



**Workington  
Together**  
Community Panel

**Date:** Tuesday 10 December 2024

**Time:** 6.00 pm

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

**Present:** Naylor, Cllr M Fryer, Cllr J Grisdale, Cllr D Rollo, Cllr S Stoddart and Wilson

**Also Present:** Ms D Naylor and Mr R Wilson

**In Attendance** Senior Business Support - Electoral & Democratic, Senior Manager - Community Services and Area Planning Manager

**59 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cannon.

**60 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**61 Exclusion of Press and Public**

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

**62 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**63 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 Council 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 four investment applications which required approval by the panel as detailed under paragraph 4 of the report.

The first application from Over the Rainbow for £1650 to cover the cost of re-useable promotional materials.

A Member asked if the promotional materials were to be branded, concerns were expressed if the materials were branded and the organisation ceased trading they could not be reused. The Area Planning Manager advised that when the award is made they could condition it that the materials are to be unbranded so they could be used by other organisations.

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

Councillor Fryer joined the meeting.

The second application from Great Clifton Youth Group for £4590 to help towards the replacement of floodlights.

A Member questioned the procurement process and asked how many companies they had to give quotes from. In response the Area Planning Manager advised the Panel that they had to provide two estimates with the application.

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

The third application from Happy Mums for £4962 to continue their community engagement & inclusion in the Workington & surrounding area for another year. Members were advised that they were also applying to other Community Panel's across Cumberland Council for the delivery of projects in those areas.

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

The fourth application from Playgoers at The Theatre Royal for £10,000 towards the cost of replacing the lighting equipment.

A Member questioned how many young people would benefit from this application to fit in with the priority empowering our children and young people. In response the Area Planning Manager advised that the applications go through a rigorous process and met the criteria. Members were also advised that once the project is completed the applicants have to provide feedback on how successful the project had been, this data could be included in future panel reports.

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

The Area Planning Manager confirmed to Members that the underspend from the 2023/24 budget allocation had been carried forward, therefore the remaining balance was £61k.

A discussion took place, and it was agreed that discussions would take place with the Young People's forum to find out what young people would like to be involved in.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) the UKSPF to Cancer Research Workington of £5,000 had been returned be noted;
- (3) the investment (CCGA/2191-24) to Over the Rainbow of £1650 towards the cost of re-useable promotional materials be approved;

- (4) the Investment (CCGA/2196-24) to Great Clifton Youth Group of £4590 towards the cost of replacing floodlights be approved;
- (5) the Investment (CCGA/2211-24) to Happy Mum's of £4962 towards the cost of extending their peer led support group for Mum's in the Workington area be approved;
- (6) the Investment (CCGA/2225-24) to Playgoers at the Theatre Royal of £10,000 towards the cost of replacing the lighting equipment be approved;
- (7) the Neighbourhood Investment Plan reviewed.

## **64 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, Network Events and Network Activity, Workington Library Community Hub, New Prevention Service, Cumberland Early Help, Prevention and Youth Justice, Make Your Mark update, West Cumbria Child Poverty Forum (WCCPF), Cumberlands Healthy Happy Foundations Pledge Launched, 10p Swims – Make a Splash, Warm Spots, Thriving Communities, Financial Resilience, Refugee Locality Group, Children & Young People and Christmas Free Parking Offer.

A discussion took place in regard to Co-opted Members and if the panel was restricted to two members. In response The Area Planning Manager advised that the panel could have up to three, if Members wanted to recruit a third Co-optee then the recruitment process could begin in January.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the extension of the appointment term of the Co-opted Members to March 2026 and to commence the recruitment process for a third Co-optee.

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

The Highways Network Manager provided the panel with an overview of the minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board meeting on 24 October 2024.

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

- Highways Scheme Update – page 35-48
- Bus Services Update – page 49 – 66
- Road Lighting Policy – page 225 -290
- Cumbria Road Safety Partnership Strategy – page 281 - 283
- Highways Bridges & Structures Management Strategy – page 291 - 300
- Cumberland Council Permit Scheme – page 305 – 345
- Highways & Transport Draft Works Programme 2025/26 – page 347 – 369
- Verge Maintenance in Cumberland – page 371 – 374

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 24 October 2024 be noted.

**66 Date of Future Meeting**

**RESOLVED**, that the next meeting be held on 18 March 2025 at 6pm venue to be agreed.

The meeting finished at 7.32 pm