

## COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland held on Friday, 30 September 2022 at 10.00 am at County Offices, Kendal

### PRESENT:

Mr N Cotton (Chair)

Mr B Berry	Mrs S Evans
Mr RK Bingham	Ms J Filmore
Mr M Brereton	Mr P McSweeney
Mr W Clark	Mrs S Sanderson
Mr GD Cook (Vice-Chair)	Mr M Wilson

### District Council

### Parish Councils

### Officers in Attendance

Mr M Conefrey – Public Health Locality Manager

Mr P Hosking - Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland

Mrs H Karaaslan - Team Leader Traffic Management - South

Mrs K Johnson - Area Manager, South Lakeland

Mrs N Harrison – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Mr A Farrar – Democratic Services Officer

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

#### **34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr SB Collins, Mr J Bland, Mr C Hogg, Mrs J Willis Dr A Jarvis, Mr J Brook, Mr WJ Wearing, Mrs BC Gray, Mr P Thornton and Mr L Hallatsch.

#### **35 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation received for this meeting.

#### **36 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

### **37 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made at the meeting

### **38 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that, the minutes of the meetings held on 6 July 2022 be confirmed as circulated

### **39 AREA PLANNING IN SOUTH LAKELAND**

A report was considered from the Assistant Director - Customer and Community Services regarding Area Planning in South Lakeland. The report provided service information and offered recommendations to South Lakeland Local Committee for approval from the meetings of the following working groups; Strategic Planning Working Group held on 5 September 2022 and the Children and Young People's Working Group held on 8 September 2022. The report also provided Local Committee with an update on activity against agreed priorities and provided an overview of the current budget position.

The Area Manager presented the report. She guided members through the report, highlighting the recommendations for members. She drew members' attention to the Environment Fund schemes asking Members to note the reprofiled budget following the last Strategic Planning Working Group and the schemes within it, with particular note to items 22, 24, 29 and 34, the School Flashing Light Repair Programme and the support provided to Food Hubs across South Lakeland. She drew members attention to the A2B Now Scheme underspend and reallocation.

The Local Member for Lakes commented on the good work that the Environment Fund scheme in Grasmere had enabled to be completed and which has been well received locally.

The Local Member for Ulverston East noted the £5,000 grant to Youth Engagement Service and remarked that some groups cannot attend Park Play due to the cost of living crisis and suggested that money should be available to support the scheme.

The Local Member for Kendal Nether (and chair of the Children & Young People's Working Group (C&YPWG)) commented that there was still money available to fund the proposal made by the Local Member for Ulverston East and that following the last C&YPWG, officers are exploring this with a view to bringing an option to the next meeting.

The Local Member for Lower Kentdale and the Local Member for Kent Estuary raised concerns on the rising water levels on the Mosses causing Ash tree die-back.

It was highlighted that communication with the Environment Agency was paramount if flooding was the cause.

The Area Manager would contact the Senior Manager - Environment and Regulatory Services to learn if the Woodland Trust and Environment Agency had any plans in place and will update members.

The Local Member for Windermere noted the funding towards the Sticky Bits activity and the planned awards event and asked for clarification about where this was based to ensure people are able to reach and access the event from South Lakeland. The Area Manager would clarify and email the Member following the meeting.

The Local Member for Ulverston East noted there was a Task and Finish forum to look at the immediate effect of the cost of living crisis and encouraged as many as possible to contribute to the forum.

The Chair presented the recommendations to the Local Committee. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1 Members noted the budget update for 2022-23 including the commitments and expenditure to date, Appendix A of the report.
- 2 Members noted the work of the Strategic Planning Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix B of the report.
- 3 Members noted the current list of Environment Fund and Contain Outbreak Management Fund schemes as outlined in Appendix C of the report
- 4 Members agreed an amount of £23,400 towards the School Flashing Light Repair Programme, with £20K from the Healthy Ways to School budget and the remaining £3,400 from the School Crossing Patrol budget, Appendix D.
- 5 Members noted the support provided to the Food Hubs across the South Lakeland area, totalling £42K, as a response to the cost of living crisis, Appendix E.
- 6 Members noted the work of the Children and Young People's Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix F of the report.
- 7 Members agreed an amount of £13,724 to the Brathay Trust towards their Youth Matters Project from the 0-19 budget, Appendix G.
- 8 Members agreed an amount of £11,040 towards the countywide PAUSE programme in its support of children and families from the 0-19 budget, Appendix H.

- 9 Members agreed to target the 2021/22 underspend in the A2B Now Scheme towards the following (Appendix I):
- £8K to the New Beginnings Charity, supporting transport for refugee families and Ukranian guests in Kendal and surrounding areas
  - £6K to Carers Support South Lakeland (Young Carers), supporting the transport needs of 151 young carers across the South Lakeland area
  - £5K to the Youth Engagement Service, supporting transport costs for school holiday trips

#### **40 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Highways and Transportation Working Group meeting held on 30 August 2022. The report provided the notes and included recommendations for consideration by the Local Committee.

