COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland
held on Monday, 24 March 2014 at 10.30 am at County Offices, Kendal

PRESENT:

Mr GD Cook (Chair)
Mr J Airey
Mr RK Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mr SB Collins
Mr N Cotton
Mrs S Evans
Mrs C Feeney-Johnson
Mr D Fletcher
Mrs BC Gray
Mr J McCreesh (Vice-Chair)
Mr J Stephenson
Mr I Stewart
Mr WJ Wearing
Mr M Wilson
Mr R Wilson

District Council
Mr P Thornton
Parish Councils
Mr A Muirhead
Mr PThompson

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

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ms H Halliday, Mr G Vincent and Mrs J Willis.

The Chair welcomed Mr Jim Grisenthwaite, who was the Local Committee’s new
Assistant Director Lead, to the meeting.

85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(1) There were no public questions or deputations in relation to any item on the
agenda.

(2) Mr Gareth Nicklin presented an E petition, together with a written petition,
asking for safe crossing measures and traffic calming to be implemented on
Springfield Road outside Ulverston Victoria High School. As a minimum a
pedestrian crossing with mid-road refuge and associated lighting, as well as a
speed table or speed cushions to reduce the speed of traffic.
Mr Nicklin explained that the arterial road formed by Mountbarrow Road, Springfield Road and Prince's Street formed the single major access to and from Ulverston from the south west surrounds. A short section of road hosted 1 pre-school, 2 primary schools, a large secondary school and a sixth form centre for 16-18 year olds. As Ulverston featured only one other primary school and a single small infant school the overwhelming majority of children aged 4-18 were present on the sidewalks or attempting to cross Springfield Road at peak school start and finish times.

Mr Nicklin described the hazards presented by this road and the risks to child pedestrians. The majority of 11-16 year old children attended school unaccompanied and were unassisted in crossing Springfield Road. Children were inherently vulnerable as they had less ability to judge speed / time / distance, they did not have the experience to make a balanced judgement of risk, and there were increased consequences if a collision occurred given a child's reduced body mass compared to that of an adult.

Mr Nicklin referred to a newspaper article in the North West Evening Mail on 28 October which had referred to an advisory speed limit of 20mph along this stretch of road. He advised that this was not the case and that the legal speed limit on Springfield Road was 30mph. He also made the point that whilst there were flashing warning lights they did not work during the week.

In conclusion Mr Nicklin stressed the substantial concentration of children in the vicinity of Springfield Road at particular times of the day and the risks presented to them whilst attempting to cross from one side of the road to the other. In the light of the dangers posed he asked that, at the very least, a pedestrian crossing be put in place.

The local members both spoke in support of the petition and the need to work with officers, the school and parents to find ways of making it as safe as possible for children walking to school along Springfield Road, as well as the surrounding roads. Officers were also asked to look into the issue raised by Mr Nicklin regarding the 20mph advisory speed restrictions and whether or not they applied to Springfield Road.

86 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be admitted to the meeting for all items of business.

87 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

Mrs S Evans declared an interest in respect of agenda item 7(a) - South Lakeland Strategic Planning Group - as a member of the Credit Union Study Group (minute 90(a) refers).
Mrs C Feeney Johnson declared an interest in respect of agenda item 7(b) – Children and Young Peoples Working Group – as her son was a member of the Kendal Hornets RUFC (minute 90(b) refers).

88 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 4 February 2014 were confirmed, as circulated, and thereupon signed by the Chair.

89 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET

(1) Communities Budget

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Resources presenting the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Communities budget as at 28 February 2014.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-

(a) the budget allocations for 2013-14 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;

(b) the unallocated resources in the Communities Revenue budgets of £207,210;

(c) the balanced budget projected for Local Member Capital Schemes.

(2) Highways Budget

A report by the Corporate Director – Resources presented the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Highways Revenue and Capital Budgets as at 28 February 2014.

The projected overspend in respect of the Highways Revenue Budget, largely due to storm damage and the additional works caused by flooding, was commented upon and the need to make certain that South Lakeland received a fair share of the resources allocated by Government for this work.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-

(a) the budget allocations for 2013-14 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;

(b) the Highways Revenue budget is currently projecting an overspend at this stage of the financial year;
(c) the Highways Capital budget is currently projecting an overspend at this stage of the financial year.

