

## COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Allerdale held on Friday, 6 March 2020 at 10.00 am at Moorclose Community Centre, Workington

### PRESENT:

Mr AL Barry (Chair)

Mr A Bowness	Mr T Lywood
Mr JS Holliday	Mr AJ Markley (Vice-Chair)
Mr MA Johnson	Ms C McCarron-Holmes
Mr A Kennon	Mrs M Rae
Lord R Liddle	Mr S Stoddart
Mr J Lister	Mrs C Tibble
Mr KA Little	

### Also in Attendance:-

Ms V Ayre	-	Public Health Locality Manager (Allerdale)
Mr J Beard	-	Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Mr D Hamilton	-	Democratic Services Officer
Mr N Hooton	-	Area Manager, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service
Mr N Irving	-	Planning Officer - School Organisation
Miss L McClellan	-	Traffic Management Officer
Mr M Reeves	-	Traffic Management 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

#### 87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by Mr H Graham and Mrs R Hansen.

#### 88 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made on this occasion.

#### 89 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

## **90 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## **91 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 January 2020 be confirmed as an accurate and complete record.

## **92 UPDATE ON RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLE FOR MARYPORT FIRE STATION**

Members received a presentation from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service which provided an update on the proposed introduction of a Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) to Maryport Fire Station.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer informed Members that the proposal had been developed as part of the service's Integrated Risk Management Plan and had been through the necessary consultancy process.

Members were shown a video which provided detail of the equipment that the RRV would carry and explained the necessity of RRVs when traversing difficult terrain.

When asked if the vehicle could lift water from standing water supplies, such as from a lake, the officers assured Members that it could as it had all the capability of a full sized fire engine but with less capacity. He continued by stating that the biggest advantage of introducing a RRV was in having the ability to provide immediate intervention.

The Local member for Maryport gave their support to the proposal and stated that the introduction of a RRV would allow for a more effective service.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the presentation.

## **93 PROPOSED CHANGE OF AGE RANGE AT WIGTON INFANT SCHOOL**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – People which provided a background to the formal consultation that was undertaken on the proposed change of age range at Wigton Infant School.

The Development Management Officer explained to Members that the change had been proposed in response to the imminent closure of the Longthwaite Road Pre-school which was located on the same site as Wigton Infant School. It was further explained that the pre-school was voluntarily managed and had been struggling to recruit and retain volunteers. Following discussion between Cumbria County Council Early Years Team and both schools it was agreed that Wigton Infant School would take on the provision. Members heard how in order to do this Wigton Infant School would need to change their existing age range from 4 to 7 years to a new age range of 2 to 7 years.

As Wigton Infant School was a community school, it would be the responsibility of Cumbria County Council's Cabinet to make the decision on whether to publish statutory notices following consideration of the response received during the consultation period.

The Local member informed the Committee that he had spoken with staff, governors and the wider community and believed that the change would bring many long term benefits and would safe guard pre-school places. It was **AGREED** that a letter be drafted for the consideration of Cabinet on behalf of the Local Committee expressing the support of the Local member for Wigton.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) the Local Committee notes the contents of the report;
- 2) a letter be drafted on behalf of Local Committee expressing the support of the Local member for Wigton for the proposal as laid out in the report; and that this letter be considered by the Cabinet.

#### **94 ALLERDALE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Members had before them a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided details of the outcome of the meeting of the Highways Working Group held on 19 February 2020 and presented the Highways Working Group recommendations for Local Committee considerations.

The Highways Network Manager took Members through the proposals for the NPRN, lighting and small scale improvements programme of works for 2020/21 based on the funding allocation of £4,070,913 and the proposals for the Devolved Highways Revenue Budget allocations for Allerdale 2020/21 based on a funding allocation of £1,221,573.

The Local member for Keswick commented on the ongoing works on Penrith Road and highlighted that several of the nearby side roads had deteriorated due to rat running during the closure of Penrith Road. Assurance was sought from the Highways Network Manager that some of the minor structural maintenance budget could be used to address areas of localised deterioration on the side roads.

