

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Tuesday, 31 January 2023 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

Mr N Hughes
Mr D Whipp

Also in Attendance:-

Mr J Banks	-	Local Area Network Manager - Eden
Mrs L Davis	-	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

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for the meeting.

47 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

48 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.

49 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation for this meeting.

50 MINUTES

Corrections:

- Page 11 Minute 42. Paragraph 2 and 3. Delete the work “Council” from Martindale Parish and insert the word “Meeting”.
- Page 11 Minute 42. Rearrangement of paragraphs 3 and 4. The last sentence in paragraph 3 and the answer given in paragraph 4 needs to be placed after the first sentence in paragraph 3.
- Page 10 Minute 40. Resolution 1(i). A bracket needs added after the word Regulations.
- Page 10 Minute 40. Resolution 1(ii). The brackets around the words Order 2021 need to be removed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A member highlighted a potential clash between a LGR Cabinet training session for Westmorland and Furness members and the last meeting of the Local Committee. The Area Manager agreed to look into this.

51 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 advised on additional funding to assist with the Cost of Living Crisis, the team working with Local Members on priority projects, outlined the request to vire money for a puffin crossing in Kirkby Stephen and the application for a grant from Together We to pilot a talking support service in Eden based at Newton Rigg. There had been discussions with Together We around access to Newton Rigg but members were advised that the service would also offer remote functions to service users.

To conclude the Area Manager advised of the resignation of Councillor C Driver and said that she would be missed and commended the proactive and positive approach she took in her role as County Councillor and for her division, Alston and East Fellside. The Chair and members endorsed these comments.

A discussion took place around surplus money in the budget and whether there were guarantees for it and earmarked projects to be carried over, for Eden residents, into the new Westmorland and Furness Authority. The Area Manager

advised that it was not anticipated that there would be a surplus at the end of the financial year and that there had been no guarantee given that any residual budget would be carried over in this way.

A Member requested police presence at the Shap Area Planning Group. The member also commented on the poor state of railway services in the Eden area. This was supported by another member. The Area Manager advised members that individual financial charts were available on request.

A member spoke in support of the Children and Young People's working group recommendation in 4.30 of the report and welcomed the grant awarded to Appleby Town Council's Platinum Park renovation project.

The Chair put the recommendations to the Committee. These were agreed by assent.

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 £59,196 as of 31 December 2022 be noted;
- (3) the remaining School Crossing Patrol budget of £4,310 to contribute towards the assessment for a Puffin Crossing in Kirkby Stephen be agreed as described at 4.20 of the report;
- (4) the remaining £4,000 from the 11-19 Universal Service budget be vired to the 0-19 budget to fund other Youth Projects in Eden as described in 4.30 of the report;
- (5) £10,000 be awarded to Together We to contribute towards a talking support pilot in Eden as described in 4.33 of the report;
- (6) the area planning update in 4.5 to 4.43 be noted.

52 HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT 2022/23

The Committee received a report on the Devolved Highways Revenue, Devolved Highways Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budgets, combined with programme progress information, all of which were detailed in the appendices to the report.

The Local Area Network Manager advised on the forecasted overspend on the revenue and capital budgets and the schemes that have been deferred from the 2022/23 schedule because of the impact of increasing costs of bituminous materials, pre-cast concrete materials and increased plant costs. Members were

informed and noted that there was some additional PRN funding, and the Local Area Network Manager described the intended use of this on a couple of additional schemes. The Area Network Manager was looking into the possibility of having the jet-patcher return to the area in March to supplement the in house repair teams to reduce the increasing number of pot holes reported. A short discussion on the inability, due to budgetary pressure, to have a second gully cleansing machine available in Eden was held.

Following a member's question, an explanation of the top-slicing exercise was given.

The Chair advised on the underspend of the Appleby Fair budget allocation. It was noted that this was down to better management and the purchasing and securement of equipment. The Chair thanked the Team for all their hard work.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted

53 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mrs Bell gave an update from a recent Ofsted inspection at the Gillford Centre, Carlisle. Members were pleased to note that the Centre had retained its 'good' status. Mrs Bell informed members that the Centre catered for children from both the Carlisle and Eden areas who couldn't for various reasons attend mainstream education and these arrangements would continue after Local Government Reorganisation.

A member reassured families that educational arrangements for those pupils whose homes and schooling crossed between the two new authority areas would continue as normal and there was good co-operation of this between the authorities.

Mr Dew updated members on grants given at the Holehird Trust meeting in November. Members noted that the mansion house was now up for sale/to let.

To conclude Mr Dew gave an update from MASCG. The expected consultants' report had not been received as they now wished to see the Fair in operation. MASCG had asked for a provisional report on transit sites as the current arrangements were dangerous. Mr Dew informed the Committee that, contrary to opinion, the Police and Crime Bill would not enable the police to be more actively involved in moving people on.

54 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee was scheduled to take place on 27 March 2023 at 10.30 am at the LEP, Redhills, Penrith.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am