

Eden Locality Board 6.3.24.

## 1. Presentation from Active Cumbria

Clare Paling (CP, Active Cumbria):

Active Cumbria is an organisation which seeks to improve lives through encouraging physical activity. This has a major influence on health and wellbeing resulting in reduced obesity, improved development in early years, reduced pressure on health services, increased life expectancy, reduced social isolation and improved emotional and mental wellbeing.

Investment in Physical Activity:

Reconditioning Fund: £22,650. Working with Age UK and other organisations to support people in their homes.

Together Fund: £9,609 from Sport England: working with Lazonby Pool, Warcop Parish Hall.

Open School Facilities: £27,664 (Dept of Education) investment in SKS, Alston. Fitness classes, rugby coaching, swimming lessons, football equipment and coaching, archery club.

Looking Ahead: Further investment in Ullswater Community College.

N McCall (NMC, LD): Asked about street tag.

CP: Explained street tag.

P Bell (PB, LD): Really impressive story, thank you.

P Dew (PD, C): At the Childrens and Young Peoples Working Group we have discussed the link between activity and mental health. Some young people are not into team sports and we would like to see Active Cumbria encouraging this group to be more physically active.

CP: We are looking at girls who drop out of physical activity at 14 and ways to encourage them to become more active.

J Murray (JM, LD): asked about "kickball".

CP: It's a mixture of various ball games. It's especially good for children with special educational needs.

M Robinson (MR, I) Asked about the Youth Games.

CP: They will be on the 27th of June.

MR: That could be linked to the Place Action Groups.

N Wright (NW, WAFC officer): We have discussed how the PAGs could be involved.

J Derbyshire (JD, LD): Discussed her local open-air swimming in Greystoke. Is there any help you can give them?

CP: Put them in touch with us.

## 2. Safe and Strong Communities

NW: Today we are focusing on budgets. We are looking at the £100k investment programme which will benefit every ward. For the mental health of young people, £10k is to be allocated to the next financial year. Also there is a proposal to allocate £20k to initiate Planting for Pollinators in this area.

H Carrick (HC, C): Asked about the grant to the Brass Band Festival at Lowther and how appropriate this was.

M Hanley (MH, L): Commented that the Alston Live (musical festival) had received council grants in previous years.

MR: This fund is for the communities to put on events. It was about enabling festivals to happen with extra funding to help the event.

N Hughes (NH, LD): Discussed the fact that grants help lower income residents to be able to attend events.

MR: It's been such an important fund and it's important to continue it.

V Taylor (VT, LD): How are we going to maximise the benefit of Planting for Pollinators? Where are we going to have these four places (there will 4 areas in Eden where Cumbria Wildlife Trust will focus on).

NW: We want to involve our parish councils (PCs) and community groups.

J Murray (JM, chair, LD): We are behind (other parts of Cumbria have been involved over the last few years). We need to make progress.

MR: The PCs are already chaffing at the bit. They have a duty to deliver biodiversity.

PD: Discussed the funding of mental health for young people. For a small authority like ourselves, I question the spending of £20k on pollinators despite having been a beekeeper for 10 years.

NH: Discussed cabinet handing out real power to locality boards and hopes the powers of Eden Locality Board will increase in the future.

Vote: Unanimous in support of the funding. At PD's request a separate vote was held on Planting for Pollinators funding: all voted in support except PD who voted against.

### 3. Highways.

J Banks (JB, Area Highway Network Manager): We have foresight of the 24-25 capital scheme for Highways. We are negotiating with contractors.

MR: Asked about the bridge over the river Eden at Kirkoswald. Will you avoid school term?

JB: Yes.

MR: Ainstable road to Armathwaite, is that for this coming year?

M Eyles (ME, LD): Talked about the many potholes in his area. It is getting really very bad. Do we have any method to tackle the problem?

JB: Discussed surface dressing. After the recent KO PC report, there are 1250 potholes to deal with. We have two new machines (jet-patchers). The parish with highest number of potholes is where they will be sent next.

MR: All the PCs MH and I go to, the concern is the amount of water on the roads. We only have one gully cleaner (leased). We are not resourced sufficiently. It's this (excess water) that is causing all the potholes. If the gully cleaner is working on an emergency flood they can't do these routine blocked drains. My plea is to get the cabinet to get extra resources for manpower and machines.

JM: That's not on the agenda. Laura (Baker, LD) and I do attend the Strategy Committee.

VT: I am surprised that South Lakes still have lengths-men (walk a length of the road checking the condition). Can we look into this?

MR: Some PCs decided to fund them.

JM: We will have an answer to that at the next meeting.