The Local member for Seaton expressed her gratitude to the Highways Team for the works carried out on Church Road and Causeway Road. In particular she thanked staff for how they had worked with the residents. Firstly, for ensuring that between weeks 2 & 3 of the scheme access had been provided to the closing service of the village Methodist Chapel, but also for how they put in place arrangements to facilitate the funeral of a recently deceased resident. The Local member then informed the Committee that she had written to the Chief Executive of the Council expressing her thanks to the Highways Team.

A prolonged discussion took place in which the Local member for Silloth expressed the concerns of residents regarding the medium and long term strategy in place at Dubmill point. The Highways Network Manager explained that the shoreline management plan over the next 10 years was to hold the line through maintaining or reinforcing existing defences to manage the risk to the B5300 at erosion pinch points whilst developing a realignment scheme. It was emphasised that the recent closures of the road were not related to the defence works that had been carried out in 2019, but were in actuality as a result of health and safety concerns due to high tides during the severe weather of Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis.

After a brief discussion the Highways Network Manager gave assurances to the Chair that there would be sufficient budget allocation and capacity in the Inspection Team to carry out a thorough patching service.

Following a discussion regarding cycle path contribution, it was **AGREED** that Sustrans North be invited to provide an annual update to the next Local Committee.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) Members note the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group held on the 19 February 2020 attached as Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2) the Local Committee agree the proposed Devolved Capital Programme of Works 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- 3) the Local Committee agree the proposed Devolved Highways Revenue Budget for Allerdale 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

## **95 CHURCH ROAD, HARRINGTON – SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure on the topic of a proposed pedestrian crossing for Church Road, Harrington which was to be funded in conjunction with a Section 106 planning agreement.

The Traffic Management Officer explained to Members that this had been brought to the Committee due to the number of objections received during the informal consultation that regarded the loss of some parking provision. Taking into account the comments received the location was revised so that less parking availability would be lost.

The Local member for Harrington stated that despite the loss of parking places the priority had to be to provide a safe and effective crossing for the growing number of residents, in particular for parents and children who cross the road on the way to school.

**RESOLVED** that,                   Members note the contents of report.

## **96     A595 PETER LANE TO NEALHOUSE – PROPOSED 50MPH SPEED LIMIT**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure with the purpose of providing a background to the proposed introduction of a 50 mph speed restriction on the A595, following statutory consultation.

At Allerdale Local Committee on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019, Members considered a report detailing a proposal to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A595 between Peter Lane, Carlisle, and Nealhouse junction.

Members resolved that Local Committee proceed to statutory consultation on the introduction of the 50mph restriction to the extent shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2 of this report; namely from the Carlisle and Allerdale District boundary to a point approximately 185m south-west of Nealhouse junction. Members of Allerdale Local Committee had noted that, similarly, Carlisle Local Committee would need to agree the introduction of a 50mph on that section of the A595 within their control, i.e. from Peter Lane to a point at the Allerdale and Carlisle district boundary.

Carlisle Local Committee resolved that providing there were no objections received during the statutory consultation and advertisement to the proposed speed limit within the Carlisle area, that the Order could proceed to be implemented providing the Allerdale Local Committee similarly resolved to implement the Order within the Allerdale Area.

Statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order was undertaken in January 2020, from which 9 responses were received.

No objections were received to the Order, neither for the Carlisle nor the Allerdale areas; 7 responses were in support of the proposed Order, while 2 agreed with a speed limit reduction, but thought the limit should have been lower. Officers explained that the proposed 50 mph speed limit was appropriate for the reasons specified in the Statement of Reasons which is attached as Appendix 4 of the report

The local Member for Thursby expressed the views of residents that the proposed speed limit should be extended towards Thursby Roundabout. The Traffic Management Officer explained that this had been considered during the initial assessment, however was deemed unsuitable for a reduction after considering the traffic data obtained, lack of collision history and overall nature of this stretch of road. The Officer confirmed that this could be reconsidered at a later date, however at this stage the proposal could not be extended from that which was advertised. The local Member supported the current proposal being implemented, however requested that the additional stretch be revisited.

