2023**

The project will support the group attend the 2023 Durham Miners Gala. The funding will allow the group to insure the Morrison Lodges Miners Banner and costs associated with attending the 2023 Durham Miners Gala, such as band performance fee, transport costs, cost of catering and advertising costs.

**Project Cost: £3,000.00**

**Councillor Joan Nicholson Contribution: £1,500.00**

**Councillor Christine Bell Contribution: £1,500.00**

### **Craghead Development Trust – Burnside Youth Club**

The project will support the trust continue to run a weekly youth club at Burnside Resource Centre over the next year, the club is well attended, and they also enjoy visits to the local care home to do intergenerational work especially in the garden area.

**Project Cost: £2,000.00**

**Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution: £500.00**

**Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £500.00**

**Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £500.00**

**Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £500.00**

### **Small Grants:**

#### **Oxhill Nursey – Stanley in Bloom**

**Project Brief:** To support the nursery to take part in Stanley in Bloom

**Total Cost: £800.00**

**Councillor Carole Hampson: £200.00**

**Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £200.00**

## 9. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

Public Representative - Helen McCaughey advised that her tenure as a Public Representative on the AAP Board was now at an end. Daniel sincerely thanked Helen for her involvement on the Stanley AAP Board, all her invaluable contributions to the meetings, the use of her excellent expertise and skills in Task Groups (that will continue as a AAP Forum Member!), and always scrutinizing and questioning projects and consultation presenters for the benefit of the Stanley area and its' residents.

Stanley Veterans – John highlighted the comments he had seen on Facebook regarding Stanley Town Council's Armed Forces Day Event, which he wholeheartedly agreed with as it was a big disappointment. John stated that he would like to Celebrate our Veterans in November 2023 and he will be working with partners to make this happen. More information will follow, and the Stanley AAP Board will be kept up to date with developments.

## 10. Next Meeting:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5.00pm – Morrison Busty Depot fully Hybrid.**

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