



Workington Together Community Panel

Date: Tuesday 18 March 2025

Time: 6.00 pm

Location: Inspira, 213 Vulcans Lane, Workington, CA14 2BT

Present: Cllr B Cannon, Cllr J Grisdale, Cllr D Rollo and Cllr S Stoddart

Also Present: D Naylor, R Wilson and H Benson

In Attendance Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport
Senior Business Support - Electoral & Democratic
Area Planning Manager
Highways Network Manager

67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fryer.

68 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

69 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED, that there were no items on the agenda for the press and public to be excluded.

70 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024 be approved as a correct record.

71 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Executive and detailed investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation. The report also included the Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Community Panel for information and to report on the progress.

The Area Planning Manager provided Members with an overview of the three investment application which required approval by the panel as detailed under paragraph 4 of the report.

The first application from Citizens Advice Allerdale for £15,366 towards the cost to employ two apprentices aged 16 – 18 for 18 months.

Members were concerned that the CAB had not met their commitment to support one young person from the investment that they had received from the Panel in September and recommended that the cost being requested was reduced to employing one apprentice.

A vote was taken and all Members agreed to the costs being reduced to employ one apprentice.

The Area Planning Manager advised that she would contact the CAB to get the revised costings prior to the minutes being published.

The second application from Soundwave for £8,675 to help towards the cost to start a new provision for young creatives in Workington.

Members questioned that the breakdown of costs had been taken into account when assessing the application. The Area Planning Manager confirmed to Members that the criteria had been vigorously worked through and that the reduction from what had been requested was due to certain elements not meeting the criteria.

A vote was taken and all Members agreed to approve the application.

The third application from Mo & Love CIC for £14,400 to help towards the cost of setting up a new day services provision in Workington.

Members didn't feel that they had enough information on this application and requested that the investment was deferred until the June meeting pending additional information.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) The contents of the report be noted;
- (2) the investment (CCGA/2284-25) to Citizens Advice Allerdale of £1,549 towards the cost of an apprentice wage.
- (3) the investment (CCGA/2280-25) to Soundwave of £8,675 towards the cost to start a new provision for young creatives in Workington based at the Carnegie be approved;
- (4) the investment (CCGA/2282-25) to Mo & Love CIC be deferred until the June meeting pending additional information.

72 Community Panel Update

Members received a detailed report which informed the Community Panel of the recent activity within its area and included information on Co-opted Members, Workington Youth Partnership, Active Cumbria Workforce Session, Community Health & Wellbeing Conference, Dream Placement, Libraries Update, Social Prescribing Day, The Big Question, Community Hub, Active Cumbria's Active Travel to School Parent & Carer Survey, Make a Splash – 10p Swims for Cumberland Children, HDRC Update, National Apprenticeship Week, Thriving Communities, Refugee Locality Group Update and Children & Young People Partnership.

Members welcomed Co-opted Member Harvey Benson who had been appointed to this Panel and it was unanimously agreed that Harvey would formally join the Panel on the 1 April 2025.

Members discussed the Dream Placement and suggested that Harvey met with Stella to discuss ideas moving forward. The Area Planning Manager also agreed to send Members a copy of the presentation that had been presented on the day.

RESOLVED, that

- 1) the report be noted;
- 2) Members agreed that Co-opted Member Harvey Benson be formally invited to join the Workington Together Community Panel from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

73 Highways and Transport Strategic Board Minutes

The Highways Network Manager provided the panel with an overview of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board meeting held on 29 January 2025.

Documents of interest contained within the agenda pack for the HTSB meeting were highlighted for Members attention namely:

- Capital Programme Update – pages 23 – 35
- Bus Service Improvement Plan – pages 37 – 50
- Parking Services Report – pages 51 – 84
- Highways Works Programme – pages 85 – 107

The Specialist – Democratic & Electoral agreed to circulate a copy of the agenda pack for Members following the meeting.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board meeting held on 29 January 2025 be noted.

74 Date of Future Meeting

RESOLVED, that the next meeting to be held on 12 June 2025 at 6pm to be held at Inspira, Workington

The meeting finished at 6.45 pm