**RESOLVED** that, having taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report, Members agree that, insofar as that length of the A595 in the Allerdale area, shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2 to the report, is concerned, “The County of Cumbria (A595) (Carlisle and Allerdale Areas) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 20><” (“the Order”) be brought into operation as advertised.

## **97 KESWICK TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

Member considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided the background and details of the proposed changes to the traffic restrictions in and around Keswick, following statutory consultation which concluded on 24 January 2020.

The Traffic Management Officer explained to Members that the restrictions were designed to improve safety, traffic flow and management within the assessed areas and were comprised of four proposals. A prolonged discussion took place regarding Proposal 1 – to introduce a “Prohibition of Cycling” restriction along Portinscale Bridge. It was explained that the bridge was narrow and because of this conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists frequently arose, however there was no recorded collision history. Existing signage was in place on the bridge, but there was currently no official Traffic Regulation Order in operation. Due to a large number of objections received during the consultation period officers had recommended that Local Committee agree to bring the order into operation with the exception of Proposal 1. However, Members felt that the priority need be given to pedestrians on what was primarily a footbridge. It was **AGREED** that the Traffic Regulation Order be brought into operation as advertised.

**RESOLVED** that, having taken into consideration the representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement period, and the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report, Members of

the Local Committee agree that “The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Keswick and Surrounding Areas) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order >< (“the Order”) be brought into operation, as advertised.

## **98 AREA PLANNING**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided an update on the activity across Allerdale that forms part of area planning.

The Area Manager highlighted a number of areas from the report and provided further detail on them:-

The Workington Towns Fund Board had been established and had now met twice. It was chaired by a local businessman. The boundary extension proposed by the board had been agreed by the government. The notification letter also confirmed that the government would be issuing further information and guidelines on the type of schemes that could be invested in, timelines, and match funding.

Stronger Together Moorclose held a ‘Community Shout Out’ event on Wednesday 12 February 2020 to play back the findings of surveys that had been undertaken with local residents. Police and Fire cadets along with South Workington Youth Partnership and St Joseph’s Catholic High School children and young people had canvassed the Moorclose area completing 210 surveys.

Professor David Morris and Suzanne Wilson from UCLAN presented the survey results to partners and community members that attended the event and in summary the following were identified:-

- Moorclose is a supportive, close knit community where neighbours matter.
- Emotional wellbeing, community cohesion and satisfaction with the area are all connected in Moorclose.
- Young mothers are the loneliest group of people in Moorclose and need more support.
- There is a strong link between health and loneliness in Moorclose.
- People are worried about drugs and anti-social behaviour in Moorclose.
- People want more for children and young people to do in Moorclose.
- People living in Moorclose have many skills and a large number of residents volunteer.

The Area Manager discussed the Summary Financial Statement as of 29 February 2020 which had been attached as Appendix A of the report.

**RESOLVED** that, Members note the contents of the report.

## **99 INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Members had before them a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided an update on the activity of the Council and partners that contribute to the Children and Young People’s Partnership (C&YPP) and which also sets out the details of any grant applications submitted against those funds which require Local Committee approval.

The Area Manager informed Members that the C&YPP continued to bring together a range of partners to discuss current and potential projects across Allerdale.

The most recent meeting of the C&YPP was on 6 February where partners were given updates on a number of projects. The Area Manager chose to highlight the C&YPP commissioned a study to better understand the needs of young people at risk of becoming NEET, work which had been funded by Allerdale Local Committee. Key findings from the study included:

- Careers Interviews and support - Whilst schools do provide support, they would accept that currently, not all students receive the interventions they would like to be able to offer.
- Information sharing – Children moving from primary to secondary school at age 11 are very well supported by their existing and prospective schools however post 16, the transfer of information is far less consistently effective. For those who do not stay on at sixth form, little information is transferred between schools, the FE College or apprenticeship providers.

Members were informed that following the success of Feed and Read in three of the Allerdale libraries over Summer 2019, a further Feed and Read was run across all nine Allerdale libraries in the school half term between 17 and 21 February. This had been funded from the remaining funds from Feed and Read in Summer. In addition, local businesses donated almost £400.00 as well as fruit, water bottles and staff volunteer hours to support the delivery of lunches across branches. The events were well attended with the numbers exceeding expectations. Overall feedback was due be reported to Local Committee in May 2020.

