

Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Monday 7 March 2022

Attendance: Les Clark, Eden District Council (Chair)
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council
Emma Brass, Eden District Council
Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary
Neil Buck, Eden District Council
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Council Highways
Sue Warner, South Lakeland District Council
Mike Clusker, Cumbria Fire & Rescue
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council
James Houghton, Cumbria County Council Highways
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Dan McAulay, Eden District Council
Katie Callon, Cumbria Constabulary
Matthew Kennerley, Cumbria Constabulary
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary
Richard Batham, Highways England

Apologies: Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council
Nick Wright, Cumbria County Council
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland District Council
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Rob Melloy, RSPCA

1. Minutes of MASCG held on held on 24 January 2022

These were agreed as a true record.

2. Feedback from Meeting with National Highways

LC fed back from a positive meeting with National Highways regarding the A66 improvements scheme. The three main areas for discussion had been in relation to confirmation of the impact on the Fair of the revised design scheme, the impact of the wider scheme on existing stopping places and the possibility of new additional stopping places as part of the wider scheme. No conclusions were made at the meeting and would be ongoing discussions.

LM said that officers working on the A66 programme had complied information for National Highways looking for answers in relation to stopping places. She would update as and when a response was received.

KG said that some of the junction proposals in Appleby had been controversial and should come back to present to residents. SG had been in discussions with National Highways as there was confusion over the new proposals. National Highways were looking to put together information which was clearer for residents and had asked for them to look at presenting it in person to residents if possible.

BW mentioned that he was in discussion with National Highways regarding the relocation of Brough Hill Fair.

Updates on the A66 project would be received by MASCG as and when there was something to report.

3. Communications and Engagement Update

DM said that the main comms had been in relation to the Evaluation report which had general received positive feedback. Going forward, comms would be starting on communicating the event dates.

In relation to the Evaluation Report, LC said that he had received very little direct feedback. MK said the Police had received Freedom of Information requests in relation to the costs due to a change in reporting process.

4. Operational Working Group Update

a) Highways

The TRO was currently being advertised. Work was being undertaken on the Traffic Management Plan.

b) Parish Engagement

All parishes had been contacted to understand their plans for Jubilee Celebrations. A key element was that the celebrations would have an impact on Phase 1 of the Fair with potential early arrivals. Confirmation on commitment of resources that would be in place would be needed. AMK would continue to engage with Town/Parish Councils on their plans. LS confirmed that the Police would have additional resource in place over the Jubilee weekend.

EB raised the need for daily teleconferences to discuss early arrivals. LC has the group to think about who should attend etc and report back to the next meeting.

As there would be a number of events taking place Jubilee weekend some co-ordination of events would be needed. CCC hold a spreadsheet of events that could be used but obviously some may not be known about. SW would liaise on events for EDC/SLDC licensing. LC would contact the LRF to see if they held a list of events and who looked after it.

BW said that the intention was to push the 'don't come too soon' message to Gypsy/Travellers and pointed out that they would also be celebrating the Jubilee.

Everyone was asked to look at what information their agency held on events and how it was updated for further discussion.

c) Licensing

Pub Watch meetings would be taking place in Alston on 8 March, Kirkby Stephen on 9 March and Appleby on 10 March. A full update would be available for the next meeting.

d) South Lakeland

The Respect meeting would take place on 26 April in Sedbergh.

5. Any Other Business

Mk said that the current Community Advisory Group (CAG) held during the Fair was organised and delivered by the Police and felt that it should become a multi-agency group. LC asked everyone to come back to the next meeting with their thoughts on how their agencies could contribute to the meetings, ie chairmanship, admin/ co-ordination etc.

PD raised the issue of encampments – this would be a main agenda item for the next meeting.

BW asked about whether face to face meetings would happen again. It was suggested to carry on with Teams for the foreseeable future as it saved time on travelling etc. The possibility of having one face to face meeting before the Fair was suggested. LC would give some thought to this.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 March 2022 at 2.00pm.