



Working in Partnership Copeland

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

Held at Gosforth School

On Monday 25th April 2022

Commencing at 16.00

PRESENT:

Mark Cullinan	Chair
Cllr David Moore	Copeland Borough Council, Councillor & Nuclear Portfolio Holder
Andy Pratt	Cumbria District Association of Local Councils (CALC), Chair
David Halliday	Seascale Parish Council
Mark Fussell	Gosforth Parish Council Chair
Julie Nugent	Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council Chair
Bob Jones	Ponsonby Parish Council Chair
John Jennings	Drigg and Carleton Parish Council Chair
Gillian Johnston	GDF Team, Community Engagement Manager – Mid Copeland Community Partnership

Supporting Attendees:

Barnaby Hudson	GDF Team, Site Evaluation Manager
Gill Thorne	GDF Team, Communications Lead
Sue Shepherd	GDF Team, Community Coordinator
Jonathan Cook	Copeland Borough Council, Officer

In attendance:

Karen Agnew	GDF Team, Secretariat Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership
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APOLOGIES:

Phil Green	GDF Team, Project Manager
Serife Gunal	Traverse, Independent Evaluators
Rob Ward	Nuclear Sector Manager for Copeland Borough Council
Steve Smith	Copeland Borough Council, Nuclear Projects Manager

AGENDA 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS TO INCLUDE DOI, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed that the previous Minutes were an accurate record and were approved by the members.

Ref 210322	MEETING ACTION LOG	
21032201 01	Flowchart which demonstrates the route of responsibility within GDF Developer Team be distributed to Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership members. This is ongoing and will be shared with the Community Partnership members when finalised.	SLT CEM
21032201 02	The GDF Developer Team will produce a clearer brief regarding the distinction between NWS/LLWR/GDF Developer. ongoing	SLT CEM
21032202 03	Siting Manager to share presentation and list of data sets with Community Partnership members. Completed 30/3/22	Siting Manager

21032202 04	Community Partnership members were tasked with providing the Siting Manager a list of additional data sets. Requested 30/3/22	ALL
21032203 05	The Chair will advise the Haile and Wilton clerk of the decision of the Mid Copeland Community Partnership members regarding their voting rights and request a response. Completed 29/3/22. Response acknowledging this decision received via CALC Representative.	Chair
21032204 06	It will be made clear on the website that individuals are not required to be members of Mid Copeland Community Partnership in order to submit views and questions. This has been requested by the Comms Lead and will be actioned.	Comms Lead
21032204 07	The Community Engagement Team will continue to work on the Community Members Presentation and will share with the Community Partnership members in April. Ongoing	CET
21032205 08	The Grants Manager will initiate contact with other funding bodies with regards to ineligible expenditure and advise the Community Partnership members of the outcome. As a public funder we have specific guidance from central government on what is eligible/ineligible expenditure. This might be different from other funders operating in Copeland but will be relatively similar. I have attached a short overview for anyone interested in the comparison. Key exclusions are in green. These are set out in a document available on the CP website at the bottom of the CIF webpage. Action - SEND OUT OVERVIEW	Grants Team
21032205 09	The Grants Manager will liaise with the Community Partnership relating to further clarification on the criteria for funding application prior to the Community Investment Panel on the 6 th April 2022. The funding criteria are within the National Policy. It is up to the CP to develop their own local criteria. The broad criteria are those set out in the Working with Communities policy i.e. Community Wellbeing, Supporting Economic Development, Enhancing the Natural/Built Environment. The Community Partnership may also agree locally-specific criteria under the main policy criteria. The Community Investment Manager advised the CIP that the CP could look at developing some interim priorities, it may be appropriate for the CP to delegate this task to a small working group (with Grant Managers support) to consider and prepare an options paper with recommendations for approval.	Grants Team
21032206 10	Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership members would feedback to the Comms Lead in relation to the inclusion of the GDF Developer Seismic Survey press release being included on the website. Completed	ALL
21032206 11	The Siting Manager will seek clarification regarding disturbance to the seabed as a result of the Seismic Survey and will feedback to the Community Partnership members. Completed	Siting Manager
21032206 12	The Comms Lead will investigate the percentage of Newsletter subscribers who reside within the Search Area. Completed Is it not possible to establish this data.	Comms Lead
21032206 13	The Community Engagement Manager will liaise with the GDF Developer to ensure that unlicensed sea users will be made aware of the Seismic Survey and their concerns addressed. Once the FIR is in post, they will liaise with sea users	CEM
21032208 14	CBC and CALC representatives will liaise with their organisation to clarify the named seat holder in the ToR and the appropriateness of being able to select deputies. This is ongoing, the Exec have been made aware and will be covered in the May meeting.	CBC CALC
21032208 15	Community Engagement Manager and Grants Manager will meet to discuss additional Community Partnership members stepping forward to deputise on the CIP. The people who have deputies are those who are representing an organisation. Within the ToR it only mentions the rPLA.	Grants Manager CEM



	<p>Currently the TOR states:</p> <p>Quorum</p> <p>1.1 At least one Authorised Representative for each CIP Member shall attend each CIP meeting. The minimum attendance (Quorum) at a meeting of the full Community Investment Panel is two thirds of the Voting Members, to the nearest whole number and must include the RWM Member.</p> <p>1.2 Where no Authorised Representative of CIP Member is able to attend a CIP meeting, the Member:</p> <p>1.2.1 will notify the Chair of their absence not less than 1 week before the meeting.</p> <p>1.2.2 Must (unless otherwise agreed with the CIP Chair) nominate a substitute to attend in their place. Details of the substitute must be provided to the Chair at the earliest opportunity but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>They can be a substitute if the CIP Member has given due notice (above) and it would be for the full meeting as opposed to standing in where there is a COI identified with a single agenda item.</p> <p>It would be good practice for anyone who may be asked to be a substitute to have had the familiarisation training.</p>	
21032209 16	<p>Q5 Pop-up Consultation information circulated to Community Partnership members.</p> <p>Completed 30/3/22</p> <p>The advertisement of the consultations was delayed to take the Pre-Election Period into account and will now be advertised on the 9th May.</p>	CEM
21032209 17	<p>Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership members invited to direct non-profit organisations that they were aware of to Cumbria Exchange</p> <p>As per action above</p>	ALL

Action 25042201 01

- Overview of Grant Funding comparison to be issued to Community Partnership members.

