



## **Lakes to Sea Community Panel**

**Date:** Thursday, 14 December 2023

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Location:** Fairfield Primary School, Cockermouth

**Present:** Cllr A Semple (Chair), Cllr J Perry (Vice-Chair), Cllr MD Campbell-Savours, Cllr M Harris, Cllr C McCarron-Holmes, Cllr B Pegram and Cllr H Tucker

**In Attendance** Community Development Officer  
Area Planning Manager  
Assistant Director for Project Management Office  
Senior Business Support - Electoral & Democratic

### **21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were submitted from the Director of Business Transformation and Change.

### **22 Minutes**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2023 be received and approved as a correct record.

### **23 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tucker declared an interest in agenda item 5 recommendations 2.3 as she is a Cockermouth Town Councillor and 2.7 as she is employed by Fairfield School and would excuse herself from the meeting while those items were discussed.

Councillor Harris declared an interest in item 5 recommendation 2.2 as he belongs to Christ Church and they are part of the same mission and would excuse himself from the meeting while that item was discussed.

Councillor Semple declared an interest in item 5 recommendation 2.8 as he is a trustee director of the Kirkgate Centre and would excuse himself from the meeting while that item was discussed.

Councillor Campbell-Savours declared an interest in item 5 recommendation 2.4 as he has family connections on Keswick Town Council and would excuse himself from the meeting while that item was discussed.

### **24 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED**, that there were no items on the agenda for which the press or public should be excluded.

## **25 Investing in our Neighbourhoods 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 Council Executive and detailed investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation.

### **Councillor Tucker left the meeting.**

The Panel was advised of a grant application received from Cockermouth Town Council, Members were advised that the Town Council was seeking funding towards planters, signs and materials for Main Street, Cockermouth.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £670.

The Panel was also advised of a grant application received from Friends of Fairfield Primary, Members were advised that they were seeking funding towards a new sensory hub for SEND children.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £3,029.

### **Councillor Tucker resumed her seat.**

### **Councillor Harris left the meeting.**

The panel was advised of a grant application received from All Saints Cockermouth District Church Council. Members were informed that the Church Council was seeking funding towards improving the facilities in the church hall by installing toilets including disabled access and a kitchen facility.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £10,000.

### **Councillor Harris resumed his seat.**

### **Councillor Campbell-Savours left the meeting.**

The Panel was advised of a grant application received from Keswick Town Council. Members were informed that the Town Council was seeking funding towards a bicycle parking rack in Hope Park.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £1,073.

### **Councillor Campbell-Savours resumed his seat.**

The Panel was advised of a grant application received from 1<sup>st</sup> Flimby Girls Brigade. Members were informed that the Girls Brigade was seeking funding towards purchasing materials for activities for the young people.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £500.

The Panel was then advised of a grant application received from Bothel Village Hall. Members were informed that the Village Hall was seeking funding towards becoming a more cost effective and self-sustaining building.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £8,000.

The Panel was also advised of a grant application received from Healthy Hopes. Members were informed that they were seeking funding towards an Administration Support role for their organisation.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £4,323.

## **Councillor Semple left the meeting, the Vice Chair overseen the application.**

The Panel was advised of a grant application received from Kirkgate Centre. Members were informed that the Centre were seeking funding towards supporting a book festival in the Cockermouth area.

Following discussion, the Panel approved the recommended investment amount of £1,000.

## **Councillor Semple resumed his seat and position as Chair.**

**RESOLVED**, that:

- 1) The report be noted;
- 2) £670 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Cockermouth Town Council towards purchasing planters, signs and Materials.
- 3) £3,029 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Friends of Fairfield Primary towards a new sensory hub for SEND children.
- 4) £10,000 be allocated from the Investment Fund to All Saints Cockermouth District Church Council towards improving facilities in the church hall by installing toilets including disabled access and kitchen facility.
- 5) £1,073 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Keswick Town Council towards purchasing a bicycle parking rack in Hope Park.
- 6) £500 be allocated from the Investment Fund to 1<sup>st</sup> Flimby Girls Brigade towards purchasing materials for activities for the young people.
- 7) £8,000 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Bothel Village Hall towards becoming a more cost effective and self-sustaining building.
- 8) £4,323 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Healthy Hopes towards an Administration Support role for their organisation.
- 9) £1,000 be allocated from the Investment Fund to Kirkgate Centre towards supporting a book festival in the Cockermouth area.

## **26 Community Panel Update Report**

Members received a detailed report which informed on the recent activity within the Panel area and included information on the Lakes to Sea Community Network Event, Lakes to Sea Community Panel Priorities, Co-Opted Members, Food Cumberland Strategic Framework and Green to Grow event, Access to Food Survey, Local Focus Hub, Maryport Regeneration, Future High Streets Fund, Heritage Action Zone, Maryport Banking Hub, Libraries Update, Weekly Activities Winter Warmth 2023/24, PCSO drop-ins, Cold to Cosy Homes (CCH) and the Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Former Allerdale Area Overview.

The Area Planning Manger advised members of an amendment to the wording of recommendation 2.3 which should read: Members to agree to recruiting up to 3 co-opted members as part of the agreed co-opted members scheme.

Members were also advised that the summary of responses from the questionnaire were missing from the appendix and would be circulated following the meeting.

A discussion took place which included the panel priorities and members felt that the word community should be emphasised and have clear wording under each priority how the community would benefit from these and how climate change can support the priorities. Following discussion the Panel approved the recommendations with the word community added to the priorities and the amendment to the wording of recommendation 2.3 in relation to co-opted members.

**RESOLVED**, that:

- 1) The report be noted;
- 2) The panel priorities be approved: Transport for the Community, Community Health and Wellbeing, Community Involvement and Community Resilience
- 3) up to three co-opted members be recruited as part of the agreed co-opted members scheme.

## **27 Highways and Transport Strategic Board Update**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes be noted.

## **28 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 21 March 2024, 6pm at a venue to be agreed by the Panel.

The meeting finished at 7.23 pm