



Petteril
Community Panel

Date: Monday, 4 December 2023
Time: 5.00 pm
Location: Main Hall, Currock Community Centre, Lediard Avenue, Currock, Carlisle, CA2 4BS.

Present: Cllr C Weber (Chair), Cllr L Brown (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Betton, Cllr L Patrick and Cllr C Wills

In Attendance: Senior Democratic Services Officer, Community Development Officer, Cumberland Network Manager, Director of Adult Social Care and Housing and Head of Property Services

Elizabeth Radford, Chief Executive, Eden Rivers Trust attended for agenda item 5 – Urban Regeneration Around River Restoration in Carlisle (minute no 23 refers).

19 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence on this occasion.

20 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

21 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting for any items of business on the agenda.

22 Minutes

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Panel held on 11 September 2023 be agreed as a correct record and thereupon signed by the Chair.

23 Urban Regeneration Around River Restoration in Carlisle

Members received a presentation from Eden Rivers Trust detailing their catchment and programmes on a catchment-based approach which included river restoration, water-friendly farming, natural flood management and engagement programmes.

The Panel noted the current focus and the overview of the eight doorstep sites which included Engine Lonning and Petteril Vale in Carlisle together with seven cross-cutting programmes.

Members were informed of the four years Access Project in Carlisle which involved approximately £660,000 being spent (£249k on capital work and £411k on activities and engagement with communities in the city). The Panel was advised that the focus of the engagement would be Engine Lonning and the Petteril Valley which would include an approximate spend of at least £75k on capital works and £195k on engagement.

Members noted the investment which had been sought from the Petteril Community Panel to enable a meaningful and beneficial community engagement programme to begin in January 2024; acting as a springboard to the rest of the Petteril Vale River and Open Space Improvement Project and supporting the essential match-funding requirements of the NLHF.

A discussion took place regarding the investment which had been sought from the Panel and a Member raised a query with regards to part of the grant being used to pay for resources. The Chief Executive explained that in addition to their annual budget additional funding was required for staff and agreed to provide further information to that already made available to the Panel regarding costs if necessary.

Members were advised of the Petteril Vale doorstep activity and 'Go with the Flow' Programme which would enable and inspire local children and their families in the Petteril Community Panel footprint to learn about, visit and use their local river valley green space and get involved in shaping its future and improve access and biodiversity in the Petteril Valley for local people and increase environmental resilience. The Chief Executive advised that an engaging schools and community events programme would be undertaken as part of the feasibility and consultation process. The Panel suggested that Upperby Primary School and the Rock Youth Project be included in future programmes.

Members drew attention to the development of a cycle route along the river Petteril and York Fields for possible inclusion in the Project in the future.

The Chair, on behalf of the Panel, thanked the Chief Executive for an informative presentation and welcomed the work being undertaken.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

24 Community Asset Review

The Panel received a report which provided an update regarding the review of community assets within the Petteril Community Panel area.

Members were informed that the next areas of activity for the Property Section was to put in place an Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plan which would provide the opportunity for engagement with each of the community panels within the Authority following approval of the Strategy by Council by no later than April 2024.

The Panel was advised that notwithstanding the strategic approach to Asset Management a number of individual assets would continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis and would include the current issues relating to the lease at Harraby Community Centre being addressed.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the proposals and the Panel emphasised the need to operate at a local level whilst highlighting the importance of early engagement with community panels, communities and local members.

Members felt strongly that a bottom-up approach rather than a top-down approach should be taken when reviewing the Asset Management Strategy within the Panel's footprint.

During the course of discussion the Area Manager – Communities drew attention to informal member briefings which were being undertaken and suggested the Strategy form part of one of those events. The Panel welcomed the suggestion and it was agreed officers would investigate this further.

A brief discussion took place regarding the possible use of community assets and a suggestion was made that social housing be considered for buildings in the future.

The Chair, on behalf of the Panel, suggested that the Executive be made aware of the Panel's suggestions and their emphasis on the need for initial involvement of local members.

