

## **Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Monday 22 November 2021**

**Attendance:** Les Clark, Eden District Council (Chair)  
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council  
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council  
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council  
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland District Council  
Emma Brass, Eden District Council  
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Highways  
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council  
Neil Buck, Eden District Council  
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary  
Rob Melloy, RSPCA  
Dan McAulay, Eden District Council  
John Banks, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Damian Lavictoire, Cumbria Constabulary  
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary

**Apologies:** Matt Kennerley, Cumbria Constabulary  
Nick Wright, Cumbria County Council  
Karen Lowthrop, Appleby Town Council  
Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary  
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council  
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative

### **1. Minutes**

#### **a) MASC Meeting held on 25 October 2021**

These were agreed as a true record with some minor amendments.

#### **b) Special Meeting held on 4 November 2021**

These were agreed as a true record with a minor amendment.

### **2. Feedback from Events Management Sub-Group Meeting**

The feedback from the sub-group was considered.

As BL had had to leave the sub-group meeting early, he asked the question as to whether in theory it was possible to take existing planning consent and apply modern conditions when granted in different time via the Secretary of State. LC would raise this with the Planning Officer.

PD said that it was a good reflection of discussions with a lot of complex information included. EB had mentioned a log of number of caravans etc which PD thought would be good to be given to the general public.

One question he did have was whether there was a fee for caravan licenses? EB said that no fees were charged as they were not renewed annually but ran concurrently with planning permission so there was no way of generating income from them.

EB/NA were in the process of compiling a paper on the planning/licensing issues for the December meeting and would include the figures mentioned by PD.

KG thanked EB/NA for their input. The sub-group felt that they had come to the end of the road on this issue and had looked at all perspectives and given plenty of

thought to them. The recommendation to MASCG was that this was as far as they could go.

LC thanked the sub-group and said that he would reflect their conclusions in the Evaluation Report and would circulate to the group next week at the latest for agreement and then publication. KBS suggested including feedback from businesses and engage Trading Standards to look at non-food related stall. She would pick this up via the Operational Sub-Group.

### **3. Feedback from Planning/Licensing of Campsites**

This was discussed above.

### **4. Communications and Engagement**

NG said that National Geographic had been in touch to speak to Matt Kennerley the previous week. LC/BL had also spoken to them and it sounded like the article would be a positive one on the Fair.

NG would also start pushing out messaging in relation to the change of date for the 2022 Fair on Facebook etc.

### **5. Evaluation Report Update**

This has been discussed above. PD said that it was more important to get the report correct than to rush it and make sure all issues raised by the community groups involved were included so that they knew they had been listened to and responded to the criticism.

KBS asked whether the report would include an update from colleagues in Public Health. LC said that the Covid position would be referred to as it was a major part of the decision making process. KBS would pull together facts and figures on number of tests carried out, vaccinations etc for inclusion in the report.

### **6. Operational Working Group Update**

It was noted that the contribution from agencies at the operational sub group meetings were an essential part of the year round preparation for the fair. KBS suggested it would be useful to have an update from all agencies of MASCG Representatives, and confirmation of officers on the operational/working groups. LB would pull this together.

#### **a) Highways**

Nothing to report.

#### **b) Parish Engagement**

Nothing to report.

#### **c) Licensing**

Nothing to report.

#### **d) South Lakeland**

The Scroggs Bank update would be held over to the next meeting.

### **7. Any Other Business**

LS gave an update on the position of the Police for the 2022 Fair - Matt Kennerley would still be acting as Gold Commander with himself taking over as Silver Commander. Amanda McKirdy would act as the principal point of contact for the communities.

2022 Meetings Dates - LC felt it would be useful to meet on a regular basis in the run up to the 2022 Fair with the change of date and responding to communities etc in the run up to the Queens Jubilee. This was agreed and LB would send out meeting invites.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 December 2021 at 2.00pm.