

Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on 20 May 2019

Attendance: Matthew Neal (MN), Eden District Council (Chair)
Neil Graham (NeG), Cumbria Constabulary
Councillor Karen Greenwood (KG), Eden District Council
Emma Brass (EB), Eden District Council
Louise Gaskell (LG), Eden District Council
Andy Millburn (AM), Cumbria Constabulary
Jo Walker (JW), Cumbria Constabulary
John Barwise (JB), South Lakeland District Council
Jim Maguire (JM), South Lakeland District Council
Trevor Marsh (TM), Environment Agency
Matt Pearman (MP), Cumbria Constabulary
Mike Clusker (MC), Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service
Nick Griggs (NGr), North West Ambulance Service
Barry Cooper (BC), Eden District Council
Rob O'Connor (ROC), Cumbria Constabulary
Kellie Bradburn-Sims (KBS), Cumbria County Council
Nick Wright (NW), Cumbria County Council
Rob Lewis (RL), Cumbria County Council
Bill Lloyd (BL), Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Billy Welch (BW), Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Steve Minnikin (SM), Cumbria Constabulary
Councillor Phil Dew (PD), Cumbria County Council

Apologies: Rob Melloy, RSPCA
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council
Councillor Ian Mitchell, South Lakeland District Council

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 29 April 2019

These were agreed as a true record.

2. Appleby Fair Strategy 2019-2022

MN presented what he hoped to be the final version of the Strategy. He invited any further comments in terms of accuracy. The general consensus was that it was inappropriate to attach the Communications Plan as a lot of the content was sensitive information. However, there was no problem with having a link to the Highway Management Plan. BL asked for clarification as to whether the Highway Management Plan was being enforced correctly given that he queries whether the number and intensity of postings was in accordance with the Highway Management Plan. RL indicated that his understanding was that the posting of the A685 had been carried out as per the Highway Management Plan but he would check the infrastructure against the Plan to make sure it did comply.

Action: MN to publish strategy.

3. Operational Working Group

a) Highways - Appleby Fair Traffic Management Plan 2019

RL presented the plan. It was agreed that the wording needed to be consistent in terms of the substantial reduction in encampments along the A685 over five years. RL indicated that he would ensure that this was reflected in the final version.

PD stated that he was still concerned about the risk to the public arising from racing of horses. He would have preferred for there to be clear operational plans for stopping any horse and cart racing along the A685. MP indicated that within his silver plan there was scope to shut down the road in the event that any racing along the A685 were to occur causing a serious danger to people.

RL also indicated that there was to be an emergency Traffic Regulation Order for Jubilee Ford, Mill Hill to prohibit horses in the town centre. This was in response to concerns raised at the public meeting at Appleby.

Action: That the Highways update be noted.

b) Parish Engagement

EB stated that the first horse drawn caravan had arrived in Soulby. In terms of the enforcement protocol there was no action to be taken. She also indicated that she had had a successful meeting at Melmerby with the Police, the Village Green Committee and representatives of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

MN asked for an update with regard to Asby Parish Council which was not currently functioning. EB had contacted the former Chairman of the Council who would in conjunction with the other ex-Councillors, be carrying out the usual arrangements and the arrangements in relation to Great Asby should be satisfactory.

Action: That the update be noted.

c) Licensing

LG indicated that in Kirkby Stephen all the licensees had signed the Charter. Any concerns should be directed to the licensing authority.

MP stated that if any warnings are likely to take place the day after any issues arising at a licensed premises. MP indicated that he would be taking it up with the licensed premises in advance of the Fair to compare it with the activity during the Fair so that there are appropriate comparators. It was clarified that any formal reference to the licensing authority would trigger a formal review of the licence.

LG asked if PD could assist in persuading Kirkby Stephen Town Council to remove the bollards in front of the Kings Arms. This would enable a command vehicle to be located there.

d) South Lakeland

There was an update from JM who confirmed that the planning application for Scroggs Bank has been approved by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

5. Communications and Engagement Working Group

NG updated the meeting referring to various videos that had been produced setting out the proposals in relation to the A685, in relation to enforcement of PSPO's and crossing at The Sands. These set out key messages arising from MASCG.

6. Letter from Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to Appleby Fair

MN indicated that the Police and Crime Commissioner had written to the MoD indicating his support for an appropriate part of Warcop Training Camp to be used as a temporary stopping place. MN thanked BL for raising this with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Action: That the update be noted.

7. Any Other Business

a) Recharging Arrangements for Appleby Bowling Club

Proposals were agreed for recharging of the bills for the Bowling Club.

b) Update on Cultural Evening held on 29 April 2019

PD updated the meeting and indicated that the cultural evening held on 29 April 2019 had been very successful. BL and BW had spoken very well. He indicated that a similar meeting would be held on 25 June 2019 at the Brewery Centre, Kendal for the purpose of South Lakeland.

c) A66 Dualling

NG indicated that there was a consultation on the dualling of the A66. It was agreed that BL and BW would be circulated with any details of any Highways Agency consultation events.

d) MN thanked all agencies for their contributions over the last year in preparation for the Fair. On behalf of the group, he expressed his hope that there would be a successful, enjoyable and safe Fair.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 June 2019 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith.