

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Monday, 11 December 2017 at 10.30 am at The Control Room, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Penrith

PRESENT:

Mr D Whipp (Chair)

Mr T Wentworth Waites (Vice-Chair)	Mr N Hughes
Mrs HF Carrick	Mr A Connell
Mrs PA Bell	Mr P Dew
Miss HJ Fearon	Ms C Driver

Also in Attendance:-

Mr N Wright	- Area Manager - Eden
Mr N Butcher	- Highways Network Manager (Eden)
Mr S Consterdine	- Democratic Services Officer
Mr D Evans	- Traffic Management Officer
Mr P McCall	- Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

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

52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

53 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

54 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none for this meeting.

56 DISCUSSION WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CUMBRIA

Mr P McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria, attended the meeting to discuss with members of the Committee particular Policing issues within Eden and what plans are in place to tackle them.

Mr P McCall informed the Committee that there was forecast overspend in the Police and Crime budget of £ 1 million.

The main areas which have caused this overspend were as follows:-

1. Increased security at events due to the ramifications, which spread across the country, following the terrorist attacks earlier this year. This involved the payment of overtime to officers.
2. A bonus granted to Police officers by Central Government which was not covered by the Government.
3. The overall increase in insurance premiums for Cumbria Police force.

Mr P McCall stressed that there was not a crisis and the overspend would be sorted out and various options to claw this back were being investigated.

There were reserves of £23 million however this was committed for capital projects such as the replacement of Workington Police station and the introduction of a new control room computer system which would improve efficiency.

Mr P McCall reassured the Committee that it would be the last option to reduce the number of Police Officers and wanted to maintain the current level of Officer numbers.

He went on to inform the Committee that his own office had undergone substantial changes which had made the office more efficient whilst saving money.

Mr P McCall went on to explain how the Blue Light Collaboration is being developed. This approach brought the Police and Fire Service together on a tactical level which would lead to both services working closer together to make the best use of resources. Currently the control room was situated outside of Cumbria and it was hoped that this would be moved into the county. The vision was that there would be one control room for both services initially with a view to include the ambulance service at some stage in the future.

The HMIC (HM Inspectorate of Constabulary) had recently classed the Cumbria force as very good. There had been improvements in the call out times for 101 and 999 calls.

Due to restrictions on the Police budget there had been an impact on neighbourhood policing. Mr P McCall advised that the number of new Police Officers had increased by 4 and with the reappointments of 2 officers internally there were 6 new inspectors' posts committed to energising Neighbourhood Policing throughout Cumbria.

The team for Eden had been in post for 2 months and had the remit to look at local issues. In Copeland a Hub had been formed which brought various agencies together, including the Police, tackling mainly anti-social behaviour. This had proved to be a successful project and it was the intention to roll this out throughout the county.

Mr P McCall also informed the Committee that a Police proactive team had been formed that can be deployed anywhere in the county to alleviate any situation that might arise.

A question was asked concerning the bonus that was paid to officers and as austerity was now encroaching how this could be explained to the public in view that this was not covered by Central Government.

Mr P McCall explained that he expressed his concern to Government about this and how this would affect his overstretched budget.

A further question was asked concerning Police Officers attending Parish Council meetings.

Mr P McCall explained that there were over 200 Parish Councils around the county and it would take too many man hours for officers to attend those meetings when their main task was to be on patrol. There was a service called Cumbria Community Messaging which would be an effective way of communicating with clerks of Parish Councils by e-mail.

A Member asked a question in relation to recent publicity in relation to sexual exploitation and modern day slavery and asked what the situation is in Cumbria.

Mr P McCall could not give specifics in relation to the numbers of cases but he stressed that it was happening in the county but undetected. However due to publicising the warning signs of sexual exploitation, slavery and domestic abuse more cases would be identified.

Mr P McCall advised the Committee that a survey was sent to the public across the county asking what their priorities were in respect of policing. The major concerns were speeding and burglary. There was a dilemma about what the public perceive as important and where resources were to be centred. The problem was how this extra resource was to be funded.

