



**Carlisle West**  
Community Panel

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 June 2024

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Location:** Yewdale Community Centre

**Present:** Cllr J Whalen (Chair), Cllr A Glendinning (Vice-Chair), Cllr A Quilter and Cllr C Southward

**In Attendance** Community Development Officer, Chief Executive, Area Planning Manager, Cumberland Network Manager and Area Planning Manager

**1 Election of a Chair**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Whalen be appointed Chair of the Carlisle West Community Panel for the ensuing year.

Councillor Whalen thereupon took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Election of a Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Glendinning be appointed Vice Chair of the Carlisle West Community Panel for the ensuing year.

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Harid.

**4 Disclosures of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct the following declarations of interest were submitted in respect of Agenda Item 8 – Investing in our Neighbourhoods:

Councillor Whalen declared an interest as she was the Council's representative for Yewdale Community Centre.

Councillor Quilter declared an interest as she was the Council's representative on Morton Community Centre Management Committee and Community Centres fell within her portfolio.

Councillor Southward declared an interest as he was the Council's representative for Denton Holme Community Centre.

## **5 Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED – It was agreed that the press and public not be excluded from the meeting for any items of business.

## **6 Minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Carlisle West Community Panel held on 25 March 2024 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **7 Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Nominations were sought for a Councillor representative on the following Community Centres:

Denton Holme Community Centre  
Morton Community Centre Management Committee  
Yewdale Community Centre

The Community Panel discussed the nominations and it was

RESOLVED: That the following Council representatives be made to Community Centres under delegated authority:

Councillor Southward - Denton Holme Community Centre  
Councillor Southward - Morton Community Centre Management Committee  
Councillor Whalen - Yewdale Community Centre

## **8 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report**

The Community Development Officer (CDO) submitted a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to the Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive. The report also presented the Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan.

The Area Planning Manager drew the Panel's attention to the Neighbourhood Investment Plan and suggested a number of ways that the Panel's priorities could be delivered.

During discussion the Panel emphasised the anti-social behaviour issues that were occurring within the Panel's area and the lack of response or action in a timely manner from Riverside in dealing with residents' complaints. The Panel wanted to build a relationship with Riverside so that local issues could be raised and addressed through partnership working.

The CDO informed the Panel that he was building an officer relationship with Riverside and was due to meet with them. He agreed to raise the issues that Members had highlighted and discuss how the Panel could build the relationship and hold Riverside to account in a supportive and productive manner.

The CDO reminded the Panel that the Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget allocation to the Panel was £81,330. The Panel had also received an increase of £45,100 from a former Carlisle City Council fund which had been given to community centres as general support. The total amount available to the Panel for 2024/25 was £126,430.

The report set out the investment applications received for 2024/25 along with an overview of 2023/24 Panel investments.

The Chief Executive urged the Panel to consider how they would like to use the funding moving forward, reminding them that they had the opportunity to provide real changes within the Carlisle West area. He explained that the Panel could make significant changes which impacted the health and wellbeing of the community. He suggested that the Panel consider commissioning work to deliver their priorities and become more proactive in the changes they wanted to see rather than responding to applications for funding.

The Panel discussed a number of schemes which they would like to see introduced or supported within their area as a result of information being provided to them by residents including garden equipment hire, bus service improvements and grass verge cutting.

It was agreed that a workshop be arranged at The Lookout to discuss the information Members were receiving from residents and what the Community Panel could do to support the community and address its priorities. The workshop should also provide an overview of all the officer support available to organisations in the community and the signposting services that were also provided.

The Area Planning Manager gave an overview of the UK Shared Prosperity funding including the criteria and timelines for spending and how it could be incorporated into work in the Community Panel's area.

The Panel considered and discussed each of the applications contained in the report.

RESOLVED – That the Carlisle West Community Panel:

- i) Noted the contents of the Investing in our Neighbourhoods Report;
- ii) Reviewed the Neighbourhood Investment Plan and discussed priorities;
- iii) Agreed the following investments
  - (CCGA/2102-24) to Denton Holme Community Centre of £9,000 to support with centre running costs.
  - (CCGA/2100-24) to Morton Community Centre of £28,700 to support with centre running costs.
  - (CCGA/2105-24) to Yewdale Community Centre of £7400 to support with centre running costs.
  - (CCGA/ 2074-24) to Carlisle Key of £5,000 for a new washing machine and fridge freezer and to help involve young people in supported accommodation access leisure facilities.
  - (CCGA/2075-24) to Friends of Newtown School of £6,000 to pilot the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) project in 3 local schools. (CCGA/2073-24) to North Cumbria Rescue and Response of £1334 towards new uniforms and vehicle livery.
  - (CCGA/2098-24) to Anti-Racist Cumbria of £1,440 to support a safe space pilot project for members of the black and brown community.
  - (CCGA/2038-24) to Canal Street Community Garden of £2,000 towards a new gate and fencing to secure the site.

*The Community Panel adjourned at 19:50 and reconvened at 19:58.*

## **9 Community Panel Update**

The Area Planning Manager presented an update on the recent activity undertaken by Cumberland Council within the Carlisle West Community Panel area.

The Panel received information on a number of events, consultations and activities which included Operation prospect, the Teenage Market, Show & Tell, The Lookout and capital

projects within the area covering the Market Square & greenmarket, Devonshire Street, Central Plaza and Carlisle Southern Gateway.

The Chief Executive updated the Panel on regeneration works happening within the City Centre.

RESOLVED – That the Community Panel update report be noted.

## **10 Highways and Transport Strategic Board**

The Community Panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board held on 22 April 2024.

The Highways Network Manager gave a general update on the meeting drawing the Panel's attention to the Capital Programme Update, the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and the 20MPH Speed Limits and Zones Policy.

The Highways Network Manager reported that a trial was taking place in Carlisle to use an in house team to weed spray. Although this was more expensive it allowed for reactive weed spraying when required and no additional costs. Weed spraying was a laborious job as it required all weeds to be sprayed three times to be effective, previously more effective but harmful chemicals were being used but this was not an environmentally friendly option.

In addition the Highways Network Manager informed the Panel of the One Network website which provided information and locations of the work being carried on highways by the Council, United Utilities and private contractors.

The Highways Network Manager circulated an overview of works that had been carried out or were being planned in the Carlisle West area.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board held on 22 April 2024 be noted.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Carlisle West Community Panel was scheduled for 9 September 2024 at 6.00pm at Morton Manor.

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm