

## **Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Monday 24 January 2022**

**Attendance:** Les Clark, Eden District Council (Chair)  
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council  
Councillor Andrew Connell, Eden District Council  
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council  
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland District Council  
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative  
Emma Brass, Eden District Council  
Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary  
Neil Buck, Eden District Council  
Rob Melloy, RSPCA  
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council  
Rob Lewis, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary  
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Sue Warner, South Lakeland District Council  
Mike Clusker, Cumbria Fire & Rescue  
Charlotte Lory, Cumbria Constabulary  
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council  
James Houghton, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Kellie Bradburn-Simms, Cumbria County Council

**Apologies:** John Everingham, Eden District Council  
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative  
Nick Wright, Cumbria County Council  
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council  
Karen Lowthrop, Appleby Town Council  
Dan McAulay, Eden District Council

### **1. Minutes of MASCG held on held on 20 December 2021**

These were agreed as a true record.

PD asked about the planning issue raised in Item 7d. EB said that the applicant had withdrawn the planning application as some objections had been received. It was their intention to resubmit an application for reduced numbers. Until that happened, no recommendations could be made.

### **2. Evaluation Report Update**

LC thanked all agencies for their input. A draft would be circulated later in the day with feedback requested by close of play on Monday 31 January and further draft would be circulated with the intention of publishing w/b 7 February. LC had tried to keep to the key issues raised and welcomed any feedback.

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

An update on the planning position had been reflected in the Evaluation Report. Opinion was still awaited from EDC's Legal Team. If needed, an addendum could be added into the report if the position changed.

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

It was noted that the most recent comms had been in relation to the change of date. It was agreed that the publishing of the Evaluation Report should be used as a reminder to push the new date and the don't come too early messages.

## 5. Operational Working Group Update

The following issues were raised by the Operational Working Group for MASCG decision:

MASCG commits to the revised AHF date for 2022 if the Jubilee Celebrations do not go ahead - LC said there would be no change to the 2022 Fair date regardless of the circumstances.

Review and agree proposal for reducing encampments on A685 – It was agreed that this could be removed as it was felt this issue had been addressed as far as it could.

Removal of Key Deliverable: Review and agree encampment strategy - As there was no formal position on Scroggs Bank there was a need to fully understand the implications to the loss of Watter Yat etc. It was agreed that LC would attend an Operational Working Group meeting to discuss further. The second part of this was the Encampment Strategy, which was a key deliverable document reviewed by MASCG. This would be kept on the key deliverable list and circulated to the group for comments etc.

Use of field at Powis Lane end for phase one encampment, to be confirmed - A meeting would be arranged for LC/EB/AMK/LS to discuss further.

Current Appleby Town Clerk leaving post. Replacement Officer on MASCG for Appleby Town Council to be confirmed - LC would contact the Town Council

Disposal arrangements for toileting facilities on encampments - This was a matter for the Operational Group to consider.

Consider support available to manage the increased possibility of early arrivals - This would be discussed at the next meeting as there was a need for strong co-ordinated messaging. BL suggested canvassing Parishes beforehand to see if they had any plans for Jubilee celebrations. AMK would pick this up.

### a) Highways

Consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order ended on 14 January with only one query. It would now go forward to the Eden Local Committee on 31 January seeking permission to advertise.

### b) Parish Engagement

AMK would be arranging face to face meetings with Parishes from March to see what their Jubilee plans - it was recognised that some may have just started to give thought to this.

PD raised the issue of identifying adequate stopping places due to Watter Yat being unavailable. He felt dialogue with National Highways re: A66 and potential stopping places was needed. LC would speak to the relevant officers at EDC on this issue.

### c) Licensing

SW was in the process of organising a Pub Watch Group meeting for Kirkby Stephen in February - Phase 1 would be the main item for discussion. There would be a similar meeting in Appleby discussing the same.

### d) South Lakeland

No issues to report. SW was pleased with the outcome at Scroggs Bank as no other land owners had come forward.

**6. Any Other Business**

None.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 28 February 2022 at 2.00pm.