

Environmental Well Being Group

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Partnership

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Dear Colleague

The Environmental Well Being Group invite you to its next meeting on **WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2005, 2pm – 4pm, Cleator Moor Civic Hall, Cleator Moor**. Please contact the above address for location details.

Agenda

Theme: Radioactive Waste Management

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes from previous meetings**
- 3. Radioactive Waste Management**
Purpose: *A presentation from Fred Barker, Committee on Radioactive Waste Management. CoRWM.*
- 4. CoRWM Community Engagement Toolkit Pilot**
- 5. AOB**
- 6. Details of next meeting**

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Deb Muscat on by 14 January 2005 by phone: 01900 819191 or email: deb@westcumbriacvs.solis.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Steve Bradley
Chair, Environmental Well Being Group.

Notes from Environmental Well- being Review Group

25th May 2005, Parton Village Hall.



Partnership

Present:

Steve Bradley	Westlakes Research Institute (Chair)
Keith Parker	Copeland BC (Lead Officer)
Deb Muscat	Community Empowerment Network (Secretary)
Andy Thompson	Allerdale BC
Chris Shaw	Cumbria Ass. of Local Councils
Christine Johnstone	Community Empowerment Network (Older persons)
Collette Small	Derwent and Solway Housing Ass.
Haydn Howard	
Howard Jones	Fire and Rescue Service
Ian Payne	Allerdale BC
Jan Naylor	Community Empowerment Network
Katrina Rice	Lake District National Park
Liz Clegg	Community Empowerment Network (S. Copeland)
Mark Clowes	Crime and Disorder Partnership
Mike Heaslip	West Cumbria Partnership
Paul Hancock	Fire & Rescue Services
Susan Hammond	Environment Agency
Tony Temple	BNG

Apologies:

Alex McKenzie	Cumbria CC
Bill Southward	Copeland BC
Collette Small	Derwent and Solway
David Fisher	Copeland Homes
Jenny Gallagher	Allerdale BC/LA21 Forum
Joe Holliday	Cumbria CC
Jonathon Smith	Cumbria CC
Maureen Rourke	Allerdale BC
Phil Tibble	Allerdale BC

1. Minutes Matters arising from previous meeting.

Agreed a true record.

Jonathon Smith fed back that he found the meeting helpful and requested dates for future meetings re transport.

No responses were received by KP or DM regarding the spatial strategy.

Jonathon Smith has not forwarded information re road signage.

Action: DM to chase.

Liz Clegg has attended Copeland Area Transport Group representing CEN and linking to this group. The Transport Group is recognising that it has to work on Community travel plans, which will be informed by local Parish Plans. They are looking for a pilot project. LC will put Ravenglass Basin Transport Group forward to do this.

2. Lake District National Park (LDNP)

Katrina Rice – Community Development Planner within the planning dept.

KR thanked the group for inviting the LDNP to engage with it. They would welcome an opportunity later in the year for a more focused and detailed discussion.

KP explained the role of the Env. WBG regarding Community Strategy themes of Built Environment, Housing, Community Safety, Natural Environment and Nuclear issues and how there was a clear overlap between our work and that of the LDNP. KP explained how this group has direct access to hard to reach groups, which the LDNP are keen to include.

KR outlined that the LDNP are working with the County Council to develop Area Action Plans for transport within the park. Information has been drawn from these and included in the Cumbria Transport Plan (although it might not be immediately recognisable).

A new planning system, the Local Development Framework, requires the LDNP to consult on the different elements within its plan, rather than in the old system where the single document was consulted on.

The first element to be consulted about is the Community Engagement Strategy. (To be on the LDNP website in the next couple of weeks).

Katrina outlined that other current plans and reports. See website www.lake-district.gov.uk

Action: DM to circulate to members of the group for comment from the LSP. The new plan is a rolling programme and the LDNP would like this group to become part of the official consultation group.

The next consultation will be Housing.

Bob Sutcliffe is responsible for Local Development Plans, which are being developed in partnership with the NW Development Agency. He has requested that he can attend the group to engage them in the process. They are also looking at developing Service Level Agreements with the parishes to produce the parish plans and integrate them into the LDP.

Issues arising:

HH – The boundaries of the LDNP are not contiguous with other boundaries and this can be confusing to local communities, e.g. Gosforth Parish is half in and half out.