90 WORKING GROUPS

(1) South Lakeland Strategic Planning Working Group

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director - Environment and Community Services providing details of the meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group held on 28 February 2014.

Appended to the report were the minutes of the Working Group meeting, together with reports on the Furness Community Rail Partnership; the Ulverston Community Partnership; Cumbria Choral Initiative; 2014/15 Budget Allocations to Local Committees; South Lakeland Monitoring Report; and the School Crossing Patrol Service Level Agreement.

RESOLVED that

(a) the work of the Strategic Planning Group, as set out in appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be noted;

(b) the underspend within the School Crossing Patrol Budget of £4,982 be allocated towards a scheme to provide a safer crossing on the route to Heron Hill Primary School;

(c) an amount of £3,000 be awarded to the Furness Community Rail Partnership, 50% from the Economic Initiatives Budget and 50% from the General Provisions Budget, to match the funding secured from Barrow Local Committee and partners, (appendix B to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(d) an amount of £3,000 be awarded to the Ulverston Community Partnership from the General Provisions Budget, (appendix C to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(e) an amount of £8,000 be vired to the 2013/14 Young Persons Transport Budget from the Area Plan Budget;

(f) the South Lakeland Credit Union be underwritten to an amount of £10,000 from the Area Plan Budget;

(g) a request from the Cumbria Choral Initiative for £2,000 be not supported, (appendix D to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);
(h) £52,821 be allocated to Neighbourhood Grants from the 2014/15 budget allocation;

(i) £87,000 be allocated to the 0 – 19 budget from the 2014/15 budget allocation;

(j) £30,000 be allocated to the Economic Initiatives Budget from the 2014/15 budget allocation;

(k) £26,953 be allocated to the School Crossing Patrol Budget from the 2014/15 budget allocation as per the Service Level Agreement attached at Appendix G to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services.

(2) Children and Young Peoples Working Group

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services providing information and offering recommendations for approval by the Local Committee from the Children and Young People’s Working Group.

Appended to the report were the minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People’s Working Group held on 3 March 2014, together with reports on the Children in Care Council Plan for South Lakeland; Update on the A2B Now Scheme; CCC Children’s Services CLA ASDAN proposal; Springfield Charity; Kirkbarrow Residents Association; Kendal Hornets; and Lowick Young Farmers Club.

In presenting the minutes of the meeting the Chair of the Working Group reported on the first meeting of the South Cumbria in Care Council that had recently taken place. She also responded to concerns that there were no projected costs in relation to the A2B NoW scheme.

RESOLVED that

(a) the work of the Children and Young People’s Working Group, as set out in appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be noted;

(b) the fares for the A2B Now scheme be increased from the 1st April 2014 to £1.80 single and £3 return (appendix C to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(c) an amount of £300 be awarded to the ASDAN project for Children Looked After from the 0-19 Budget, (appendix D to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(d) an amount of £500 be awarded to the Springfield Charity from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of delivering further training and awareness sessions in the remaining 6 secondary schools in the
district (appendix E to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(e) an amount of £500 be awarded to the Kirkbarrow Residents Association from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of replacing dangerous play equipment in the local playground, (appendix F to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(f) an amount of £500 be awarded to the Kendal Hornets Under 10s RUFC from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of travel, (appendix G to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(g) an amount of £1000 be awarded to the Lowick Young Farmers Club from the 0-19 Budget towards their field day event, (appendix H to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services refers);

(e) the remaining funds within the 0-19 budget (£68) be allocated to the A2B Now Scheme;

(f) the amalgamation of the Children and Young Peoples Working Group with the District Council’s Working Group be endorsed.

(3) Community and Wellbeing Working Group

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services asking the Local Committee to form a South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum, and to disestablish its Community and Wellbeing Working Group. Appended to the report were the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Working Group held on 19th February 2014, together with the minutes of the joint exploration meeting held on 22nd January 2014.

The Chair of the Working Group advised of discussions that had taken place involving members and officers from the County and District Councils and a representative from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group about the potential for a Health and Wellbeing Forum for South Lakeland, which would feed into the various partnerships that presently existed. He explained that the Forum would enable partners to collectively consider local priorities, discuss local issues, agree local interventions, and essentially have one unified voice for South Lakeland.

RESOLVED that

(a) a South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum be established with partners;

(b) the Community and Wellbeing Working Group be disestablished and that the members of that Working Group, namely David
Fletcher, Mark Wilson, Jim Bland and Brenda Gray be nominated to represent the County Council on the South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum.

(4) Highways and Transportation Working Group

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services provided details of a meeting of the Highways and Transportation Working Group held on 17 February 2014. Appended to the report were the notes of the meeting of the Working Group, together with reports by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services considered at the meeting relating to the Windermere TRO 2012, Speed Monitoring, and Streetwork Inspections.

The Local Committee noted that reports relating to the provisional devolved highways capital programme for 2014/15, and the provisional devolved highways revenue budget for 2014/15 referred to in the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group were to be considered later in the meeting (minutes 97 and 98 refer).

In discussion the local member for Kendal Nether updated members on work currently taking place to the railway bridge at Longpool. The local member for Windermere also spoke in support of the recommendations in relation to the Windermere TRO.

During the course of the discussion members commented upon the Speed Monitoring data, and suggested that the Working Group be given an update on the removal of subsidised Bus Services, as well as a report on major projects in the South Lakeland area.

RESOLVED that

(a) the Minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Transportation Working Group held on 19th February 2014 be received;

(b) having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, to authorise the bringing into operation of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere) Variation Order 20>< (the TRO), as follows:-

(i) Following consideration of complaints and a further consultation process for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way being carried out, the initial resolution of Local Committee on 15 March 2013 to approve the bringing into operation of the respective parts of the TRO (save
for Rayrigg Road and Glebe Road, which were approved for implementation by Local Committee on 4 February 2014, be revised and that the County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere) Variation Order 20> be brought into operation IN PART, i.e. to exclude the proposals for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way;

(ii) the restrictions for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way be re-advertised as part of a new stand alone Traffic Regulation Order;

(c) the Speed Monitoring Update report be noted;

(d) the schedule of Streetworks Inspections to January 214 be noted.

91 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE PROVISIONAL DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014-15

The Local Committee had before it a report by the Corporate Director -Environment and Community Services on the provisional devolved highways capital programme 2014-15, including prioritised lists of schemes. The indicative allocation for 2014/2015 was £4,639,000, including £326,000 for Year 2 of the Department for Transport additional funding package which was announced in 2012. The draft programmes had been drawn up taking full account of the Local Committee’s priorities.

Appended to the report was the 2014-15 devolved highways capital programme summary; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Surface Treatment Beds; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Carriageway Schemes; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Drainage schemes; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Footway schemes; and Minor Highway Improvement Schemes.

RESOLVED that the devolved highways capital programme for 2014/2015, as set out in the appendices to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be approved.

92 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS REVENUE BUDGET 2014-15

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services sought the Local Committee’s approval to the devolved highways revenue budget for 2014 – 15. The report advised that the indicative allocation for 2014 – 15 was £1,152,012, and that the draft budgets of devolved revenue works had taken full account of the Local Committee’s priorities.
RESOLVED that the devolved highways revenue budget for 2014/2015, as set out in appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be approved.

93 KENDAL CENTRAL PEDESTRIANISED AREA - EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2012

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services set out the consultation and responses received during the 6 month statutory objection period for the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the Kendal Central Pedestrianised Area. The Experimental Order included changes to restrictions in Kendal Town Centre for Stricklandgate, Highgate, Market Place and Finkle Street.

RESOLVED that the County of Cumbria (Central Area Kendal) (Pedestrianisation and Traffic Regulation) (Order 2005) Experimental Variation Order 2012 be brought into permanent effect having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services.

94 MEMBERS HIGHWAYS PRIORITY WORKS 2013/2014

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services asked the Local Committee to approve Members Highways Priority Works schemes to be funded via the devolved 2013/14 highway budgets for South Lakeland.

Members were asked to note that any new schemes identified would now need to be listed for consideration in a future financial year as the works programme showed that there was no capacity for any new schemes of works to be delivered in 2013/14.

