

## **COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN**

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Monday, 27 March 2023 at 10.30 am at The LEP, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DT

### **PRESENT:**

Mr P Dew (Chair)

Mrs HF Carrick  
Mr A Connell

Mr N Hughes  
Mr T Wentworth Waites  
(Vice-Chair)

Also in Attendance:-

Mr J Banks	-	Local Area Network Manager - Eden
Mr A Farrar	-	Democratic Services Officer
Miss L McClellan	-	Traffic Management Team Leader - Eden
Mr N Wright	-	Area Manager - Eden

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

#### **55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bell.

#### **56 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

#### **57 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.

#### **58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions, statements or petitions relating to the business of the Committee on this occasion.

#### **59 MINUTES**

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**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **60 AREA PLANNING IN EDEN**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Director – Customer and Community Services which brought together information from across the community teams including community development and services as well as public health and provided an update on the work of each area, identified activity against priorities, highlights current issues and provides an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager presented the report. He drew members' attention to the pilot supper club at Beaconside Primary Club and the sum £1,016 to be vired from the 11-19 Universal Services budget to the 0-19 budget. He also brought the members attention to the "Eden Local Committee – supporting our communities" report which detailed the work of Eden Local Committee over the last 6 years. He drew members' attention to the hard work of the Area Team and paid tribute to the Area Team.

A number of members expressed their personal thanks to individual officers and wished them well for the future.

The Chair hoped that Westmorland & Furness Council would build upon the firm foundations that Eden Local Committee had put in place and thanked the Area Manager for his hard work.

The Local Member for Eden Lakes noted that although it was a splendid achievement he noted that this was the first time a zero balance had been achieved. He hoped that new ways of working would take place in Westmorland & Furness. The Local Member for Eden Lakes remarked that Kirkby Stephen Youth Club had received two separate grants and requested clarification.

The Chair commented that Kirkby Stephen Youth Club had received a grant from the 11-19 Universal Services budget and the second grant was relating to a sexual health advice project and it was hoped that this project would be rolled out throughout Eden and beyond.

The Area Manger noted the balancing of the budget and commented that the Area Team worked at the pace of communities however due to Local Government Re-organisation time pressures these had only been met by the hard work and dedication of the Area Team and the community groups being supported.

The Local Member for Appleby requested that the "Eden Local Committee – supporting our communities" report would be made available to the new Eden Locality Board.

The Local Member for Penrith North endorsed the pilot supper club at Beaconside Primary School and hoped that if the project was successful it would be rolled out

further. She was pleased the scheme at Green Lane and Penrith Golf Course was being recommended.

The Chair commented about the relationship that had been developed by Eden Local Committee and the local Children's Home and hoped that post Vesting Day that the relationship would develop and grow.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) the budget allocations for 2022-23 and the commitments and expenditure to date be noted;
- (2) the provisional unallocated resources in the 2022-23 Communities Revenue Budget of £0 as of 14 March 2023 be noted;
- (3) £10,000 be allocated from the Area Planning budget to support 4Eden to deliver a pilot supper club project at Beaconside Primary School (as described at points 4.9-4.10 of the report);
- (4) the remaining Environment Fund budget be allocated towards a footpath between Green Lane and Penrith Golf Course (as detailed in paragraphs 4.11–4.13 of the report);
- (5) the remaining £1,016 be vired from the 11-19 Universal Services budget to the 0-19 budget (as set out in paragraph 4.30 of the report);
- (6) the area planning update and grant allocations as (as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.45 of the report) be noted;
- (7) the "Eden Local Committee – supporting our communities" report (as detailed in paragraph in 4.45 of the report) be noted.

## **61 HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT 2022/23**

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the Devolved Highways Revenue, Devolved Highways Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budget reports combined with programme progress information.

The Committee was informed that the Devolved Highway Revenue budget was forecast to be overspent by £14,867 (1.6%) for the financial year (income of £47,000 attributed to the Eden Revenue budget from developers commuted sum payments reduced the overspend from the January 2023 Progress Report forecast) and the Devolved Highway Capital budget was forecast to be overspent by £66,516 (2.3%) for the financial year.

Members were advised that the increased inflationary costs and the rise in fuel and materials had resulted in the forecasted overspends and that several identified capital schemes were deferred to future programmes of work accordingly.

A number of members expressed their personal thanks to individual officers and wished them well for the future.

The Local Member for Eden Lakes commented on the A592 scheme and hoped that an apology would be made to the residents for the inconvenience made and he noted that there had been a lack of signage and a poor quality of signage. He queried if all schemes at Clifton had been completed and commented on the upcoming scheme at Eamont Bridge and stressed that communication with local residents was vital.

The Network Manager Eden outlined the schedule of works for the Eamont Bridge scheme and that the work was not to be undertaken on the Bank Holidays in May and that communications will go out including social media channels. He noted that the A592 work had been undertaken by the Safer Roads team and would pass on the Local Member's thanks and concerns and noted that the team had been constrained by legal requirements in regards to the diversion and confirmed that the schemes at Clifton had been completed.

A round table discussion took place about the budget situation for Highways in Westmorland & Furness Council. It was remarked that dialogue with new Chairs in Westmorland & Furness would be important.

The Chair thanked the officers for their report and their hard work.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

## **62 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chair updated members on grants given at the Holehird Trust meeting in March. The members noted that Holehird Mansion was not currently on the market.

The Chair provided an update from MASCG. There was a meeting on 27 March and it was anticipated that the 2022 Evaluation Report would be presented and that the website was to be refreshed.

Mr Hughes queried when the last Eden Health Wellbeing Board last met. It was noted that the Board had not met for some time but there was an intention that the Board would meet post Vesting Day.

## **63 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that this was the last meeting of the Local Committee in the life of Cumbria County Council.

The Chair expressed his satisfaction that Westmorland & Furness Council would have Locality Boards and hoped it would be evolution not revolution and was pleased that the Area Manager would remain in the Eden Locality.

The meeting ended at 11.25 am