The Highways Network Manger presented the report and highlighted the recommendations as set out in the report.

The Chair of South Lakeland Local Committee presented the recommendations to the Local Committee. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** that,

- 1 Local Committee notes the Minutes of the Working Group meeting of 30 August 2022 which are attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- 2 Local Committee having taken into account the objections and representations which were received, and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report to the Working Group, (which is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.), approves the bringing into operation of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area)(Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) Variation Order 20>< (“the Order”) as advertised, SAVE FOR the proposed One-Way traffic restriction on the U901 Well Ings, Kendal be not approved for implementation.
- 3 Local Committee notes the details provided in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the Working Group report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure (attached as Appendix 2 of the report) which gave a Flood and Development Management Update and the Local Committee notes that there are no additional comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transportation Working Group.

#### **41 CROSS-A-MOOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Cross-A-Moor Parking Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order. The report set out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the Order and sought a resolution on the proposed introduction of the Order.

The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland presented the report. Members were guided through the background to the Traffic Regulation Order.

**RESOLVED** that, Having taken into account the objections and representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement, and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of this Report, that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Cross-A-Moor) Variation Order (No.2) 20>< (“the Order”), be brought into operation as advertised.

#### **42 AMBLESIDE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Ambleside Traffic Regulation Order. The report set out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the Order and sought a resolution on the proposed introduction of the Order.

The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland presented the report. Members were guided through the background to the Traffic Regulation Order.

The Local Member for Lakes commented on the TRO. He noted it was a successful scheme and thanked the Traffic Management Team Leader for her hard work and that this TRO would help alleviate problems encountered by emergency and refuse vehicles and supported the proposal.

**RESOLVED** that, Having taken into account the objections and representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement, and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of this Report, that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Ambleside) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2003) Variation (No.5) Order 20>< (“the

Order”) be brought into operation as advertised SAVE FOR the following amendments: -

(a) In relation to the north western side of Chapel Hill that the extent of the “No Waiting at Any Time” restriction to be reduced to 13 metres commencing from a point 18 metres from its junction with Fair View Road, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 4.1.

(b) In relation to the north side of High Gale that the extent of the “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions to be reduced to 19 metres commencing from its junction with Low Gale, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 4.2.

#### **43 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY - UPDATE**

A report was considered from the Assistant Director - Customer and Community Services regarding a Community Development and Public Health Activity update. The report drew attention to key Community Development and Public Health Activity undertaken by the South Lakeland Area Support Team and the Locality Public Health Manager.

The Public Health Locality Manager presented the report. He talked about the major issues in county which may have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of residents of South Lakeland. This included the increasing cost of living crisis and he remarked about the GINI co-efficient to look at inequality.

The Chair noted that heating costs in rural homes was very high and asked if there was help for insulation costs. The Public Health Locality Manager would investigate and respond.

The Local Member for Lower Kentdale asked whether when Warm Hubs were considered, were rurality and isolation taken into consideration. It was often thought that deprivation was mainly concentrated in urban areas but there were rural issues, particularly relating to heating and child poverty. It was noted that that deprivation could often be hidden by apparent prosperity.

The Public Health Locality Manager noted that rural housing provision was often made up of older housing stock which was expensive to heat. Warm Places had raised issues with transportation and highlighted that there were real challenges for people in rural areas.

A round table discussion took place about the Covid Booster jab and availability of vaccination centres the Public Health Locality Manager would investigate and provide a response to the Committee on where they were located.

The Chair commented that South Lakeland Local Committee should be very proud of its legacy in supporting over 100 groups which assisted the community. It had assisted communities during Covid, Storm Arwen and the cost of living crisis.

The Local Member for Ulverston West remarked that people need to be referred to foodbanks but they could not continually be referred to them. She asked what solutions would be possible to address this.

The Public Health Locality Manager commented that South Lakeland food hubs did not follow this model. It was more community-led now to provide for those in need.

**RESOLVED** that, the report be noted

#### **44 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

##### **a Outside Bodies**

There were no reports made to this meeting on Outside Bodies.

##### **b Children's Champion**

Mrs Evans presented her report as the Committee's Children's Champion. She reported on the business conducted at the Children's Champion Meeting on 23 September and the Corporate Parenting Board on 27 September. She was looking forward to the Care Leavers Awards Day on 1 October. She remarked that the hampers that were provided would concentrate on the basics and payment of utility bills this year. The Children's Champion highlighted a Training Day for members to be held on 26 October in Barrow.

The Chair noted that Vesting Day was 6 months away and asked if there would be any problems before Vesting Day. The Children's Champion noted that the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning was doing everything possible and that she would be in a better position to answer the question.

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning commented that Local Government Reorganisation was moving well and acknowledged that it was a very complicated and stressful time for all concerned. The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning thanked the South Lakeland Children's Champion for all her hard work and commented that Shadow Cabinet members from Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness were meeting together as they wanted to work together.

#### **45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on 24 November 2022 at 10.00am

The meeting ended at 11.30 am