



## **Lakes to Sea Community Panel**

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 June 2024

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Location:** Bridgefoot Village Hall, Bridgefoot, Workington,  
CA14 1YF

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

**In Attendance** Director of Business Transformation and Change  
Chief Legal Officer  
Area Planning Manager  
Highways Officer

### **1 Election of Chair**

Councillor Pegram moved and Councillor Harris seconded that Councillor Semple be appointed as Chair of the Panel for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Semple be appointed Chair of the Lakes to Sea Community Panel for the ensuing year.

Councillor Semple thereupon took the Chair.

### **2 Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Tucker moved and Councillor Pegram seconded that Councillor Perry be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Perry be appointed Vice Chair of the Lakes and Sea Community Panel for the ensuing year.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted in behalf of Councillor Campbell-Savour, Sue O'Neill and Sarah Williamson

### **4 Minutes**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2024 be approved.

### **5 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were submitted.

### **6 Exclusion of Press and Public**

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

## **7 Co-Opted Members**

The Area Planning Manager submitted a report regarding the Co-option of members to the Panel and recommended that Ms Janet Farebrother and Ms Sarah Williamson be co-opted to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel until March 2025.

The Panel expressed its gratitude for the number of persons who had expressed interest in the role, noting the good calibre of applicants.

RESOLVED 1) – That the content of the report be noted.

2) That Ms Janet Farebrother and Ms Sarah Williamson be co-opted to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel until March 2025.

The Panel welcomed Ms Farebrother who was in attendance.

## **8 Investing in our Neighbourhoods Report**

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Panels' Neighbourhood Investment Fund and that contained the Panel's Neighbourhood Investment Plan.

In discussion of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, Members noted the importance of bus services and public transport to residents. A Member asked whether the Panel was able to be involved in the Accessible Transport Charter?

In terms of the Action Plan, it was felt that items may be added to it for the Panel to consider looking into in the future.

Members discussed the issue of mental health. The Community Development Officer will work with the Social Prescribing Team on expanding their offer into the panel area

It was noted that a number of community resilience groups had disbanded, for example, Flimby Flood Action Group. Members considered whether there was a need to resurrect such groups. The Area Planning Manager undertook to explore the matter.

Turning to the issue of food, the Chair noted that the Council had an overarching priority relating to food access which was wider than foodbanks. The Chair suggested that a Community Network Event around food be held, and welcomed suggestions from Members that it focus on how to work with leftovers.

RESOLVED – That the Panel:

1) Noted the content of the report.

2) Agree at investments not exceeding £1,500 can continue to be authorised outwith the Community Panel by the Senior Manager – Community Services.

3) Agree an investment of £400 to Crosscanonby Community Centre (CCGA/2089-24) to replace exterior security lighting.

4) Agree an investment of £2,800 to 1st Cockermouth Scouts Group (CCGA/2080-24) towards purchasing climbing equipment and tents.

5) Agree an investment of £5,000 to Broughton Parish Council (CCGA/2068-24) towards upgrading and replacing children's playground equipment. To be delegated to the Senior Manager – Community Services to approve following confirmation of details.

6) Agree an investment of £4,800 to Parkrun Cockermouth (CCGA/2088-24) towards the set up costs for a junior parkrun.

7) Agree an investment of £2,382 to Crosscanonby Parish Council (CCGA/2077-24) towards replacing the safety netting on the play park.

8) Agree that the Community Development Officer explore links with Social Prescribing and to share information and contacts with CALC and CVS support.

## **9 Community Panel Update Report**

The Area Planning Manager submitted the Panel Update report and summarised the activity that had taken place in the Panel area in the preceding quarter.

Members noted that they were unaware of some of the activities listed and discussed how information could be more effectively circulated.

Members requested that a Public Participation Scheme be drafted and submitted to the next meeting of the Panel for adoption.

A Member requested that the Panel receive a presentation on Neighbourhood Development Order Plans.

RESOLVED – 1) That the report be noted.

2) That a Public Participation Scheme be drafted and submitted to the next meeting of the Lakes to Sea Community Panel.

3) That the Panel receive a presentation on Neighbourhood Development Order Plans.

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

The minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board held on 22 April 2024 were submitted.

A Member asked the Highways representative about the use of glyphosphate and alternative weed treatments and requested that any use of glyphosphate be ceased.

The Highways representative undertook to circulate a programme of weed treatments to Members, noting that three treatments were planned across the Allerdale area over the summer.

The Member further requested that a copy of the research undertaken into the use of glyphosphate be provided.

The Highways representative undertook to provide the information.

In terms of the Council's approach to the use of glyphosphate, the Director of Business Transformation and Change advised they would raise the concerns within the Senior Leadership Team.

In relation to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, a member questioned whether such provision continued to be relevant in light of developments in fuel technology, principally synthetic fuel? Discussion ensued and the Area Planning Manager agreed to look into arranging a Member Briefing on the matter for the Panel's September 2024 meeting, and the Director of Business Change and Transformation agreed to raise the matter within the Senior Leadership Team.

RESOLVED - 1) That the minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board held on 22 April 2024 be noted.

2) That the Highways representative provide:

- i) a programme of weed treatments in the Panel area;
- ii) a copy of the research undertaken into the use of glyphosphate.

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

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Lakes to Sea Community Panel is on 16 September 2024 at 6pm with the venue to be confirmed.

The meeting finished at 19:29