

Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Monday 24 May 2021

Attendance: Superintendent Matt Kennerley, Cumbria Constabulary (Chair)
Angie Humes, Cumbria Constabulary (minutes)
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland Council
Emma Brass, Eden District Council
Karen Lowthrop, Appleby Town Council
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Highways
Neil Buck, Eden District Council
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Insp Charlotte Lory, Cumbria Constabulary
PC Damian Lavictoire, Cumbria Constabulary
PC Katie Callon, Cumbria Constabulary
A/Sgt Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary (Marketing & Comms)
Beth Clements, RSPCA
Neil Aitken, Cumbria Fire & Rescue
Richard Batham, Highways England
Nick Griggs, North West Ambulance Service
Insp Mike Taylor, Cumbria Constabulary
Dan McAulay, Eden District Council
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council

Apologies: Les Clark, Eden District Council
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council
Colin Cox, Cumbria County Council (Director of Public Health)
Rob Melloy, RSPCA
Rob Lewis, Cumbria County Council
Insp Peter Aiston, Cumbria Constabulary

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting held on 12 May 2021

These were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

3 Communication Engagement

Neil Graham/Police Comms informed the group that communications had already been circulated last week regarding the importance around vaccinations prior to coming to the fair event.

The expectation is that vaccinations are preferred prior to coming into the area.

Thoughts around – “Don’t arrive to soon” message – Normally would push out 6 weeks prior.

Councillor Greenwood - Comms to include

- Do not arrive at the fair to soon (**Emphasise this is not a June event – August confirmed**)

The Local trotting event will be in operation over the May PH date, and therefore there is no requirement for outside visitors, especially from the visiting community over the May dates.

- Reassurance to the local community that the June dates will not be affected
- It is important that clear communication is given to residents and to clarify to the communities of the plan in place should there be any early visitors.

Billy W – Confirmed the wider message had been communicated to the traveller community over recent months – **NO FAIR - JUNE 2021.**

Supt K – Highlighted the restrictions in place are communicated.

Emma Brass – Confirmed that the usual sites/facilities will not be available in June. X7 licensed sites are not allowed to operate until the August dates.

Councillor Dew – Concern regarding the A685 – Clarification on the Policy of ad hoc arrangements on camps.

(Cover off in Item 6)

4. Public Health Update – Update from COVID sub-group

Emma Brass – Meeting took place on 20 May 2021 with the representatives of public health whereby Colin Cox's team raised some valid points.

- Vaccinations will not be offered on site.
- Communications circulated via the social media channels.
- Links in with Durham sites to communicate the important messages
- Decision made that vaccinations will not be offered on site. It was important that visitors didn't wait to come into the area expecting a vaccination.
- No policy in place for proof of vaccination under current guidelines. It was important to keep the process the same for all events taking place.
- Discussion around testing – Encouraging LFT's for visitors whilst staying at the fair.
- Colin Cox looking into the availability at the verge side. These could be distributed by verge patrol staff.
- PCR testing is currently being looked at – TBC.
- Hygiene facilities – looking to increase the number of toilets sited at various locations with increased frequencies of maintenance and cleaning.
- Looking to utilise extra wash hand basin's out with the toilet facilities.
- Further investigations regarding water provision during certain times of day.
- Funding is not a barrier – the council does have some extra resources if required.
- QR codes – further conversation to discuss how this can be managed – meeting to be held on 3 June 2021. Licensed premises have expressed concerns as to how this will work.
- Will link in with Police to seek guidance on how the process can be managed.
- Staff risk assessments will need to be arranged – controls must be in place for staff operating at that fair. This will be discussed further on 3 June 2021.

Bill Lloyd – Clarification of how the QR codes will be delivered – through the government or via MASC. Will this operate via the post code process.

Emma Brass – This will be a requirement at all individual sites. Emma will arrange direct communication with each site in the first instance.

4 June 2021 – Meeting taking place to clarify the requirements of all processes when dealing with QR codes. Awaiting the recommendations.

5. Encampments

Emma Brass - Parish Council meetings will continue to take place – Emma B, Insp Aiston & A/Sgt McKirdy will be attending the meetings.

- 1) Melmerby & North Stainmore – 24 May 2021
- 2) Appleby Town Council – 20 May 2021
- 3) Alston – 7 June 2021
- 4) Warcop – 8 June 2021
- 5) Great Asby – TBC

All work in relation to encampments is planned and continuing.

Councillor Dew – Query regarding Stainmore Parish Council and the issues at Warcop regarding the stopping area. Eden Valley railway site.

It would be helpful to calm any fears regarding the encampments at the Warcop site.

A/Sgt McKirdy has confirmed she will be in attendance and will ensure support and guidance is advised accordingly.

6. Contingency plans for original fair dates in June – potential action needed on arrivals

Reassurance – Summary & update (Insp Mike Taylor)

3, 4, 5, 6 June were the original dates - (CONTINGENCY PLAN WILL BE IN PLACE) in case any numbers of visitors do arrive. Work will continue with the Eden Policing team to ensure everything on the plan is covered.

