



Working in Partnership Copeland
Minutes of the 11th meeting of the South Copeland Community GDF Partnership
Held at The Guide Hall, Millom – 9th November 2022
Commencing at 6:30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Ged McGrath	Chair
Cllr David Moore	Copeland Borough Council, Councillor & Nuclear Portfolio Holder
Cllr Dave Savage	Cumbria District Association of Local Councils (CALC)
Kelly Anderson	NWS Community Engagement Manager
Jonathan Cook	Copeland Borough Council Officer
Cllr Maggie Cummings	Whicham Parish Council
Cllr Carl Carrington	Millom Without Parish Council

SUPPORTING ATTENDEES:

Lucy Clarke	NWS Communications Lead
Anne Broome	NWS Copeland Community Coordinator
Rob Ward	NWS Community Partnership Operations Manager
Dawn Walker	NWS Secretariat

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Bob Kelly	Cumberland Shadow Authority Councillor
Cllr David Billing	Millom Town Council

AGENDA 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Health and safety information and meeting etiquette was shared
- Community Partnership members introduced themselves
- Voting members were recorded
- No Declarations of Interest were received

AGENDA 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION LOG**Action Log**

Ref 12102022	Meeting Action Log	
Agenda 3 12102022 1	Declarations of Interest to be published on the Community Partnership Website - Ongoing	Secretariat
Agenda 3 12102022 2	Action: Review of the Community Partnership website to be carried out - Ongoing	CL/CET

Agenda 3 12102022 3	Action: Members to feedback any additional comments regarding the accessibility and functionality of the website – Complete	CP Members
Agenda 3 12102022 4	Formal response to be sent to NFLA(Nuclear Free Local Authority) – Complete	Secretariat
Agenda 5 12102022 1	Chairs of South and Mid Copeland to arrange a meeting to discuss their preferred options - Complete	Secretariat
Agenda 6 12102022 1	Findings of the survey to be communicated through all channels - Complete	CL
Agenda 6 12102022 2	Confirm who owns the survey results - Complete	CEM
Agenda 8 12102022 1	NWS (Nuclear Waste Services) to clarify the sources of information available to the Partnership and how the third-party review mechanism described in the Working with Communities Policy will work. Ongoing	CEM /OM
Agenda 9 12102022 1	The name of the Community Partnership to be added to the agenda for the next meeting On the Agenda	Secretariat
Agenda 9 12102022 2	Venues for future meetings to be circulated to members – Ongoing awaiting confirmations from each venue	Secretariat

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting There was however a request from a Partnership member that acronyms are spelled out in full.

The Chair then discussed publication of the minutes with members. There had been a request into the contact centre for draft minutes to be published on the website. After discussion, the Partnership unanimously agreed that draft minutes should not be published on the website prior to



approval, however hard copies of the draft meeting minutes should be made available at the next meeting for members of the public to see prior to approval.

Action: Hard copies of draft meeting minutes to be made available to members of the public at the next meeting.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LOG

Agenda 6 12102022 2 - Confirm who owns the survey results

The CEM gave the following information in response to the action about who owned the baseline survey results:

‘NWS commissioned the survey on behalf of the Community Partnership and contracted that work to Yonder to deliver. We own the survey reports as the legal entity, but the results and findings are for the South Copeland Community Partnership to use to understand residents information needs as input to planning their programme of activities’.

NWS were then asked to ensure that the ownership information was included in the minutes as well as statement confirming that NWS won't use the survey results for their own gain without asking the permission of the Community Partnership.

Action: Provide a statement from NWS in the minutes to clarify who owns the public opinion survey data and how it will/won't be used

The CEM confirmed that NWS wouldn't use the data for its own benefit without asking the CP first. The only time NWS would deviate from this is if the CP was refusing to engage with the public and/or refusing to address the concerns and queries raised in the survey results. If this was the case, NWS would have to step in to communicate directly with the community.

NWS were also asked to add something into the CPA (Community Partnership Agreement) about who owns and who can use the survey results.

Action: Include a section in the Community Partnership Agreement regarding ownership and use of public opinion survey data

Agenda 8 12102022 1 - NWS (Nuclear Waste Services) to clarify the sources of information available to the Partnership and how the third-party review mechanism described in the Working with Communities Policy will work.

The CEM gave details about what the third-party review mechanism was and when it could be used. The Partnership discussed this further and requested some additional clarification around whether the Learned Societies included people with international expertise and also asked for sight of the Memorandum of Understanding that is detailed in the Working with Communities Policy.

Action: Clarify if the Learned Societies include people with international experience.

Action: Share the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Partnership members.



AGENDA 3: CHAIRS UPDATE

Member information on the website: The members agreed that now the Partnership was meeting in public a biography and picture of the members should be added to the website.

Action: Members to provide a biography for the website.

Action: CL to organise a photo shoot for Partnership members.

NWS Programme of Activities update: A workshop has been arranged for the 21st of November for members to attend which will update them on Site Evaluation work.

LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) Update: The Chair informed the members that, as requested, a meeting had been held with the Chair of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership to inform him of the decision in the south to proceed with Option 3. This was followed up with a letter which had been shared with members before it was sent., Assurance was sought from the members that consultation and support had been offered to those parishes who are affected by the boundary changes. The Chair confirmed that their representatives were part of the mid Copeland Community Partnership.

Feedback from Waberthwaite – drop-in session: Waberthwaite Parish Council had requested the drop-in session following an update at their meeting. The drop in went well and was attended by people who had good reach back into the community. They received the information which they requested and all left feeling that they were better informed than before they attended. It was confirmed that the same offer was being made to the other Parish Councils represented by CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils).

