

Notes of the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on Tuesday 24 January 2023

Attendance: Les Clark, Eden District Council (Chair)
Louise Biggs, Eden District Council
Councillor Phil Dew, Cumbria County Council
Councillor Graham Simpkins, Eden District Council
Emma Brass, Eden District Council
Neil Buck, Eden District Council
Laura McClellan, Cumbria County Council Highways
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative
Dan McAulay, Eden District Council
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Cumbria County Council
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary
Amanda McKirdy, Cumbria Constabulary
Neil Aitken, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service
Katie Callon, Cumbria Constabulary
Paul Goddard, North West Ambulance Service
Steve Wilde, Eden District Council
John Everingham, Eden District Council
John Banks, Cumbria County Council Highways
Sue Warner, South Lakeland District Council

1. Apologies

Matthew Kennerley, Cumbria Constabulary
Rob Melloy, RSPCA
Councillor Suzie Pye, South Lakeland District Council

2. Minutes of MASCG held on 5 December 2022

These were agreed as a true record.

In relation to Item6b, an email from the Appleby Fair Communities Group, it was noted there was no central record of responses by agencies. LC asked for any responses to be sent to him so they could be circulated to the group for information. He also asked that agencies respond to any outstanding issues.

3. Evaluation Report

One piece of financial information was still outstanding. An email had been sent to agencies asking for information on pertinent operational issues, everyone was asked to respond as soon as possible. It was LC's intention to have the report completed for the next meeting for sign-off.

4. Communications and Engagement Update

NG said some old information had been removed from the Appleby Fair website and would be updated when new information was available.

JE said the current website would be coming to the end of its life in November 2023. Negotiations with the current provider on a replacement were happening and the option of building in-house was also being looked at.

The group were asked to have a look at the current website and feedback on their thoughts that could be used as part of a scoping document.

5. Operational Working Group Update

a) Highways

The draft Traffic Management Plan would come to the February meeting for approval.

b) Parish Engagement

EB/AMK had met to review the Encampment Strategy to take into account the new policing bill. The draft Strategy would come to the February meeting for consideration.

PD had spoken with BL in relation to the issues at Great Asby. BL was looking to sort the situation informally and would keep the meeting updated.

PD mentioned an email that had been received by Kirkby Stephen Town Clerk from the Police approaching the Town Council to see if they would take on boarding the railings in Kirkby Stephen. AMK would discuss this with PD offline.

c) Licensing

An update would be given at the February meeting in relation to those who would be opening for the Fair following Pub Watch meetings that were being held in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen. SW did say that The Kings Arms in Kirkby Stephen and The Grapes/Kings Head in Appleby would be closed although the owners were looking for tenants/DPS.

In relation to the temporary bar, it was noted that if an application was to come forward it would need to be located in a more suitable place away from residents etc. SW would be able to give a better indication at the February meeting.

BW asked about the Royal Oak, SW said that the owners were looking to sell but if it wasn't sold by the time the Fair happened, they would open to outside covered area only. If it did have new owners, negotiations would have to take place.

d) South Lakeland

SW said that a Respect meeting had been scheduled in February at Sedbergh. The ten year review of the posts/boulders at Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh was due to take place and asked for highways support. LMC will arrange for someone from the South Lakeland Team to contact SW to help with this.

6. Any Other Business

a) LGR Update

LC had spoken to the new Chief Executive of Westmorland & Furness to ensure continuity of MASCG going forward. The new Director of Thriving Places, Steph Cordon would be taking over the chairmanship of MASCG from 1 April. To help with the transition, she would be attending the next two meetings to gain an understanding of the workings of MASCG. Officer support would continue as it currently was and it would be up to the new authority to nominate three community reps.

b) Consultants

Due to the lead consultant being tied up in a public enquiry, LC had not been able to meet with him but did have a meeting arranged for 31 January. At this meeting he would ask for a revised timetable and plan for completion.

c) Children in charge of Sulkies

MK would be asked to provide an update for the next meeting.

7. Confirm Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 2.00pm.