The Committee were pleased to hear of the improved call out times for the 101 and 999 services however they asked if the name for the Hub could be reconsidered as there were already many other projects that had the title Hub.

Mr P McCall suggested that he was open to ideas concerning the name of the Hub. With regards to response times this was good news and the force are also looking at other ways of how the public can communicate with the police and the idea of e-mails was being investigated.

Concerns were raised about the responsibilities of Police Constables with regards to parking violations.

Mr P McCall said PCs did not regularly deal with traffic management offences. He explained that the role of Police Community Support Officers was being considered in relation to this area.

The Chair thanked Mr P McCall for the discussion today which was very useful and asked if it would be appropriate for him to attend Eden Local Committee meetings more frequently.

Mr P McCall informed the Committee he would be happy to attend on a half yearly basis.

57 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2017 be agreed as a correct record with the following amendments:-

1. Item 41, Page 9, Kaber School Charity Educational Foundation the representative should read Mrs C Dawson and Lowther School and Exhibition endowment Foundation representative should read Mr R Bird.
2. Item 44, page 12 resolution should have included an action number 3 – that members receive an executive summary twice a year in respect of grants to provide members with an overview of progress.
3. Item 45, page 13 point 2 at the top of the page should read “What can be done for Recipients when Universal Credit is fully introduced?”
4. Item 46, page 14 the first paragraph has been duplicated.
5. Item 47, page 15 should read “forecast spend is 8.4 % of Eden Local Committee’s Revenue Budget for a 1 week event.
6. Item 50, page 19 first paragraph to be deleted. All references to CLA (Care Looked after Children) to be deleted and substituted for Care Leavers.

58 MINUTES FROM THE LAST LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP MEETING

RESOLVED that that the minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 10 November 2017 be received and noted.

59 2017/18 - COMMUNITIES MONITORING AND UPDATE REPORT

The report was presented by Mr N Wright, Area Manager for Eden.

This report presented the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Eden Local Committee Communities Budget as at 31 October 2017 and provided the Local Committee with an update on the activity of the Eden Community Services Team.

A question was asked concerning the outstanding lines and signs works relating to parking enforcement in Eden so this might be considered as part of the committee's overall budget monitoring.

Mr N Butcher, Highways Network Manager(East) advised the Committee that he would be providing an update on renewal of parking regulatory signs and lines in Penrith for the January meeting.

Questions concerning the projects based around Penrith, point 4.9, and how the make up of the Local Committee Sub Group would be formed.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, informed the Committee that membership of the Working Group was made up of the 4 Penrith local members; updates and appropriate engagement around decisions would be brought back to the Eden Local Committee.

A request was made for more clarification in respect of point 4.11 concerning the Credit Union's aim to become self-sustaining.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, advised that when it presented to Committee recently the Union described that it was a number of years from achieving this and was still reliant on financial support on this journey. The Committee expressed a view support and suggested officers pick up this conversation which has happened. More information in this respect was to come and this would be brought to the Committee when appropriate.

The Committee requested re assurance that the allocated budgets would be spent by the Financial year end.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, informed the Committee that as his team were supporting various strategic projects throughout Eden as discussed at a recent workshop and planned the allocated budgets would be spent.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

60 0-19 YOUTH GRANTS

This report was presented by Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden.

This report outlined the grant application received from the following organisation:

- Kirkby Stephen Sports Association (£5,000) towards the replacement of an all weather football pitch on the premises of Kirkby Stephen Grammar School.

Questions were asked concerning who used this sports facility and if it was open to the rest of the Community to use.

Mr P Dew, Councillor for Kirkby Stephen, informed the Committee that this facility was widely used by the whole community including local Primary schools.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, informed the Local Committee had unallocated resources of £4,232 available in its 0-19 Youth Grants budget and £17,016 available in its 11-19 Universal Services budget. There was also £21,338 available in the General Provision. The amount requested was not fully available within the 0-19 fund and a further £768 would need to be funded by a virement from either the 11-19 Universal Services budget or from the General Provision.

