

## COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Friday, 23 September 2022 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 N Wright - Area Manager - Eden  
Miss L McClellan - Traffic Management Team Leader - Eden  
Mr J Banks - Local Area Network Manager - Eden

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

#### 22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Bell and Ms C Driver

#### 23 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest made at the meeting.

#### 24 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.

#### 25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at the meeting.

#### 26 MINUTES

Corrections:

Page 9, Minute 18, paragraph 6. Change Employment to Enterprise.

Page 9, Minute 18, paragraph 8. Spelling correction to Fibrus.

Page 11, Minute 20, paragraph 1. Spelling correction Guilford to Gillford.

RESOLVED that, subject to the corrections above, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022 be agreed as a correct record

## **27 AREA PLANNING IN EDEN**

A report was considered from the Assistant Director - Customer and Community Services regarding Area Planning in Eden. The report brought together information from across the community teams including Community Development and Services as well as Public Health. The report gave an update on each area, identified activity against priorities, highlighted current issues and provided an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager presented the report. He reported on the due diligence undertaken by officers on the grant applications appended to the report. He commended Eden Youth Hub on its excellent work. The development and importance of local warm hubs was explained and members were informed about the work of officers with local partners in sourcing funding. If none was available the Local Committee may be approached for financial support. The Library Service was congratulated at the speed of it opening up books of condolence following the death of the Queen.

Mr Connell talked about how he had been approached by the church about support to provide warm spaces for people in Eden. The Area Manager asked Mr Connell to pass on contact details.

A member welcomed that the Police would be attending future meetings of Appleby Area Planning Group. He asked that as a member of the new Westmorland and Furness Authority, he be provided with information on the Kirkby Stephen Transport Audit project. Another member talked about the successes of the Kirkby Stephen transport document which had been circulated to the public however, it was recognised that it would need to be regularly updated.

Mr Hughes asked for a written update on the position of support to Ukrainian refugees in Eden as nationally, only 25% of hosts were continuing their placements. The Area Manager advised that the figures would need to be drilled down further and undertook to email an update to the Committee.

After referring to the grant for Euphoric Circus and pledging his support to arts projects for young people, a member queried whether funding could be used to support people with the cost of living crisis. The Chair talked about the importance of supporting young people living in isolation and highlighted that funding came from the 0-19 budget.

In terms of the support for young people in relation to sexual health and relationships, a member hoped that consideration had been given to transgender

and gender neutral people. The Area Manager offered an update from the Health and Wellbeing Forum Working Group who had considered this matter.

The Chair thanked the Community Team for their work and proposed the recommendations. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

RESOLVED that,

- 1 Members note the budget allocations for 2022-23 and the commitments and expenditure to date.
- 2 Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2022-23 Communities Revenue Budget of £64,792 as of 31 August 2022 of the report.
- 3 Members note the 11-19 budget allocation of £4,000 to Cumbria Youth Alliance to deliver universal youth provision in Alston as previously agreed by committee and as described at 4.31 of the report.
- 4 Members note the 0-19 allocation of £2,056 to Euphoric Circus CIO as described in 4.32 of the report.
- 5 Members note the Area Planning allocation of £5,000 to support the second year of the Eden Youth Hub as described in 4.33 of the report.
- 6 Members note the Area Planning allocation of £1,500 to Eden Carers as described in 4.34 of the report.
- 7 Members note the area planning update in 4.5 to 4.47 of the report.

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

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Highways Programme Progress Report 2022/23. The report presented the Devolved Highways Revenue, Devolved Highways Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budget reports combined with programme progress information as detailed in the appendices attached to the report.

The Local Area Network Manager – Eden presented the report. He guided members through the Committee's highways budgets. Final costs were due for the Appleby Fair budget. An update was provided on a number of schemes included in the appendices including inlay resurfacing at Carleton Road and the provision of a footway from Green Lane Penrith to the Golf Club. Members were informed about the success of jet patching between April and September 2022. There had been significantly less defects on the roads and the number of enquiries on HIAMS had drastically reduced.

The Local Area Network Manager – Eden was pleased to report that Langwathby Bridge Concrete Deck and village resurfacing scheme had been completed three weeks early. He thanked Ms Driver for her support on this matter. The resurfacing in

Clifton Village had been welcomed by residents and on social media. An update was given on the proposed Environment Fund works at Greystoke.

Members were informed about the rising costs of materials which may have an impact on future scheme delivery. A further update would be given at the next Committee meeting. A balanced budget was forecasted.

The Chair congratulated the Local Area Network Manager – Eden on the budget position and added that a lot of work was happening in local areas.