AGENDA 4: PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair opened up to members of the public to ask questions.

The first question was a 3-part question to members of the Community Partnership:

Q: What community do you represent? **Q:** How do you communicate with the Parishes you represent?

Q: How are the views of those members of the community who are opposed to the GDF process represented?

A. As the Partnership representative for CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils), it is my responsibility to listen to and inform all those parishes within the Search Area but outside the Area for Consideration. The area for consideration is represented by other members of the Partnership. I feed back to the Parishes what has been discussed at Partnership meetings, I listen to the views and opinions of the community, it is very important that the views of every member of the community are heard, irrespective of whether they are for, against or have no particular view on the GDF process.



The Whicham Parish council representative added that the Parish had conducted a Parish survey in 2012 to get views on what the Parishioners did and didn't want to happen in the area - nuclear, industrial, extensive housing development etc. At our AGM we focused on the recent discussions regarding the GDF programme and proposed having some events in the area to inform Parishioners of the process. We have also decided to do a very basic survey of the households in the area to get a basic overview of their views of a GDF.

The Copeland Borough Councillor for Millom replied that the process was at the very early stages and that communication, the correct language and open and transparent engagement with the public was key.

The Chair reiterated that the Partnership were here to represent the community and not the developer.

There was then a question about why the developer was only covering the benefits of having a GDF and not the negatives. The CEM clarified that when the local exhibitions were being organised the brief that the NWS team received from the Community Partnership was to not promote the benefits of having a GDF in the area and so the exhibitions stuck to factual information. The information that was exhibited was – The story so far, what is a GDF, where could a GDF be built, what is a Community Partnership and Community Investment Funding. There was then a section on what are your views. The Partnership had requested that the Community Investment Funding be low key so this was the last information board at the exhibition.

The Chair explained that the Partnership is led by the developer's programme of works and thus far there is very little information to pass on so at the minute we don't have the information on the negatives yet. He also reminded the public gallery that the Community Partnership is there to hold the developer to account.

AGENDA 5: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CIF) – PRIORITIES

A member of the CIF panel took members through a proposal for CIF priorities that had been to the sub-group. He explained that there was no change to the 3 main areas that people could apply to but that the panel would be looking for projects to be sustainable and to leave a legacy. of the detail of the priority areas is below:

Economic development:

- Employment opportunities, Skills development, Education and training, Promotion of local enterprise, long term economic development or economic diversification.

Community Wellbeing:

- Improvements to community and sports facilities, enhancement of the quality of life or health and wellbeing of the community.

Natural or Built Environment.

- Supporting cultural or natural Heritage, economic benefits through tourism



Taking action to improve and protect our biodiversity, steps that manage resources such as energy and enhancing financial sustainability in the long term.

Investment that will reflect the aims of the funder to leave a legacy of social responsibility.

The membership agreed with the priorities and were happy for this to be the principal approach to CIF (community Investment Funding) going forward.

AGENDA 6: GDF WATCH FEEDBACK – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Some members attended a webinar organised by Roy Payne of GDF Watch who invited two organisations, The Consultation Institute and The Local Trust to present on the work they had done regarding community engagement. Members of the South Copeland Community Partnership had questioned the presenters on how they would tackle engagement in South Copeland. Despite asking the question twice, an adequate answer wasn't provided which led members to realise there isn't an easy solution to engaging on difficult topics.

Community Engagement going forward was discussed and a proposal made to have a workshop in December to review the years developments and to discuss the direction the Partnership wants to take next year. The members agreed to the proposal for a workshop.

Action: Arrange a half day workshop in December to review the year and to look ahead to 2023.

AGENDA 7: NAME OF THE CP

The members discussed changing the name of the Partnership as there is another group in South Copeland with a very similar name. It was proposed and accepted that a subgroup be set up to take this discussion forward and come back to the members in January with suggestions.

Action: Set up subgroup to discuss name of the CP.

AGENDA 8: MEMBER RECRUITMENT

An update was given on new member recruitment which commenced at the end of August. Three applications had been received and all three had been taken through to interview. Two had been offered a position on the Partnership from January - Kate Wilshaw from Friends of the Lake District, will be joining under the landscape and environment category and John Sutton from Sustainable Duddon Will also be joining in the landscape and environment category.

AGENDA 9: COMMS UPDATE

As requested, the survey results have now been published across the majority of channels including social media, e bulletin and a website article. The upcoming newsletter will also focus on the survey results and the content will be shared with members for comment.

AGENDA 10: AOB/NEXT MEETING

The PVP (Property Value Protection scheme) will be discussed at the January meeting. There was no further business to discuss.



Next Meeting – January 11th, 2023 @ 6.30pm

Venue The Guide Hall Millom

Action Log

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Agenda 2 09112022 2 1	Provide a statement from NWS in the minutes to clarify who owns the public opinion survey data and how it will/won't be used	CEM
Agenda 2 09112022 31	Include a section in the Community Partnership Agreement regarding ownership and use of public opinion survey data	CEM
Agenda 2 09112022 41	Clarify if the Learned Societies include people with international experience.	
Agenda28 09112022 51	Share the Memorandum of Understanding with CP members	Secretariat
Agenda 3 09112022 1	Members to provide a biography for the website	Members
Agenda 3 09112022 2	Comms to organise a photo shoot for Partnership members.	CL
Agenda 6 09112022 1	Arrange a half day workshop in December to review the year and to look ahead to 2023.	Secretariat
Agenda 7 09112022 1	Set up subgroup to discuss name of the CP. (attendees – DS, AB, JC, GM)	Secretariat
Agenda 10 09112022 1	Property Value Protection (PVP) scheme to be added to the agenda for the January meeting	Secretariat