RESOLVED that

(a) the commitments for Kendal Castle, Kendal Highgate and Upper Kent divisions be approved, and that the current Divisional Highways Priorities Works Programme 2013/2014, as set out in appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be noted;

(b) a contribution of £3,000 from South Lakeland District Council to fund improvements to street lighting in Police Yard Kendal be noted and accepted.

95 LOCAL CAPITAL AND REVENUE SCHEMES
Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, which sought to commit elements of the Local Revenue and Local Capital Scheme budgets, including Members’ proposals that had been sufficiently investigated and developed to enable the Local Committee to consider spending decisions.

RESOLVED, that the following be approved:-

(a) a revenue grant of £4,000 from the Kendal South Division LMS budget to Stainton Institute to contribute towards the cost of new flooring;

(b) a revenue grant of £1,800 from Kendal South Division LMS budget towards a new embankment slide on Bole Foot playground in Oxenholme;

(c) a revenue grant of £2,000 from Kendal Highgate Division LMS budget towards the repair of the riverside wall near Kirkland;

(d) a revenue grant of £1,000 from the Lower Kentdale Division LMS budget to the Burton Recreational Trust to contribute towards the re-lining of the tennis courts and the purchase of a new picnic bench;

(e) a revenue grant of £300 from the Lakes Division LMS budget towards initiatives to support homeless people within Ambleside;

(f) a revenue grant of £500 from the Ulverston West LMS budget to the Ulverston Victoria High School towards the cost of developing a short film to raise awareness of road safety within the area;

(g) a revenue grant of £552 from the High Furness LMS budget to Oxen Park Cinema Club towards the programme of films for young people;

(h) a capital grant of £199 from the Kendal Nether Division towards road traffic calming measures on Crescent Green in Kendal, as approved at the September 2010 Local Committee meeting, be de-committed;

(i) a capital grant of £1,582 from the Kendal Nether Division towards additional safety measures on Appleby Road, as approved at the December 2009 Local Committee meeting, be de-committed;

(j) a capital grant of £1,781 from the Kendal Nether Division towards the development of a pedestrian crossing on Sedbergh Road.
SOUTH LAKELAND AREA PLAN

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services presented the draft Area Plan for South Lakeland. It sought the Local Committee’s approval to the draft Plan, and provided an indicative programme of work for the further development and roll out of area planning leading up to the publication of an Area Delivery Plan in August 2014.

In discussion comments were made about presentational aspects of the draft Area Plan which the Area Support Manager agreed to take on board. She also agreed to include details about the residential homes for older adults in the area, and to update the figures in relation to the budgetary savings to be achieved by the Council over the next three years before the Plan was published. A member also commented that there was no reference in the document to the flooding issues in the area.

RESOLVED that the new Area Plan for South Lakeland be adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL GOVERNORS

The Local Committee considered a schedule of nominations for the appointment of governors of nursery, primary and secondary schools.

RESOLVED, that subject to their consent, the following be approved:-

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98 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services detailing the community engagement activity undertaken by the South Lakeland Area Support team.

In considering the report members thanked the Area Engagement Officers for all their hard work and support over the past year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

99 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chair reported that the Chair of the Local Committee was now officially a member of One South Lakeland.

The Local Committee’s representative on the Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership reported on the new information boards that had been erected at all stations, which would help keep rail passengers updated with the new timetables.

The Local Committee’s representative on the Windermere Endowed Schools Foundation advised that at a recent meeting it had been agreed to award a grant to the new St Mary and St Martins School in Windermere, as well as smaller grants to three other schools in the area.

The local member for Lower Kentdale advised of a meeting he had recently attended in Warrington which had talked about the feelings of isolation experienced by older people, and the difficulties they faced with the diminution of bus services. The meeting had also discussed cold calling which were all issues encountered by those living in rural areas.
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership held on 22 January 2014 be received.

The meeting ended at 12.22 pm

At the close of the meeting Mr Graeme Innes, Senior Planning Officer gave a presentation and invited feedback on the Development Briefs Issues and Options Consultation. Mr Michael Barry, Senior Planning Officer also gave a presentation on the proposed consultation on the CIL.

These were followed by a presentation from Mr George Nasmyth, Medical Director for the University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust on the Better Care Together Programme.