RESOLVED, that the progress on undertaking a review of all land and building property assets within Cumberland with specific reference to the Petteril Community Panel area be noted.

25 Edgehill Road Pedestrian Crossing Request

Members received a report which informed the Panel of the requests received by officers and the local Member for a pedestrian crossing on Edgehill Road on behalf of Pennine Way Primary School.

The Panel was informed it was proposed to investigate the viability of providing a pedestrian crossing refuge on Edgehill Road on the assumption that the community were supportive of this. Officers advised that further site assessments would be undertaken to confirm that an uncontrolled crossing was the most suitable for this location.

Members highlighted a number of safety issues in the area and welcomed the proposed scheme whilst requesting further information regarding timescales and costs.

RESOLVED, that investigations and consultations be undertaken into the provision of a pedestrian island on Edgehill Road in the location shown on the plan in Appendix 1 of the report.

26 Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to the Petteril Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive.

The Panel was informed that the investment for Age UK Carlisle & Eden would be used to create a new support service around shopping and low level support to help older people to stay independent in their homes. Members supported the application and asked for an update in six months' time.

Members noted the request from Carlisle Radio FM (CRFM) which would be used to help offset against set up costs and initial running costs to enable them to operate within the OFCOM rules. A Member raised an initial concern regarding the commercial aspect of this. The Panel agreed to support the application provided there was a guarantee that they would promote the community and suggested that pre-conditions be put in place to ensure this had a local focus.

A question was raised regarding any potential shortfalls and the Panel was advised that a guarantee had been made that CRFM would source additional funding from elsewhere to meet this whilst noting that if this could not be sourced within a limited period of time the Council could request that the funding was returned.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the following grants be approved:-
 - (a) £5,516.00 to Rivers Eden Trust - Go with Flow Project;
 - (b) £5,000.00 to Age UK Carlisle and Eden;
 - (c) £3,750.00 to Carlisle Radio FM;
 - (d) £300.00 to Rotary Club of Carlisle;
- (3) the grant of £1,500.00 to Currock Community Centre be noted.

27 Community Panel Update

Members were informed that a revised Public Participation Scheme would be considered by the Standards and Governance Committee, therefore, it was agreed to withdraw this item from the meeting.

The Panel considered a report which updated members on the recent activity in the Community Panel area.

Members were asked to agree the three main priorities listed below in priority order for the Panel whilst noting that further community network activity would take place in January 2024 and concentrate on the priorities and comments from residents in more detail:-

- Children and Young People
- Emotional/Wellbeing/Mental Health
- Environment.

The Panel highlighted the importance of members attending the community network activities and events to enable engagement with communities.

Members welcomed the Community Panel Newsletter and suggested this should include a group photograph of the Panel.

A discussion took place regarding regular informal meetings of the Panel in between public Panel meetings. Members felt they would be beneficial and suggested they take place virtually.

The Panel was informed that Harraby, Petteril and Currock community centres had requested that the local Member become part of their Board membership. It was noted that due to the location of Currock Community Centre local members from both the Upperby and Currock wards were invited to join their Board.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the priorities for the Petteril Community Panel (as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report) be approved;
- (3) up to three co-opted members be recruited as part of the agreed Co-opted Members Scheme;
- (4) that appointments to outside bodies be agreed as follows:-

Harraby Community Centre
Councillor Weber

Petteril Bank Community Centre
Councillor Patrick

Currock Community Centre
Councillors Brown and Wills.

28 Highways and Transport Strategic Board

The Panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Highways Board held on 10 November 2023.

RESOLVED, that the minutes be noted.

29 Forward Plan

The current Forward Plan of business for future meetings of the Panel was noted.

30 Date of Future Meeting

RESOLVED, that the next meeting of the Panel will be held on Monday 4 March 2024 at 5.00 pm in the Bowman Lounge, Harraby Community Centre, Edgehill Road, Carlisle, CA1 3SN.

Members were informed that Amy Hutson, Cumberland Network Manager was leaving the Authority and the Chair, on behalf of the Panel, thanked her for her support and wished her well for the future.

The meeting finished at 6.10 pm