

Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on 21 September 2020

Attendance: Les Clark, Eden District Council (Chair)
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland District Council
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council
Emma Brass, Eden District Council
Kevin Crawley, Cumbria County Highways
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council

Apologies: Nick Wright, Cumbria County Council
Rob O'Connor, Cumbria Constabulary
Trevor Marsh, Environment Agency
Neil Buck, Eden District Council
Mike Taylor, Cumbria Constabulary
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council
Rob Melloy, RSPCA
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Rob Lewis, Cumbria County Highways
Nick Griggs, North West Ambulance Service

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 22 June 2020

These were agreed as a true record.

2. Confirmation of Dates for 2021 Fair

It was noted that the 2021 Fair was due to take place from 3-6 June. KG asked that the website made visitors aware that the main days of the Fair were the Friday, Saturday and Sunday and anything beyond those dates there was nothing to see. EB/NG would update the website to reflect this.

3. Revisit of the Economic Impact Study

LC said that due to the situation with Covid, the ask of Lancaster University to undertake a new economic impact study into the Fair had been held in abeyance. PD said that it would be shame to lose the thinking and asked if this could still be undertaken. BL said that even if the Fair next year doesn't happen, it would be a good opportunity to gather data from local businesses, parishes, communities etc. LC would contact Julian Healy from the University to have a discussion on this and report back to the next meeting.

4. Operational Working Group Updates

a) Highways

KC said that the Traffic Management Plan for next year would be the same as what was planned for 2020. There would be some minor amendments to the Traffic Regulation Orders which would be advertised after Christmas. An inspection of the barriers on the Flashing Lane had been undertaken with some in a bad state of repair. A report would come to the next meeting on plans for this.

b) Parish Engagement

EB said that herself and MT would be attending a meeting of Appleby Town Council in the next week. They were also going to start engagement with the new land owner at Watty Yat.

Legal advice was awaited regarding the liability of landowners whose land was used as temporary stopping places. BL said he had contact details of some solicitors who could help so would pass these onto EB. It was agreed that once the legal advice had been received, EB would produce an options paper for consideration by the group.

c) Licensing

SW said the main aim for next year was to have all the pubs open and have an agreement with the Police on how this would operate. There were meetings scheduled with all licensed premises in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen to go through arrangements and he would report back to the November MASCG meeting.

BL raised the issue of the security company used at the Fair in recent years. SW said that this was one of the issues being looked into.

d) South Lakeland

SP was not aware of anything in particular. She mentioned the water supply at Scroggs Bank and would get an update from officers at SLDC.

5. Communications and Engagement

NG had received an inquiry regarding equine registration. It was noted that Trading Standards were responsible for the enforcement of horse passports/microchipping. EB said that Robert Docherty had met last year with Trading Standards and would ask that he passes on the contact so that NG can look into and respond to this query.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 November 2020.