

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Monday, 15 November 2021 at 10.30 am at The LEP, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DT

PRESENT:

Mr P Dew (Chair)

Mrs PA Bell
Mrs HF Carrick
Mr A Connell
Ms C Driver

Miss HJ Fearon
Mr N Hughes
Mr D Whipp (Vice-Chair)

Also in Attendance:-

Mr N Wright - Area Manager - Eden
Miss L McClellan - Traffic Management Team Leader - Eden
Mr J Banks - Local Area Network Manager
Ms K Bradburn-Sims - Community Development Officer

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

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Wentworth Waites.

33 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

35 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at the meeting.

36 MINUTES

Corrections:

Page 8, Minute 20, first line. Replace '18' with '8'.

Page 13, Minute 24, 4th paragraph, last line. Replace 'only useful in an urban area' with ' more effective in a built up area rather than in a rural area.

RESOLVED that, subject to the corrections above, the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

37 AREA PLANNING IN EDEN

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services regarding Area Planning in Eden. The report provided Local Committee with an update on the work of each area, identified activity against priorities, highlighted current issues and provided an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager presented the report highlighting the impact that COVID was having on the work of the Community Team. He welcomed that the Control Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) would be used to meet the needs of the community and meet the strategic objectives of the Committee. He highlighted a number of events in Eden supported by the COMF. Members' attention was drawn to the five grant applications before the Committee and were advised of outstanding applications. The Team was working jointly to identify people who would benefit from the COVID Hardship Fund. The Outdoor Space Fund was progressing well. An updated figure was presented for the Unallocated Resource or Variance for the 11-19 Budget. The Area Manager expressed his optimism for a Universal Service in Penrith.

Following a member query, the Network Manager, Eden advised that dropped kerbs may be considered on the B5288 Greystoke Road to Wildriggs and B5320 Ullswater so cyclists could use the route.

A member asked about the grant application from Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council regarding the supply of larger capacity bins to meet the additional demand for current services in the village created by the COVID pandemic. She was surprised that the application had been made as the District Council was the waste authority. She considered that there was an opportunity to change behaviour if recycling was encouraged. She supported the application in principle as she did not want to hold up the initiative and thought that it would benefit the community.

The same member supported the grant application from Inspira and asked officers to encourage Inspira to work with young people from the Pupil Referral Unit as they may be working with the same students. This would be progressed once information from Mrs Bell on the matter was received by the Community Team.

Discussion ensued on the grant application from Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council. A member queried how often the District Council emptied the bins as more frequent emptying could reduce the need for larger bins. The Area Manager suggested that the County Council's Waste Prevention Team could be engaged to support waste reduction in the area.

A member asked if a recycling element was added to the application, would the grant application remain the same or would more funding be required. He considered that the Parish Council could be asked to support more recycling facilities. He provided background on the reason for the grant application.

Another member thought that that the County Council could be viewed as being hypocritical by providing bins before establishing the reason why there was a need for them. She offered her support for the grant application but highlighted that there was a fundamental behavioural issue of throwing away rubbish/recycling to address as well as there being a rubbish capacity issue to address.

In expressing her support for the Parish Council, one member commented on the popularity of the area but stressed that changing behaviour was a long term process and there needed to be an immediate resolution to the rubbish problem.

The Chair concluded that there was Local Committee support for the grant application but there needed to be an additional emphasis on recycling in the area.

A member suggested that the item be deferred until the Local Committee understood all of the recycling issues in the area whereas another member considered that providing larger bins would address the rubbish problem. In welcoming the points made, a member considered that the provision of a park and ride scheme to the area would resolve the litter problem as visitors would carry less and therefore have less rubbish to dispose of.

A member asked a question about Appleby Horse Fair. Residents of Asby had raised concerns about how the Fair was managed in the parish and had asked for more contact with the Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordination Group. The Chair detailed his work with and his excellent working relationship with the Chair and Clerk of the Parish Council. He extolled the Parish Council's virtues of working with the Gypsy and Traveller community and commented positively on the Sergeant locally responsible for the Fair.

The same member referred to a local transport project in Kirkby Stephen during the COVID period that had received funding which had been spent but the project had not commenced. He asked for an update on this matter to be circulated to members before the next meeting of the Committee. The Community Development Officer explained that funding to support the work on a local transport audit for Kirkby Stephen would be applied for from the BSOG which wouldn't require a Local Committee decision. The Area Manager and Chair noted that the Rural Issues Working Group had the remit for this work. The Community Development Officer undertook to follow the issue up outside of the meeting.

