



## Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

**Held at** Calderbridge and Ponsonby Village Hall

**On** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**Commencing at** 15.00

### PRESENT:

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

### Supporting Attendees:

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| Chris Eldred  | GDF Team, Senior Project Manager – Agenda Item 2 |
| Bruce Cairns  | GDF Team, Chief Policy Advisor – Agenda Item 5   |
| Phil Green    | GDF Team, Project Manager – Agenda item 6        |
| Gill Thorne   | GDF Team, Communications Lead                    |
| Sue Shepherd  | GDF Team, Community Coordinator                  |
| Jonathan Cook | Copeland Borough Council, Officer                |

### In attendance:

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| Dawn Walker | GDF Team, Secretariat – Minute Taking |
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### APOLOGIES:

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| Serife Gunal | Traverse, Independent Evaluators |
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### AGENDA 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS TO INCLUDE DOI, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS

Welcome from the Chair and introductions of attendees were carried out once all members were present. It was agreed that the previous Minutes were an accurate record and were approved by the members. There were no Declarations of Interest.

| Ref 210322  | MEETING ACTION LOG  |            |
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| 21032201 02 | The GDF Developer Team will produce a clearer brief regarding the distinction between NWS/LLWR/GDF Developer. | SLT<br>CEM |

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|             | Ongoing<br>FAQ are being worked on  |   |
| 25042202 05 | <p>ANDRA Meeting</p> <p>Secretariat will add the dates of the visit to the Community Partnership Members calendars, this will include a link to the website.</p> <p>Email issued to Community Partnership members with link to website, also included in Meeting Minutes 250422.</p> <p>Dates to be added to calendars once further information is received.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>It will be a further 2-3 weeks</p> | Secretariat                                   |
| REF 230522  | MEETING ACTION LOG  |   |
| 23052202 01 | <p>Accountability Framework</p> <p>Social Value Database will be finalised and shared with Community Partnership members</p> <p>Completed</p>   | Community Engagement Team                     |
| 23052202 02 | <p>Accountability Framework</p> <p>The information regarding the Test of Public Support will be collated in one place by the GDF Developer for ease of access</p> <p>Ongoing. CET will establish progress after 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting</p>   | GDF Developer<br>Community Engagement Manager |
| 23052203 03 | <p>Local Government Reorganisation</p> <p>The GDF Developer will present potential options regarding the inclusion/exclusion of wards within each Community Partnership for discussion with members.</p> <p>Completed</p>   | GDF Developer<br>Community Engagement Manager |

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| REF 040722  | MEETING ACTION LOG  |  |
| 040722 0201 | <p>Marine Geophysical Survey</p> <p>Share Cetacean Stranding's Investigation Programme data with Community Partnership members – Completed</p>  | Stakeholder Relations Team                 |
| 040722 0202 | <p>Marine Geophysical Survey</p> <p>The GDF Developer will liaise with national groups who deal with instances of beaching's of live sea life – Completed</p>                                 | Stakeholder Relations Team                 |
| 040722 0203 | <p>Marine Geophysical Survey</p> <p>The GDF Developer will share the 24/7 incident number with the Community Partnership members - Completed</p>  | Stakeholder Relations Team                 |
| 040722 0204 | <p>Marine Geophysical Survey</p> <p>The Q&amp;A submitted by a Community Partnership member would be shared with the members - Completed</p>  | Community Engagement Team                  |
| 040722 0305 | <p>Yonder Survey Update</p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager and a member of the Community Partnership would discuss offline the possibility of attending community events – Completed</p> | Community Engagement Manager and Community |

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|             |   | Partnership Member        |
| 040722 0306 | Yonder Survey Update<br>The Campaigns Team will liaise with local businesses within the survey area to advise of the interviewer's activity in the area – <b>Completed</b>  | Campaigns Team            |
| 040722 0507 | Recruitment<br>The Community Engagement Team will share the draft recruitment documents with the Community Partnership members for feedback - <b>Completed</b>  | Community Engagement Team |
| 040722 0608 | CIF Update<br>Community Partnership members will contact the Community Engagement Team members to arrange Community Investment Panel Familiarisation training – <b>Ongoing – CET to liaise with Grants manager to secure training</b> | ALL                       |
| 040722 0709 | Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting<br>Community Engagement Team to secure a suitable venue for the next Community Partnership meeting - <b>Completed</b>  | Community Engagement Team |

## AGENDA 2: MARINE GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY UPDATE

The Head of GDF Geosphere Characterisation Team gave an update on the Marine Geophysical Survey. The survey vessel Bly left Dublin on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and arrived in the Copeland area on Saturday, the vessel is visible off Seascale at approx. 5 kilometres offshore, this is the closest the vessel will be to the shoreline. The streamers and the necessary equipment were deployed and the first data was received around 5pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, we have recorded approx. 7% of the required data. There has been no safety, weather, fishing, or wildlife issues reported. There is a security vessel providing support if required.

Q - How soon can we expect data to be available to share with the Partnership

A – There is a major amount of processing of the data, which takes months to process, potentially we are looking at the end of 2023

Q – If there is a problem that causes you to pause or stop the activities would you inform the Community Partnership members ?

A –We are planning to provide a weekly update to Partnership members.