AGENDA 2: AOB**Seismic Surveys**

A scouting vessel which had been tasked to identify fixed gear fishing equipment in the main marine geophysical survey area was scheduled to take to the water in June 2022 and this was included in the Q&A which is on the website, however it is expected that this vessel will now undertake the exercise in May and this will therefore be amended in the Q&A.

A Community Partnership member raised a question regarding the size of the vessel and this will be confirmed by the Comms Lead and Community Partnership members advised.

Action 25042202 02

- Comms Lead will confirm the size of the scouting vessel and advise the Community Partnership members.
- *Note – vessel will be the size of a fishing trawler*

Regulator Meeting

The Regulator meeting (Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation) has been scheduled on 22nd June, 15.00 – 16.30 and will be held via Teams; the Secretariat will provide the joining details to the Community Partnership members who wish to attend. Community Partnership members who have any questions or topic suggestions for this meeting were asked to liaise with the Secretariat.

The aim of the meeting is to:



- Introduce members of the Community Partnership to Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation staff who provide siting support to geological disposal.
- Summarise how regulatory roles and processes will help ensure protection of people and the environment now and in the future.
- Discuss how we could support stakeholder communications and engagement managed by the Community Partnership to explain our role and offer advice, through impartial participation in events, such as exhibitions and enabling on-line access to our materials.
- Agree further communication channels.

Action 25042202 03

- Community Partnership members to advise the Secretariat if they wish to attend the Regulator meeting.

Action 25042202 04

- Community Partnership members to liaise with Secretariat with questions and topics suggestions for the Regulators.

International Visit

ANDRA are responsible for identifying, implementing and guaranteeing safe management solutions for all French radioactive waste. Colleagues from ANDRA are visiting Cumbria later this year. This is an opportunity for the Community Partnership to meet with colleagues from ANDRA and ask questions. At the moment, no further information is available however, the Community Engagement Team will keep the Community Partnership members updated with additional information and details when received.

Action 25042202 05

- Secretariat will add the dates of the visit to the Community Partnership Members calendars, this will include a link to the website.

<https://international.andra.fr/about-andra>

CIF Allocations

It was suggested that the Community Partnership members consider setting aside an agreed sum from the Community Investment Fund for applications for smaller projects. As the number of applications increases, it is a risk that larger projects could take up a large proportion of the budget.

Community Partnership members discussed this, and it was agreed that additional profiling of the applications is required in order to make this decision. Whilst it was acknowledged that larger funding applications could appear to require a large proportion of the annual funding budget, they may not necessarily require the full amount for the project in one funding year.

Action 25042202 06

- Additional profiling of funding applications to provide the Community Partnership members with the required information to make a decision.

Membership Recruitment

Recruitment is scheduled to go live on the website on 9th May 2022. Application packs are available and can be provided on request and hard copies will be available at the Community Engagement Events taking place in May.



Community Engagement Events

The Community Engagement Events will be advertised from the 9th May in the Mid Copeland Newsletter, local radio and the usual media outlets. The Community Engagement Manager wished to make the Community Partnership members aware that securing the venues for the Exhibitions was challenging and impacted the finalisation of the advertising literature.

The Community Engagement Events which took place in March has led to an increase in invitations to local events across the Mid Copeland area. The Community Engagement Team will liaise with local event organisers to ensure a tailored approach to the information/discussions/presentations for each event.

Action 25042202 07

- Community Engagement Team will provide Community Partnership members with a complete list of all scheduled events.

AGENDA 3: DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

It was proposed that the next meeting be extended to 2.5 hours to accommodate the agenda items being presented by Chief Policy Advisor, and Head of Campaigns. The Community Partnership members were advised that all presenters would be attending in person and that this would be the standard for all meetings moving forward. It was agreed that the next Mid Copeland Community Partnership meeting would be held on the following:

Date 23rd May
 Venue Calderbridge TBC
 Time 14.00 – 16.30

Action 25042203 08

- Secretariat to update calendar invitations with the details when confirmed.

Decision 25042203 01

- Community Partnership meeting extended to 2.5 hours.

Ref 250422	MEETING ACTION LOG	
25042201 01	Overview of Grant Funding comparison to be issued to Community Partnership members	Grants Manager
25042202 02	Size of scouting vessel to be confirmed and shared with Community Partnership members	Comms Lead
25042202 03	Community Partnership members to advise the Secretariat if they wish to attend the Regulator meeting	All
25042202 04	Community Partnership members to liaise with Secretariat with questions and topics suggestions for the Regulators	All
25042202 05	Secretariat will add the dates of the visit to the Community Partnership Members calendars, this will include a link to the website	Secretariat
25042202 06	Additional profiling of funding applications to provide the Community Partnership members with the required information to make a decision.	Grants Manager CEM
25042202 07	Community Engagement Team will provide Community Partnership members with a complete list of all scheduled events	Community Coordinators



25042203 08	Secretariat to update calendar invitations with the details of the next Community Partnership meeting location when confirmed.	Community Coordinator Secretariat
Ref 250422	MEETING DECISION LOG	
25042203 01	Community Partnership meeting extended to 2.5 hours.	