Miss Fearon moved that that the recommendations as set out in the report be agreed.

In reference to the Shap Area Planning Group, a member asked if it had met recently. The Community Development Officer confirmed it had. In reference to the Health and Wellbeing update, the same member asked for clarity on joint working with regard to Local Government Reform. The Area Manager undertook to provide a

written response to this question in due course. The same member requested that the Local Committee was proactive with health providers in Eden.

The same member asked whether any unspent 11-19 Universal Services budget would be rolled over to the next financial year. The Area Manager advised that this had not yet been confirmed.

Discussion returned to the grant application from Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council. A member suggested that rather than making it a condition to include recycling in the grant award, the grant application be referred to the Waste Prevention Team.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer gave procedural advice on motions and on how to deal with the recommendations set out in the report. She asked if there was a seconder to Miss Fearon's motion. There was no seconder so the motion fell.

The Chair proposed the recommendations as set out in the report - 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 be agreed. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

Discussion took place on the wording of a motion for the Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council grant application as recycling was important to members but was not included in the recommendation as set out in the report.

Mrs Bell moved that recommendation 3.5 of the report be agreed with the addition of the following words 'and the Local Committee recommends that the Parish Council has more recycling provision and support from Cumbria County Council's Waste Prevention Team'

This was seconded by Mr Hughes.

The motion was then discussed by the Local Committee.

A question was asked about how this would be monitored with members being reassured that the grant award would require a monitoring element within it. Members asked how often the bins would be emptied and questioned whether encouraging recycling would mean that the grant award would need to be increased. It was noted by the Area Manager that it was being assumed that the area needed increased recycling provision but it may not do.

Following consideration of the motion on the floor, a refinement was made to the words, with the agreement of the Local Committee, as follows: 'Members agree a funding award of £7,832.96 to Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council to increase the capacity of their waste bins as described at 4.17 of the report and the Local Committee strongly recommends that the Parish Council considers waste prevention in the area with the support offered from Cumbria County Council's Waste Prevention Team'.

The Chair put the motion to the Local Committee. This was agreed by majority vote with Miss Fearon and Mr Whipp abstaining from the vote.

RESOLVED that,

- 1 Members note the budget allocations for 2021-22 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date.
- 2 Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2021-22 Communities Revenue Budget of £77,279 at 30 September 2021.
- 3 Members agree a funding award of £12,300 to Carlisle and Eden Mind to enable an online wellbeing and support platform for parents and carers as described at 4.15 of the report.
- 4 Members agree a funding award of £7,500 to Stainmore Railway Company to contribute towards the renovation of a rail coach as described at 4.16 of the report.
- 5 Members agree a funding award of £7,832.96 to Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council to increase the capacity of their waste bins as described at 4.17 of the report and the Local Committee strongly recommends that the Parish Council considers waste prevention in the area with the support offered from Cumbria County Council's Waste Prevention Team.
- 6 Members agree a funding award of £7,504 to Every Life Matters to support the Suicide Safer Eden training programme as described at 4.18 of the report.
- 7 Members agree a funding award of £7,400 to Inspira to enable bespoke training around life and employment skills during the pandemic as described at 4.19 of the report.
- 8 Members note the area planning update contained in 4.5 to 4.41 of the report

38 DRAFT EDEN HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2022/23

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Draft Eden Highways Budget 2022/23. The report set out the proposed draft programme of works which it was anticipated could be delivered through the devolved highways capital funding available for 2022/23. The proposed capital programme allocations were summarised in paragraph 4.3.1 and detailed in appendices 1, 2, 3, and 4 and 4a of the report.

The Network Manager, Eden presented the report and guided members through the proposed draft programme of works.

Discussion turned to traditional finger post sign refurbishment. A member welcomed that there would be upgrades and improvements to historic sign posts and questioned whether it was realistic for the scheme to retain the current level of funding. The Network Manager, Eden talked about the joint funding which would be used to clear the backlog of work.

A member mentioned local residents' concerns about a number of issues on the A6 at Clifton and asked what action could be taken. The Network Manager, Eden advised on his meeting with a local resident regarding surface dressing and commented on a number of improvements programmed to take place at Clifton including improved lighting at the traffic island and an extension to the length of the visi rail outside Clifton school. Wider footpaths however, could not be provided as the width of the A6 could not be changed.