Dedicated team of patrols to be deployed around the dates mentioned.

- X21 Police officers will be available and carrying out regular patrols
- X6 extra officers will be in place if required which is on top of the original requirement.

Billy W – Thanked the Police for the encouraging support that will be available.

Emma B – Daily GOLD Command meetings.

Phase 1 – In previous years there has been daily gold command meetings to assist with important decision-making processes.

> Clarification re the limited powers available, and could the group confirm the ability for extra meetings if they do encounter daily encampment issues that need to be discussed at a higher level.

Emma highlighted that some decisions need to be made by MASCG rather than single agency. Could there be a consideration to opening up a small group to cover these aspects.

Bill Lloyd - Tele conference call could be an option and would work well.

Councillor Dew – Clarify what policy is in place if visitors arrive earlier than expected – will this be a general tolerance, or do they get moved on.

Emma B – Explained the details around more than x30 people gathering and how this would be managed

➤ **Action – Supt K will clarify after liaising with Les Clark**

Insp Mike Taylor – Previously used the County Protocol which was ready for the Police disposal.

- Primarily looking to utilise the COVID regulations for gatherings of an unlawful nature.
- Cumbria Police legal services provided guidance on legislation for enforcing the guidance
- Meeting will take place with Police, Highways and Eden District Council to discuss further points raised, and how the legislation will be put into practice.

➤ **Action – Supt K to liaise with Les Clark (Eden) to discuss the daily tele conference arrangement requested over the key dates – 4, 5 & 6th.**

7. Operational Working Group Updates

a) Highways

Laura M - Confirmed the traffic order is near to completion.

Current traffic management in operation on the Appleby by-pass will be removed for the fair in early August. All lanes will be running as normal.

b) Parish Engagement

As previously discussed.

c) Licensing

Steve Wilde, Supt K & other Police representatives met last week to discuss DPS & the rural areas. The decision made not to announce the opening until after step 4 regs – 14 June 2021.

Three meetings planned in with the DPS – 17 June 21, 15 July 21 and 5 August 21.

MASCG will be updated once the DPS have decided who will open – expected decision by 15 July 2021.

Councillor Dew – Has there been a meeting planned for Kirkby Stephen.

Steve W – Confirmed meeting date 25 May 2021 with the DPS and supermarkets – update to follow.

d) South Lakeland

Scroggs Bank – No feedback as yet.

8. Any Other Business

Supt K raised the detailed list of events that accompanied the notes for today's meeting – Nothing further to add.

Councillor Dew – Brough Agricultural show (August) – Will not be taking place.

EVENT CANCELLED

Also -

- Could we raise the query of an Appleby meeting for September – Proposed date requested.
- Agreed to meet every fortnight from now as not ideal to wait until 21 June for the next meeting.

➤ **Action – Supt K – Liaise with Louise Biggs - arrange invite for every 2 weeks going forward.**

Mindful of the dates 4, 5, 6 June.

KBS: Following the previous MASCG meeting and the agreement to go ahead with the pre and post fair public meeting, Appleby Public Hall has now been booked provisionally for 22 July and 2 September. Nothing is in the public domain about this. Main MASCG members to agree communication and arrangement for the meetings.

KG: We need to advertise these dates asap. 2 September is earlier than usual. If we can do some comms around these dates.

NW: We need to be careful around what we put out about the meetings due to covid and safety arrangements around the time of the meetings.

MT: The arrangements for the pre and post fair meetings, including comms will be taken to the next Operational Sub Group meeting for Officers to agree and co-ordinate the arrangements, and update the Members MASCG at the next main strategic group meeting.

➤ **Action – Supt K - It would be useful for the practicality of the detail to be raised at the next OPS BOARD. Look at general restrictions. Agreed by the group to take to the board.**

Councillor Dew & Councillor Greenwood - for the notes wished to thank A/Sgt Amanda McKirdy for her professional approach and commended her along with colleagues, Insp Aiston & Emma Brass for all the commitment they have shown when attending the meetings.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9 June at 10.00am

Actions to carry forward.

<p>6. Contingency plans</p>	<p>EB – Is there the ability to look at arrangements for daily gold meetings during the fair.</p>	<p>Action – Supt K will take outside this meeting to clarify the requirement of daily tele conferences mentioned in the event of issues arising.</p>	<p>MK</p>
<p>6. Contingency plans</p>	<p>PD – What provisions are in place if visitors arrive earlier than expected.</p>	<p>Action – Insp Mike Taylor confirmed the protocol previously used. As above – Supt K to clarify after liaising with Les Clark</p>	<p>MK/MT</p>
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>PD – New proposed meeting date for September - TBC. Plus fortnightly meetings from today's date.</p>	<p>Action – Supt K to liaise with Louise Biggs.</p>	<p>MK</p>
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>NW (CC) – Mindful of what is circulated to the community regarding parish meeting dates – firm details TBC.</p>	<p>Action – Supt K to raise at the next OPS board. Agreed by all.</p>	<p>MK</p>