

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Allerdale held on Wednesday, 1 July 2020 at 12.30 pm at Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Mr AJ Markley (Chair)

Mr AL Barry (Vice-Chair)	Mr A Kennon
Mr A Bowness	Mr J Lister
Mrs RC Hanson	Mr KA Little
Mr JS Holliday	Mrs M Rae
Mr MA Johnson	Mr S Stoddart

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs S Davis-Johnston	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (West)
Mr D Hamilton	-	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Shaw	-	Area Manager - Allerdale
Miss A Sykes	-	Highways Network Manager

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1 ROLL CALL

Apologies were received from Mrs C McCarron-Holmes.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was **AGREED** that Mr AJ Markley be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

The Chair thanked Mr A Barry for his work as Chair over the previous year.

3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was **AGREED** that Mr A Barry be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr K Little declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Members Code of Conduct in relation to Agenda Item 9 Allerdale Local Committee Budget Allocations 2020/21 as he is Chair of Citizens Advice Allerdale.

5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public questions, petitions or statements made on this occasion.

7 MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2020 be confirmed as an accurate and complete record.

8 ALLERDALE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which gave details of the outcome of the meeting of the Allerdale Highways Working Group (HWG) held on 2nd June 2020 and presented HWG recommendations to the Local Committee for approval.

It was explained to members that the recommendation related to a request for contribution towards a surface water scheme on Calvert Way / Brundholme Way, Keswick. The contribution would be to help finance the drainage improvements to the public highway fronting the site where historic flooding occurred prior to the Atkinson Homes development, which had exacerbated the issue. The scheme would reduce the flood risk for three properties in Brundholme Gardens which was the lowest point below the new development.

The total scheme was estimated to cost £288,933 and the requested contribution from the Highways Working Group is £64,840. There would be £20,000 coming from Grant In Aid from Defra and the remainder would be provided by Atkinson Builders. The works would be carried out by a contractor appointed by Atkinson Builders and be secured with a S278.

It was **AGREED** that,

- 1) Local Committee notes the minutes of the meeting of the HWG held on the 2nd June 2020 which are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2) Local Committee endorse the recommendation of the HWG and agree the proposed solution relating to Calvert Way/Brunholme Way Surface Water Scheme as set out in the report.

9 ALLERDALE LOCAL COMMITTEE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which set out the Communities Budget for Allerdale as agreed at full Council on 13 February 2020 and advised Members on the allocation of those budgets.

The members of Local Committee had met informally and during that time, had reviewed the local committee priorities to establish if they were fit for purpose. Members had cross referenced the priorities with the issues falling out of the Covid-19 incident to assist the review.

Two decisions had been taken as Leaders Decisions previously and these were shown as to note in the recommendations of the report.

The Area Manager also suggested an amendment to recommendation 3.15 – Local Committee Priorities and this was **AGREED**.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) Members note the budgets allocated to Allerdale Local Committee for 2020-21 as set out in Appendix 1,
- 2) Members note the current position statement against the 2020-21 budget as set out in Appendix 2.
- 3) Members agree the full School Crossing Patrol Budget of £38,154 is allocated to fund the provision of school crossing patrols in the Allerdale area as per the Service Level Agreement - see Appendix 3,
- 4) Members agree the full Neighbourhood Support Budget of £116,857 is allocated to contribute to the funding of the Community Services Team for 2020-21,
- 5) Members note the allocation of the full Money Advice Budget, £66,570 to the Citizens Advice Bureau through a Leaders Decision taken on 15 May 2020,
- 6) Members agree to the allocation of the 0-19 budget of £79,319 as set out in paragraph 4.16 and spent in line with the local committee priorities,
- 7) Members agree to the use of the 11-19 Universal Provision budget of £32,908 to be agreed at future meetings of local committee,
- 8) Members note the agreement to establish a Covid-19 Response Fund of up to £20,000 through a Leaders Decision taken on 2 April 2020,
- 9) Members agree the allocation of the remainder of the General Provision budget (£57,701) be allocated as set out in paragraph 4.20 and spent in line with the local committee priorities,

- 10) Members note the continuance of the approval of monies from 0-19, 11-19 Universal Services and General Provision in excess of £5,000 to be made at meetings of local committee as per the Constitution as separate agenda items,
- 11) Members note the approval of monies from 0-19, 11-19 Universal Services and General Provision less than £5,000 to be made by the Area Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Local Committee as per the Constitution,
- 12) Members agree to continue with the approval of monies from the Community Projects funds (0-19 and General Provision) to be made by the Area Manager in consultation with the individual Local Members and the Chair / Vice Chair of Local Committee,
- 13) Members note the allocation of £4,000 from the 0-19 Fund to North Lakes Foodbank to deliver a service to families in need across Allerdale over the six week Summer school holidays. This is a joint project with Allerdale Borough Council and the decision to fund was agreed by the Area Manager, Chair and Vice Chair of Local committee,
- 14) Members agree that any unallocated money from the Community Projects funds at 31 December 2020 to be added back into the original fund, either General Provision or 0-19 funds,
- 15) Members agree to the priorities to steer Local Committee remain as previously agreed with the addition of the addition - Support and influence the recovery from Covid-19 in line with the agreed priorities both as individuals in the role of community leaders and as a local committee.
- 16) Members agree to priorities in respect of children and young people to steer local committee funds and other resources over the ensuing 12 months remain as previously agreed.

10 AREA PLANNING

Members had before them a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services the purpose of which was to keep members up to date with the activity across Allerdale that forms part of area planning.

The Area Manager also explained that she couldn't underestimate the impact of officers from both the County Council and Allerdale Borough Council together with the community support groups in their support of communities during response to the Covid-19 crisis.

Members were informed that partnership work across the community had paid dividends in the response to the Covid-19 crisis. The Area Manager explained that although not classed as area planning activity, the partnership working as part of response was consistent with the approach described as area planning.

Under the individual towns referred to in the report, Members were informed that County Council officers continued to support the Workington Towns Fund Board and that local committee was represented on that Board by Cllr Alan Barry.

It was highlighted to members that Allerdale Borough Council was finalising the business cases for the Maryport Future High Street Fund submissions to meet the extended deadline for final businesses cases moved to the 31st July 2020.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government had provided a set of questions which would enable Local Authorities to articulate any change in context surrounding their bid since the draft business cases were submitted following the Covid 19 outbreak.

The County Council officers had remained involved with the local Allerdale Borough Council team including the Area Manager, the Area Highway Manager, and the Capital Programmes and Infrastructure Planning team.

Each of the schemes outlined in the business case had received significant support from the local community through the consultation process. The proposal comprises six key elements: Public Realm, Empire Yard, The Former Carlton Cinema, The Wave Leisure Centre, Christchurch and Residential Conversions.

Members were informed that if the recommendation were agreed, a letter of support would be prepared and signed by the Leader of the Council.

In respect of the response to Covid-19, the Area Manager outlined the different approaches in the seven main towns which brought groups together to provide a more joined up response

RESOLVED that,

- 1) Members note the contents of the report,
- 2) Members agree to give their support to the proposals in the submission to be made by Allerdale Borough Council for Future High Street Funding.

11 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee will take place at 10am on 15 September 2020, venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 13:20pm