The poor state of the road at Winter Tarn due to farm detritus was raised by a member. The Network Manager, Eden advised that he had spoken to the new tenant farmer who had undertaken to clean the road. This situation would be monitored by officers.

A member thanked the Network Manager, Eden and his team for their work in Eden. She welcomed the allowance of £20,000 to continue the preservation and restoration of traditional highway fingerpost signs. A member advised on a post that needed repaired in her division and would take this up with the Network Manager, Eden outside of the meeting. The Network Manager, Eden was congratulated on the preventative approach to highways improvement in Eden.

Discussion ensued on the protocol for members to use when dealing with an issue raised by a resident in a different electoral division to their own. A member commented on how she dealt with resident enquiries where there was a shared electoral division boundary and queried why a member would ask a question at Local Committee on another member's electoral division. Another member commented on how as a member of Eden Local Committee, his role was to have the wider Eden interest at heart. It was raised by a member that it was courteous to work on behalf of a resident whatever their division was. A member considered it to be polite and courteous that if a resident contacted a member about an issue, it should be passed onto the relevant Local Member as they were elected to represent residents in that division.

The Chair proposed that the recommendations as set out in the report be agreed. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

RESOLVED that,

- 1 That the apportionment of the devolved Draft Highways Capital budget for 2022/23 be approved as detailed in paragraph 4.3.1.
- 2 That the list of named schemes detailed in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4a be approved as a draft devolved Highways Capital programme for 2022/23.

39 PENRITH VARIATION TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Penrith Variation Traffic Regulation Order. The report advised Eden Local Committee of the representations received to the statutory consultation and

advertisement of the proposed changes to the Penrith Traffic Regulation Order which were referred to at paragraph 3.1 of the report.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report, taking members through the proposed changes and explained that since the report had been published, a number of consultation responses had been received and these had been circulated to the Committee and published on the County Council's website. A synopsis of the responses had been tabled at the meeting and members were given a short briefing on their content. Attention was drawn to one response from a resident who had been concerned about parking displacement to their property further up the road from the double yellow lines.

A number of members spoke in support of the proposed changes. One member expressed her hope that the Penrith Parking and Movement Study would resolve the parking issues in Penrith and highlighted that the proposed changes would benefit many people.

The Chair proposed that the recommendation as set out in the report be agreed. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

RESOLVED that, the Local Committee, having taken into consideration the responses which have been received through the statutory consultation and advertisement process, along with the Officers comments, agree that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2021) Variation Order (No. 1) 20><, ("the Order") be brought into operation, as advertised.

40 LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS MINUTES

The chair presented the minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 27 September 2021.

A member asked for an update to be circulated to the Local Committee on the Borderlands Energy Plan.

The Area Manager was asked how confident he was that the COMF money would be spent within the stipulated timescale and the Chair asked for confirmation if the 31 March 2022 was the cut-off date to spend the COMF money.

The Area Manager undertook to keep members updated on the Community Ownership Fund.

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 27 September 2021 be noted.

41 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mrs Bell gave an update on the Gillford Centre Pupil Referral Unit. The school was performing well and was working closely on outreach work with pupils. She

expressed her concern about children's lack of access to mental health services. Mrs Bell and the Chair expressed their concern about the improvements needed to the CAMHS service in Cumbria. The Chair outlined the funding support the Local Committee gave to young people in Eden with anxiety.

Mr Hughes offered to circulate notes of a meeting he was due to attend relating to children and young people's mental health in Eden, if he received them.

The Chair gave an update on the business conducted at the MASCG meetings held on 7 and 25 October 2021. He advised on the dates when Appleby Fair would be held in 2022. He commented on the policing which would be provided in Phase 1 of the Fair and how this would be managed as it coincided with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Members were informed of the lessons learned exercise to be undertaken and on the 2021 Evaluation Report which would hopefully be in effect for the 2022 Fair.

The Chair thanked Tracey Moran, Community Development Officer, who had secured a secondment elsewhere in the County Council. She was thanked for her support to the Committee. The incoming Community Development Officer, Amy Frith was congratulated on her promotion to the post.

42 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 31 January 2022 at 10.30am.

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm