

Minutes of The South Copeland GDF Community Partnership

Online 19th Sept 2024 at 6.30pm

Present:

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| Ged McGrath | Chair |
| Gill Browne | Sustainable Duddon |
| Kelly Anderson | Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) |
| Maggie Cumming | Whicham Parish Council |
| Chris Gigg | Drigg & Carleton Parish Council |
| Carl Carrington | Millom Without Parish Council |
| Kate Willshaw | Friends of the Lake District |
| Cllr Bob Kelly | Cumberland Council |
| Bill Amos | Business Sector |
| Andy Pratt | Millom Without (Cumberland Councillor) |

Supporting Attendees:

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| Lucy Clarke | Comms Manager |
| Anne Broome | Operations Manager |
| Amy Shelton | Principal Engagement Manager |

Apologies

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| David Billing | Millom Town Council |
| John Sutton | Sustainable Duddon |

Meeting Agenda

| Meeting Date: | 18 th Sep 2024 | Time: | 18.30 - 20.30 |
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| Meeting Type: | Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> | Virtual/Conference <input type="checkbox"/> | In Person <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Location: | Teams call | | |
| Additional Material enclosed? <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Agenda | | | |
| Item No. | Time | Description | Lead |
| 1 | 18.30 - 18.35 | Welcome & Introductions. Declaration of Interest. | Chair |

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| 2 | 18.35 – 19.00 | Approval of minutes from 14 th August/Action Log | All |
| 3 | 19.00 - 19.30 | Approval of notes from Muncaster | All |
| 4 | 19.30 – 19.55 | CALC letter | All |
| 5 | 19.55 – 20.25 | Visioning subgroup | All |
| 6 | 20.25 -20.30 | AOB – Time of next meeting Close | Chair |

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed Partnership Members and supporting attendees to the meeting.

There were apologies from John Sutton (Sustainable Duddon) and David Billing (Millom Town Council). There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Approval of Minutes and Review of Action Log

| Action Reference: | Description: | Assigned to: |
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| 14.08.24 1 | Book meeting with NWS Senior Team in December | CEM ongoing |
| 14.08.24 2 | Chair to raise CP concerns re CALC letter directly with CALC | Chair Complete |
| 14.08.24 3 | Send out updated CIP priorities paper for approval | CEM Complete |
| 14.08.24 4 | Chair to draft letter to NWS to ask how local business can be supported through CIF regarding procurement. | Chair Ongoing |
| 14.08.24 5 | JS to add the 'ask' to his website proposal paper before sending to the CET team for onward distribution | JS Complete |
| 14.08.24 6 | Invite a CoRWM rep to the next Community Partnership meeting to discuss the proposal of a seminar in public. | KW Ongoing |
| 14.08.24 7 | Discuss responses to Facebook posts with Comms Manager | CEM On the agenda |
| 14.08.24 8 | Send out a reminder for volunteers for Community Partnership Community Forum in Thwaites Village Hall 10 th September | CET Complete |

All proposed changes to the minutes of the previous meeting were debated one by one and were accepted subject to the discussed changes being made.

It was agreed that going forward all Community Partnership meetings should be voice recorded and when the written minutes are confirmed, the recording can be deleted.

The Chair mentioned that he had received Notice of David Savages resignation from the Community Investment Funding panel. It was stated that David had played an integral part in the panel and will be missed.

Actions carried forward from the previous meeting

14.08.24 1 It was agreed that the meeting with the Senior Leadership Team be scheduled for Jan 2025 instead of December 2024

14.08.24 2 The Chair mentioned that correspondence had taken place with CALC, expressing the concerns of the CP regarding the dual role of the Chair. CALC have considered these concerns and have nominated Andy Pratt as their representative on the Community Partnership.

14.08.24 6 Kate Willshaw raised that the action was incorrect, and it was to invite a CoRWM rep to the next Community Partnership meeting, not the C&E subgroup meeting. Kate updated the members on the action, mentioning that correspondence had taken place with CoRWM and that they would be invited to a C&E subgroup meeting to discuss how they would like to conduct a meeting with the Community Partnership.

It was recommended that this meeting invite be extended to all Community Partnership members.

Action: Invite CoRWM to C&E subgroup meeting, extending the invitation to all CP members.

14.08.24 7 Lucy mentioned that there are an increasing number of technical questions being asked on Social media resulting in people not using the Contact Centre. It was proposed that any technical questions that are asked of the Community Partnership via Social Media be redirected to the Contact Centre, this will enable them to be logged and answered in a timely fashion, as well as enabling the enquiry to be answered fully instead of being limited by characters.

The proposal was agreed with the proviso that all questions raised are still shared with the CP.

It was mentioned that John Sutton had taken an action at the Operations subgroup meeting to pull together a paper regarding requests for information from NWS. It was agreed this piece of work was still needed but should focus on requests from the Community to NWS.

Action: All technical questions asked on Social Media to be redirected to the Contact Centre.

Action: LC to draft a “pin” for Social Media to explain that all technical questions will be redirected to the Contact Centre.

3. Approval of Notes from Muncaster meeting

The notes were discussed, and it was agreed that more context be added to the statement on surveys, all other changes were accepted.

It was suggested and agreed that a plenary session is held to agree the notes on further sessions with the Senior Leadership Team.

Action: All sessions with SLT to have a plenary session added to agree the notes.

4. CALC letter

The Chair had previously mentioned that Andy Pratt has now been nominated by CALC to be their representative on the South Copeland Community Partnership.

The Millom without and Whicham Parish council reps were going to take this update back to their Parish Council to inform them of the latest position. It was reiterated that CALC representation does not cover Millom Town Council, Millom Without or Whicham Parish Councils. It only covers the rest of the parishes in the Search Area.

Andy stated that attendance at all the other parish meetings was not an issue for him as he attended them already as a Cumberland Council representative. It would not add to his workload, it would only increase the time of his slot at the Parish Council meetings.

Kelly Anderson mentioned that she had been made aware that an email had been sent to Duddon Parish Council asking them to consider putting forward one of their members to represent CALC. She stated that this was concerning as there had been no ask to contact Duddon Parish Council and they weren't even in the Search Area. The only discussion that had taken place regarding CALC representation had been in the August Community Partnership meeting, so it was worrying that this had then been relayed as a request to Duddon Parish Council following the meeting. Also, some of the text in the email was factually incorrect in terms of its description of the CP and a GDF which is never helpful, especially when it is to communities not currently engaged in the siting process. None of the CP members present knew anything about the correspondence.

The Chair asked Andy if he had been consulted by CALC in taking the position. Andy confirmed that he had and was happy to pick up the role.

The Chair officially welcomed Andy Pratt as the CALC representative. However, expressed his concerns regarding how time consuming the Community Investment Panel part of the role could be. It was mentioned that if Andy preferred a Deputy to attend that could be arranged.

It was agreed that Andy would attend the Community Investment Funding panels going forward but if at any point it was felt it would be better for a Deputy to take his place then that would be acceptable.

5. Visioning Subgroup proposal

The Chair reminded the members about the meeting on Visioning that had taken place earlier in the year and the decision taken by Community Partnership members not to create a separate Visioning subgroup. It had been agreed that Visioning would be covered by the Communications and Engagement Subgroup.

Chris Gigg raised that he felt that Visioning was very important to the Community Partnership and that it was worthy of a separate Visioning subgroup. He did however acknowledge that there is cross over with the C&E subgroup.

It was agreed that a Visioning subgroup be formed with CG, KW, GMc, KA offering to be members.

It was also agreed that Jonathan Cook (Cumberland Nuclear Officer) be asked to be part of the Visioning subgroup as a representative from Cumberland Council. The two members not present at the meeting are also to be given the opportunity of joining.

ACTION: Visioning subgroup to be formed

ACTION: Invite Jonathan Cook to be a member of the Visioning Subgroup as Cumberland Rep

6. AOB

Whicham Parish Council are requesting information regarding the Property Valuation Protection Scheme to be cascaded to the wider public, not just through the website.

KA mentioned that PVP was on the agenda for this meeting however due to changes to the agenda it had been postponed to the next meeting.

Lucy Clarke mentioned that she had it pencilled in for the next Newsletter and it had already been in the e-bulletin and was on the website.

ACTION: Add PVP to the agenda for the next Community Partnership meeting.

KA explained that many emails from the Community Partnership are coming across as very critical and asked for more positive help rather than criticism going forward. This was agreed.

The Chair mentioned that he had written a letter to members regarding changing the CPA to allow Chairs to decide whether to accept any Honorarium from NWS rather than that decision been taken away. He had responses from all but one CP member.

It was agreed that a debate and a decision should be made in a closed portion of the next Community Partnership meeting. It was also agreed that the Chair shouldn't be present for that discussion. A fully briefed Deputy could be sent to the meeting in the absence of a Community Partnership member and any questions in the meantime should be directed to the Chair.

ACTION: Discussion and decision on changes to the CPA to be made after the closure of the next Community Partnership meeting.

The Chair requested that when a ballot does take place that it is an anonymous ballot.

KA asked that due to the road closure situation could the time of the next meeting be brought forward to 17:30 – 19:30. This was agreed.

Action: Change the time of the next meeting and add to all Comms

New Actions

| Action Reference: | Description: | Assigned to: |
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| 18.09.24 1 | Voice record minutes going forward | CET |
| 18.09.24 2 | Reschedule meeting with SLT for January | CET |
| 18.09.24 3 | Invite CoRWM rep to C&E subgroup meeting extending the invitation to all members of the Community Partnership | KW / CET |
| 18.09.24 4 | All technical questions asked on Social Media to be redirected to the Contact Centre. | LC |
| 18.09.24 5 | LC to draft a "pin" for Social Media to explain that all technical questions will be redirected to the Contact Centre. | LC |
| 18.09.24 6 | For all sessions with SLT to have a plenary session added to agree the notes. | CET |
| 14.08.24 7 | Visioning subgroup to be formed | CET |

| Action Reference: | Description: | Assigned to: |
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| 14.08.24 8 | Invite Jonathan Cooke to be a member of the Visioning Subgroup as Cumberland Rep | Chair |
| 14.08.24 9 | Add PVP to the agenda for the next Community Partnership meeting. | CEM |
| 14.08.24 9 | Discussion and decision on changes to the CPA to be made after the closure of the next Community Partnership meeting | ALL |
| 14.08.24 10 | Change the time of the next meeting and add to all Comms | CET & Comms |

Next Meeting

The next meeting in public is October 16th at the Guide Hall Millom 17:30 – 19:30