A member reported that he had spoken with the Clifton Parish Council Chair about recent road resurfacing. This had been welcomed as it had been done over a weekend. The member was pleased to note that all surface dressing works were complete. A short discussion took place on the budget position of the Eden Holding Code and some of the schemes listed in the Local Area Transport Safety Schemes budget. The Local Area Network Manager – Eden explained how the money would be spent on bus stops and finger posts. It was noted that a village name plate sign was missing at Butterwick.

Mr Hughes asked about Askam Bridge, in particular if it was a full refurbishment as it had been struck many times and whether there would be a full bridge closure. The Local Area Network Manager – Eden undertook to contact Mr Hughes on this matter.

The Chair thanked the Local Area Network Manager – Eden for his positive report and proposed the recommendations. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

RESOLVED that, Local Committee notes the progress information shown in the appendices attached to the report.

## **29 EDEN TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER REVIEW FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENT**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Eden Traffic Regulation Order Review. The report set out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order referred to at paragraph 3.1 of the report.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report. She talked members through the objections, responses and the amendments made to proposals following the statutory advertisement. Amendments to the Threlkeld proposal were explained. Details were provided in relation the proposal at Armathwaite and how it was intended that the restrictions would only be introduced if a proposed car park was installed. Also highlighted was the proposal at Kirkby Stephen where the Traffic Management Team Leader advised how it had been altered and no further objections had been received.

The Chair stated that all objections and representations had been taken into consideration and all seemed fair and reasonable.

A member raised his concern about the junction at Yanwath which he considered to be dangerous due to speeding traffic. He agreed that this warranted officer attention. He welcomed the proposal at Lowther and was given an update on the removal of wooden posts installed by Lowther estate which had been erected to prevent parking.

The Chair commented on the thorough work undertaken on the Traffic Regulation Orders and passed on his appreciation. He proposed the recommendations and these were agreed by assent of the Committee.

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 the Report, that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, District of Eden) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations Order 20>< (“the Order”) be brought into operation as advertised SAVE FOR: -

(a) the proposed “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions for Threlkeld which are to be introduced to the extent shown on the plans attached as Appendices 5B and 5C of the report

(b) the proposed “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions for Armathwaite which are NOT to be introduced.

### **30 EDEN SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Eden Speed Limit Review. The purpose of the report was to provide Members with the background and detail of the proposed changes to speed limits within the Eden District and update them of the representations received during the informal consultation. It also sought approval to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order which would incorporate the proposals set out in the report.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report. She advised that as a result of Local Government Reorganisation, Orders would need to be consolidated and any changes would have to be advertised by December 2022. Therefore, proposals were being progressed to ensure they could be implemented this financial year.

Members were advised on the informal consultations that had taken place on the twelve proposals which had come from a number of sources such as Parish Councils and the CRASH Group. Some proposals had not been progressed as they

had not met the statutory criteria. Information was provided on the abandonment of the Shap proposal. At Melmerby, requests to extend the 30mph speed limit and introduction of a 40mph buffer zone had resulted in a revised proposal. The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) reassured the Committee that works would commence before the end of the financial year.

A member talked about the speeding issues at Shap and was pleased to note that the proposal would not be progressed. He welcomed the proposal at Helton as there were a lot of horse riders who would benefit from the proposed speed limit. He highlighted that Bampton Parish Council had raised an issue about extending the speed limit, however the Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) explained that this had not met the statutory criteria. She did however state that officers could review the installation of a road sign.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) explained the thinking behind and enforcement of 40mph speed limit buffer zones in Eden and how they would slow down traffic before reaching a 30mph speed limit. The Chair hoped that this could be continued by the Westmorland and Furness Authority.

The Chair thanked the Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) for the team's work and proposed the recommendations to the Committee. These were agreed by assent.

RESOLVED that, the Eden Local Committee, having taken into consideration the representations received through informal consultation, agree for Officers to progress to Statutory Consultation and advertisement of the proposals shown on the plans attached as Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11A only as part of a consolidation and variation of The County of Cumbria (Various Towns and Villages in the District of Eden) (Consolidation and Provision of Speed Limits) Order 2021 ("the Order")

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

Mr Dew gave an update on the business conducted at the meeting of the Holehird Trust meeting held on 20 September 2022. This included a discussion on the future of the Holehird Mansion and the award of nine grants to projects in the Westmorland area.

Mr Dew drew members' attention to the detailed report of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the Area Planning report.

Following a request from a member for details to share with people who were struggling with the cost of living, the Area Manager undertook to share a list of organisations who could help.

### **32 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 15 November 2022 at the LEP, Penrith at 10.30am

### **33 PRESENTATION - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BRIEFING**

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda due to the officer's involvement with the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services

The meeting ended at 11.20 am