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## STANLEY AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

### MINUTES OF THE AGM & BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 5.00pm

#### Councillor:

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Angela Hanson  
Cllr Carole Hampson

#### Partner Organisations:

Martyn Stenton (Durham County Council)  
N Insp Dave Stewart (Durham Constabulary)  
Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes) Chair  
Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS)

#### Public Representatives:

John Ullathorne, (Chair/Vice Chair)  
Darren McMahon  
Linda Tyman

#### Officer Attendance:

Daniel O'Brien (AAP Coordinator)  
Lesley Lines (AAP Support Officer)

#### Apologies:

Cllr Joyce Charlton, Cllr Gordon Binney, Cllr Joan Nicholson, Carl Gippert, Frankie Ward, Olga Milburn, Dan Hodgson (Fire Service), Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector), Vicky Walton (Public Representative), Cllr Carl Marshall, and Max Wright (Business Representative).

#### Public Attendance:

Six members of the Forum/Public attended the meeting.

#### 1. Introductions and Apologies:

Daniel welcomed everyone to Stanley AAP's fifth hybrid meeting at Morrison Busty. Apologies are noted above. John Ullathorne Chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Declaration of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Agreement of the Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and matters arising not covered on this agenda:

The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

### 4. Annual General Meeting

#### **Election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2024/25**

John stood down and handed the chair over to Daniel. Daniel thanked John on behalf of the Board and himself for all the work he had done over the past year. He informed the Board that John would be continuing as Vice Chair for the Public Section. Cllr Jeanette Stephenson would continue as Vice Chair for the Councillors Section. And Suzanne Jobson, Karbon Homes, would take on the Chair for 2024/25 for the Partner Section.

Suzanne opened the meeting to Neighbourhood Issues.

### 5. Neighbourhood Issues and Locality Policing Issues:

N Insp. Dave Stewart highlighted that April's overall figures were down 27% on last year. Crimes solved were up 10% and Anti-Social-Behaviour was down 3% from last year. He highlighted that Off-road motorcycles made up most of the figures and these riders often wore clothing that disguised the rider, so it was hard to identify the culprits. He advised that Operation Endurance had to be postponed as other issues within the area had taken president.

Mark Wright Scheme – N Insp Stewart highlight the scheme which took 11 young people who were on the fringe of Anti-Social-Behaviour away from their normal day life to introduce them to other activities. Where this scheme differed from other schemes was that the clients were picked up at the door and dropped off at the door, so parents were not responsible for drop offs, – received one year's funding from Police Crime Commissioner.

### 6. Joint Cadet Forces Presentation at North Durham Academy – Feedback

The event was held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at North Durham Academy where we saw 208 Year 8 pupils experience the adventures of being a cadet for the day during an action-packed presentation.

Representatives from the Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Police, and Fire Service came together to demonstrate the cadet opportunities that are available in the region and the potential for these experiences to pave the way for future careers within the respective services.

#### **Pupil Feedback:**

- I learnt about future careers in cadets and facts about the jobs and what it's like.
- The best thing I learnt was how to do things in the fire cadets and how all of the cadet organisations work.
- Learning about the police drone and how far it's capable of seeing people from.
- The different response teams are really important in society.
- It was really enjoyable for me and my friend and thank you for giving us the opportunity to do that today.

- The day was great but maybe they could have been a little stricter as some of the children were playing around. But a message to all the people that set up the day, thank you as it has changed my life.

## 7. AAP Coordinator Update:

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

### **Area Budget 2023/24 call for projects**

Daniel updated the Board with the current Area Budget amount of £110K. He advised he would give a 6–8-week application window. He asked for permission to go to a call-out for projects. The Board Agreed.

### **The Big Arts Project Funding 2024 – Appraisal Panel**

Daniel asked for volunteers to sit on the appraisal panel for The Big Arts Project, money received from Public Health. He highlighted he had received 4 applications. He advised he would email the Board in the coming days.

### **Fun & Food 2024 – Summer School Holidays Application Launch**

Daniel advised the application process for the Summer was now open for projects costing £500 or more. He advised this now includes non-free school meal children who are affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The Summer School Holidays application deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

### **Area Budget Live projects - Quarter 4 Monitoring Report**

Daniel highlighted the report for Board information. He advised if there were any questions to contact him.

### **Annual Report 2023/24:**

Daniel advised the report was being checked for accuracy and would be available soon.

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

Karbon Homes – Suzanne highlighted the Board School Consultation was now closed. She advised she would send an update to Board Members via e mail.

New Start – Durham Connections – Another Forum event will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Riverside, Chester-le-Street.

## 9. Neighbourhood Budget Summaries:

### **Neighbourhood Budget:**

#### **Quaking Houses Village Hall – Access & Engage**

The project will see the Village Hall improve accessibility both within and outside of their building to assist wheelchair and mobility scooter users to access the building more easily in all weathers. The outdoor patio area will be resurfaced, the bathroom hoist will be repaired and brought back into use, and storage will be improved.

**Project Cost: £12,800.00**

**Councillor Carole Hampson Contribution: £6,150.00**

**Councillor Sam McMahon Contribution: £6,150.00**

## **Small Grants:**

### **Beamish Football Club – Fundraising Event**

The funding is to be used to contribute towards room hire, entertainment and ticket printing for the Under 13's Football Team's Fundraising Event. Money raised will be used for equipment, training gear, and pitch hire.

**Total Cost: £800.00**

**Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution £200.00**

**Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £200.00**

### **Tanfield Lea Countryside Group – Printer**

To purchase a new printer and cartridges to enable them to print off posters and key information about the Group to display in their new notice board.

**Total Cost: £234.17**

**Councillor Gordon Binney Contribution: £234.17**

### **Burnside Family Centre – New 'electric' cooker**

The funding will enable the Centre to buy a new economically friendly electric cooker. The appliance will be used for 'healthy eating' and cooking on a budget sessions.

**Total Cost: £994.00**

**Councillor Carl Marshall Contribution £497.00**

**Councillor Angela Hanson Contribution: £497.00**

## 10. Pre-Notified Any Other Business:

No pre-notified any other business had been received.

Daniel advised that the Customer Access Point Consultation would be brought to the next meeting.

## 11. Next Meeting:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Morrison Busty Depot fully Hybrid.**

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