MC – Can this group have a timetable of the consultations so that it can programme them into its agenda in the future?

IP – State of the Park Report. Allerdale BC is wanting to identify similar baseline data. Is it possible to explore the 2 authorities working together to gather this information? (Although it is recognised that it might be too late as they are at different stages.)

IP - Has the LDNP engaged previously and fed into the Community strategy? This is the first engagement and this group is tasked to develop and maintain the link.

Action: KP and DM.

CShaw/HH - Raised issues around the fact that Parish Councillors are not allowed to attend LDNP planning visits, although Copeland BC does allow them to do so. KR explained that this was advice from their auditors. However, members felt it did not give the people in the community a sense of "working togetherness".

LC raised the issue that there is a new member of staff at the Millom Regeneration Group. He is looking at writing a strategy, which includes areas within the Park. Contact needs to be made between the two organisations.

Action: KR (LC to feed back to Millom).

KP - Currently the consultations are limited to residents within the park. Most people who use the park do not live in it, ie tourists. How will they know that their opinions are being sought? It is a great opportunity to put consultation documents on the world wide web, but what steps are the LDNP making to ensure that they are aware of the opportunity? West Cumbrian communities are not directly consulted. West Cumbria includes some significant communities with social inclusion issues that the Park has publicly stated it wants to engage with.

Action: KP to discuss above with Bob Sutcliffe.

Micheal Heaslip stated that the LDNP are not formally included in the West Cumbria partnership. However, the structure was currently under review and it could be an opportunity to alter this.

Action: MH and KP to raise with the Chair of the WCP.

3. Neighbourhood Renewal Targets –Crime

The group collaboratively reviewed the Red-Amber-Green Status of the West Cumbria Partnerships performance regarding Crime. Although the West Cumbria Partnership is committed to improving the quality of life across the whole of Allerdale and Copeland there are four areas where there is the biggest need. These are currently parts of Workington, Maryport, Whitehaven and Cleator Moor. The West Cumbria Partnership has to demonstrate to Government Office NW that it is prioritising these areas.

MC has drafted the Crime and Disorder partnerships Strategy and informed the group of relevant facts and information to assist the decision making.

The overall rating for Crime was agreed as Amber Green (better than last year).

Action: Mike to circulate the written up response to the Env. WBG.

4. Housing

Andy Thomson, Allerdale BC, informed the group how all local authorities are working together to improve the housing market in Cumbria.

It was noted that although there are priority areas for neighbourhood renewal (see previous item) some of the houses in worst condition fall outside of these, eg Wigton.

AT distributed a copy of a newsletter - New Maryport and précised the contents of the following reports:

- The Cumbria Housing Statement 2005-06-08
- The Furness and West Cumbria Housing Market Partnership (April 2005)
- Balanced Housing Market Assessment - Workington
- Balanced Housing Market Assessment – Maryport

(Copies of these are available by contacting Deb Muscat, Sec to Env WBG.)

5. Neighbourhood Renewal Targets –Housing

As there was little time left for the meeting. It was agreed that it would not be possible to review this as a group. Since the group had not disagreed with the pre-assessment for Crime undertaken by the Officers for the group, it was agreed that they would review the Housing Targets on behalf of the group and ensure that it was submitted to MH in time for the Review with the GONW.

6. Next Meeting:

15 June 2005, Cleator Moor.

Attachments:

Future Agenda Items

Draft Work Programme – Env WBG 2005-06-08

Community Strategy subjects covered on behalf of LSP:

Housing/Built environment, Crime and Disorder, Natural Environment, Transport, Nuclear waste issues

Jun 15	Committee of Radioactive waste management Presentation.
Jul 20	Liveability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include transport and review Area Transport Groups role within LSP? • Green, clean communities • Topics from built environment and transport
Aug 17	Natural Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feed back from Env Forum - Biodiversity - English Nature - Lake District National Park <p>What are the gaps in services and how can LSP address. What can we facilitate?</p>
Sep 21	
Oct 19	
Nov 16	
Dec 21	Review Target Delivery for NR - crime
Jan 18	Review Target Delivery for NR - housing
Feb 15	Review Target Delivery for NR - transport
Mar 15	