Discussion then turned to the funding proposals which were as follows:-

- **Project 1 – Emotional Resilience Project - £10,000  
0-19 Fund**

Cumbria Youth Alliance in partnership with Cumbria County Council, Active Cumbria and North Cumbria Clinical Commissioners have worked to address poor mental health issues in young people and have received funding from the Lottery



Collaboration Fund. They have applied to fund three of the Emotional Resilience Project and have asked Allerdale Local Committee for £10,000 match funding towards a £31,000 programme of interventions that will be commissioned in the Allerdale area.

- **Project 2 – Area Planning Up to £18,000  
0-19 Fund**

Work in Workington library to relocate and redecorate the Children’s library had already begun and was being funded from the Library budget. However, following discussion with the chair and vice chair, it was decided that enhanced facilities could be purchased from the 0-19 fund as this would bring in new customers to the library and create a new space for partners to use

- **Project 3 – Aspatria Dreamscheme £3,900  
11-19 Universal Provision**

Aspatria Dreamscheme, a youth and community development organisation based in the heart of Aspatria, applied to Allerdale Local Committee for £7,680 to fund two sessional workers to deliver open access sessions which run on a Monday and Wednesday evening. Members were informed that the organisation provide a range of activities for children and young people on a weekly basis and during school holidays.

- **Project 4 – Carnegie Theatre Trust £4,500  
11-19 Universal Provision**

The Carnegie Theatre Trust would like to provide the opportunity for local young people to experience the diverse range of activities a youth Theatre can provide. The 30 week grassroots project would cost £10,200 to run and the Carnegie Theatre Trust had requested £4,500 funding from Allerdale Local Committee. Members asked that the Carnegie Theatre do more to make the youth theatre accessible to town such as Maryport and to rural areas. It was **AGREED** that representatives of Carnegie Theatre attend a future Local Committee meeting to discuss the project when it is completed.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) Members note the content of this report;
- 2) Members agree to commit £10,000 to Cumbria Youth Alliance to fund a third year of the Emotional Resilience Project across Allerdale;
- 3) Members agree to commit **UP TO** £18,000 to area planning activities specifically to benefit children and young people in the Allerdale area;
- 4) Members agree to commit £3,900 to Aspatria Dreamscheme to fund universal youth sessions;

- 5) Members agree to commit £4,500 to the Carnegie Theatre Trust to fund sessions open to all young people to introduce them to the art.

## **100 INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided an update on the activity of the Council and partners that contribute to the local community.

The Area Manager chose to highlight the joint work of the Allerdale and Copeland Community Services Teams, who, along with the Senior Manager for Thriving Communities organised The Big Conversation at Energus on 29 January 2020. The event was funded by Allerdale and Copeland Local Committees and member representatives from each local committee were able to show support on the day.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the difficulties some children, young people and families face on a daily basis and to enlist the support of our communities and businesses to tackle these issues.

The Area Manager informed Members that 122 people across 65 organisations attended the event. The feedback was positive and organisations were able to identify where they are able to further support children, young people and families.

Members discussed the positive impact of The Big Conversation in encouraging business engagement in community life. It was **AGREED** that the Senior Manager – Children and Young People would bring the presentation from The Big Conversation Event to a future meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee.

**RESOLVED** that, Members note the contents of the report.

## **101 WORKINGTON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (31.01.20)**

**RESOLVED** that, Members note the minutes of the Workington Harbour Management Committee which took place on 31 January 2020.

## **102 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1) Minute No 38 – Allerdale Borough Council Public Wifi Update be removed;
- 2) Minute No 48 – Champion Updates be removed;

## **103 CHAMPION UPDATES**

There were no Champions Updates on this occasion.

**104 VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no Verbal Reports from Members Serving on Outside Bodies on this occasion.

**105 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee will take place 11 May 2020 at Wigton Market Hall.

The meeting ended at 12:30pm