The Committee resolved to agree to the application and that the residual £768 to came from the General Provision.

RESOLVED;-

1. that an amount of £5,000 be granted to Kirkby Stephen Sports Association towards the replacement of an all weather football pitch on the premises of Kirkby Stephen Grammar School.
2. that £768 is used from the General Provision to supplement the unallocated amount of £ 4,232 in the 0-19 Youth Grants budget.

61 APPLEBY FAIR REVIEW REPORT

This report was presented by Mr D Evans, Traffic Management Officer.

This report informed members of the Eden Local Committee of the Multi-Agency Strategic Coordination Group (MASCG) arrangements that were carried out during the 2017 Appleby New Fair. A further report would seek agreement from the Local Committee for specific issues that the County Council could contribute towards for the 2018 Appleby New Fair.

A discussion took place to confirm if the recommendation of the report was what the Committee was looking for as a wider and more rounded view of the pressures and control of funding during the event and how future events could be funded.

The need for a task and finish group was questioned as MASCG, Multi-Agency Strategic Coordination Group, already existed to consider operational issues.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden advised that CCC would not undertake this review in isolation and MASCG would already be involved, as mentioned in the report.

The Committee resolved that a task and finish group be set up to agree the County Council's Traffic Management approach to the Appleby Horse Fair.

Councillor Mr A Connell, Member for Appleby and Councillor Mr P Dew, Member for Kirkby Stephen, put themselves forward to be members of this group.

RESOLVED that a task and finish group be formulated to agree the County Councils Traffic Management approach to the Appleby Horse Fair.

62 LA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

This report was presented by Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, to appoint governors to schools in the Eden Area.

A question was raised concerning the Appointment requests that were presented to the Committee as members of the Committee do not know the appropriate people to put forward.

Mr N Wright explained that if a school already had a representative in mind then this would be made known to the local members when the initial request for a recommendation was made. He also explained that on occasion there may not be an appropriate candidate for the position,

It was agreed that the area team would continue to provide support for members throughout this process.

RESOLVED:-

1. that subject to their approval the following be appointed to serve as Governors;

Shap C of E Primary School	Mrs Jane Corrie The Old Spar Shop Main Street Shap CA10 3NU
Clifton Primary School	David Evans Garth House Crosby Ravensworth CA10 3JP
Ullswater Community College	Jacki Leah 2 Church St Skirwith CA10 1RG

2. that future appointment requests are referred back to the Local member for background information before being brought to the Committee.

63 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following updates from representatives of outside bodies.

Councillor Mr A Connell, member for Appleby, attended the Miller Riches Trust and advised the committee that all grant requests to the trust from Eden residents were agreed.

Councillor Ms C Driver, member for Alston and East Fellside, had discussions with Mr P Davies, Chief Executive Officer of Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS) concerning how the Committee could support the organisation and methods of communication. Further meetings were scheduled to take place.

Councillor Mr P Dew attended the meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Forum (HWBF) on 4 December where draft terms of reference were agreed. A brain storming exercise was undertaken around the Forums priorities and the results of this would be presented at the next meeting of the forum in January.

A question was raised about the working of the HWBF and how this interacted with the Integrated Care Communities (ICC). The committee discussed how the forum was connected to other bodies and the possible introduction of lay members as a means of including wider community views in discussions.

Mr N Wright, Area Manager Eden, informed the Committee that there was an ICC Update at the next meeting in January alongside attendance for CCC's Public Health Locality Manager and those issues could be fleshed out as part of that session.

Councillor Ms P Bell, members for Penrith East, advised that she had been appointed as representative on the Gilford Centre Pupil Referral Unit but had not yet received contact from them.

Mr S Consterdine, Democratic Services Officer, confirmed that confirmation of her appointment had been sent to the centre and that he would chase this up.

64 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 17 January 2018 starting at 10.30 am in the Control Room, Cumbria Fire and Rescue HQ, Penrith.

The meeting ended at 12.40 pm