

## **Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Monday 23 May 2022**

**Attendance:** Matthew Kennerley, Cumbria Constabulary (Chair)  
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council  
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council  
Councillor Karen Greenwood, Eden District Council  
Emma Brass, Eden District Council  
Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary  
Neil Buck, Eden District Council  
Robert Docherty, Eden District Council  
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council  
Nick Turner, Eden District Council  
Katie Callon, Cumbria Constabulary  
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary  
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council  
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council  
Nick Wright, Cumbria County Council  
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative  
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative  
John Banks, Cumbria County Council Highways  
Mike Clusker, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service  
Ben Swinson, Cumbria Constabulary  
Peter Aiston, Cumbria Constabulary  
Trevor Marsh, Environment Agency  
Beth Clements, RSPCA  
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary  
Richard Batham, Highways England

### **1. Apologies**

Les Clark, Eden District Council  
Rob Melloy, RSPCA

### **2. Minutes of MASCG held on held on 25 April 2022**

These were agreed as a true record.

PD said that it was not good policy to direct early arrivals to licenced sites without first consulting site owners. PD also felt that it was inappropriate to make the Encampment Subgroup notes public until they had been properly scrutinised and he had written to LC in this respect.

### **3. Proposal to extend closure on The Sands**

This had been brought forward from the previous meeting. There was a proposal for The Grapes to open an off-site licenced service on The Sands through Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the road closure and to concerns around licensed premises capacity in the town with some of the pubs being closed.

One potential solution is the mobile bar at Clickham Farm but individuals would be able to come into the town to the Kings Head beer garden and The Midland as these would potentially be the only two premises open. Discussions have taken place around reopening the road at 6.00pm to allow a preliminary deep clean and then an option to reclose the road to allow consumption of alcohol in the road closure period. From a Police perspective it was a good option to consider.

SW said that there was only three premises open in the town, The Midland Hotel (inside/beer garden), the Grapes and the Kings Head (beer garden only). The biggest concern if The Sands was not opened was that there would be a serious overload on establishments. Need to have another outlet to balance it out safely for all concerned.

NB said that EDC could do a clean-up at 6pm and the proposal was that the County Council could maybe do a later clean up but may be issues regarding the timings, 8.30pm was the latest it could be done due to resource issues.

The application for the mobile bar had been received and was currently in the three day consultation period with Environmental Protection and the Police. As soon as it was granted, SW would visit the residents in the area. SG asked if the closure of The Sands could be publicised for local residents so that they are aware of what was happening. MK said that this was a wise thing to do and would be an action for communications. LS confirmed it would potentially be closed Thursday-Sunday depending on what happened. LS said that when the road was reopened (around 10pm) there needed to be some capacity to clear debris and a plan around this was needed.

BL said that due to only three pubs being open in Appleby itself, there was potential for extra pressure on pubs in the outlying areas. The reason for the mobile bar and extension to the closure of The Sands was to help take the pressure away from outlying areas.

MK said the proposals will allow alleviation to the capacity in the town and the rationale was sensible. It would be used as the default position and could be scaled back if needed. From a comms perspective this would be set as an action and everyone in attendance agreed to the extended closure of The Sands.

#### **4. Schedule of CAG Meetings/Daily TCG Meetings**

PD met with LS/AMK on 13 May in Kirkby Stephen when it was agreed that there would be no scheduled CAG meetings in the Upper Eden area – would be held on ad-hoc basis as required depending on circumstances.

KBS had attended a meeting early May when a schedule of dates had been put together by LS and circulated to relevant agencies for confirmation of attendees. In person CAG meetings would take place in Appleby from 2-12 June with an option to dial in. PA will get pull together details of venue and attendance from agencies.

MK/LB would speak offline regarding details of the daily TCG meetings.

#### **5. Communications and Engagement Update**

The updated comms plan had been circulated for information. Key messaging of travel, transport, safety etc would continue on the website and also via social media channels throughout the Fair.

MK confirmed that there was a dedicated line for residents to call along with online recording with a call back option.

PD asked about waiting time data for the 101 number during the 2021 Fair. LS would send this but did say that 75-95% of calls were answered within 5 minutes.

KC also confirmed that extra staffing for the 101 number started on 18 May through until 13 June.

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

The Operational Working Group had met on 16 May and there were no key issues/risks to raise with MASCG. NW said that all agencies needed to complete risk assessments for their own staff.

### **a) Highways**

All signage/restrictions were in position. It was noted that over the Jubilee weekend, only the out of hours team would be available and may not be able to react how they would want.

### **b) Parish Engagement**

EB/AMK had been attending meetings and had no particular issues to raise. It was confirmed that all toilets/water were in place.

### **c) Licensing**

This was covered above. SW would update on any further openings etc was and when confirmed. PD thanked SW for the work being done.

### **d) South Lakeland**

It was confirmed Scroggs Bank would be fully operational.

## **7. Any Other Business**

EB asked about the small delegation that would be allowed onto Fair Hill on the Wednesday. BW confirmed that it would be the same people as in previous years.

## **8. Confirm Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 June 2022 at 2.00pm.