## AGENDA 3: AOB

### CIF Update

The Community Partnership members were advised that 7 awards were made out of 9 submissions, bringing the total Mid CIF spend to £393K with two panels left for this year. A total of £110.000 was granted at the last meeting. There was a large application that came to the panel but it was deferred for further information. There are a couple of large applications in the pipeline that we hope may come into the next panel meeting.



The role of the Grants Officer has now closed and interviews have taken place.

The appointment of a CIP Chair will be scheduled for discussion as an agenda item at the next Community Partnership Meeting. The Chair advised the members that there was still an opportunity for members to take the CIP Familiarisation training, which would benefit panel operations. After discussion all members volunteered to complete the training and a new member was appointed to the panel.

It was noted that the application process was still a lengthy process and the application form was complicated. The CEM agreed and informed the members that the process was being streamlined specifically for the small grant application (under £10,000), and resourcing issues had been escalated. A guidance booklet is being created for the CIF application process and we will have this booklet available in the near future.

**Action** – The CEM/GM and Comms Lead to investigate the possibility of a video guide for applications and enabling funding for Grants Officers.

**Action** – CIF lead to attend the next meeting of the community partnership to discuss solutions in the CIF process.

**Action** – Availability of CIP training dates for members.

**Action** – Chair of the CIP to be added to the next meeting agenda.

### **Recruitment Update**

Interviews for the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The Selection Panel consisted of the outgoing Chair, Relevant Principal Local Authority and GDF Developer. There were 3 candidates interviewed, and the recommendations made by the panel were discussed and an agreement was reached by Partnership members. After consideration a new Business Sector representative will be invited to join the Partnership.

Over the next week the GDF team Community Engagement Manager will contact all candidates to inform them of the outcomes. It was requested by the members that it was recorded that members were not part of the recruitment and interview panel process. However, the panel did provide recommendations to the members who were satisfied that the appropriate criteria had been applied to the new members being invited to join.

It was agreed that the remaining sector seats on the Partnership would be opened back up once the CEM had spoken to all previous candidates. A recruitment plan would then be addressed at the next meeting.

**Action** - Recruitment for Partnership members to be added to the next agenda.

**Action** – To reopen the recruitment process once all previous candidates had been advised of the outcomes

### **Yonder Survey**

Red Research will commence the Yonder Surveys early in August. They will liaise with businesses in the areas to inform them of the surveying. There is no set timescale for the researchers to be in a particular area at a particular time. The results will be shared with the Partnership members once collated.

### **Meetings in Public**

The Chair proposed to the Partnership members moving the meetings into public space. The Chair has a proposal used by Copeland Borough Council which will cover the policy and procedures for



public attendance. The Chair and CEM will address this and then share options with Partnership members for approval. Once approved it is proposed that public meetings will hopefully commence in October 2022.

**Action** – Share the proposal options for public meetings with the Partnership.

#### **Workforce Report**

A Workforce report is due for publication, it is proposed to have a joint briefing with all four Community Partnership before publication. A teams invite will follow.

**Action** – Teams invite for members to attend the Workforce Report meeting.

#### **AGENDA 4: DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00 pm, venue - Drigg and Carleton Village Hall, Drigg, Holmrook CA19 1XF

#### **AGENDA 5: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

The Chief Policy Advisor presented to the Partnership members. The members discussed what Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria could mean for the Community Partnership. The current district electoral ward boundaries are going to be replaced in 2023 with new unitary electoral ward boundaries that will match the current county ward boundaries. This has potential implications for the CP, particularly around Drigg, where the new boundaries will be in a different position from the current ones. The siting process was designed to be flexible and place-based, to recognise the reality of communities on the ground rather than arbitrary political boundaries. This flexibility has allowed us to have two distinct partnerships in Copeland, recognising that there are 2 distinct communities separated by the National Park with potentially different priorities and we need to make sure that the process protects that. There are several ways we can go about this and the possibilities need to be carefully worked out. We do have time though as these changes will not come into effect until the 31 March 2023.

It was agreed that the Partnership would need to consider how best to do this and put a suitable process in place. The implications of a test of public support needs to be factored into these discussions, and it is a decision that needs to be jointly agreed with both Partnerships in Copeland.

After discussion, the members decided they wanted to consider the options and then have a further meeting to discuss a way forward.

**Action** - Request questions from members for discussion at the LGR meeting, date, and time to be confirmed.

#### **AGENDA 6: PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

The Project Manager presented the Programme of Activities slides to the Partnership members. In policy it states the programme of activities '*...will provide a vehicle for sharing information with the community and for finding answers to the questions the community may have about geological disposal, the siting process and how they, as a community, could benefit...*' .

A Programme of Activities is the work that will be carried out by the Community Partnership in order to learn more about a GDF and what this may mean for a community.



Activities should include:

- sharing and discussing the programme of GDF developer technical work, for example environment and traffic surveys and non-intrusive investigations of the geology such as airborne geophysical surveys
- responding to any questions, issues or concerns that communities might have about the process
- capacity building (strengthening skills, knowledge, and confidence) of individuals and groups within the community, for example the skills to apply for Community Investment Funding
- commissioning reports on topics that might be of interest to the Community Partnership
- managing and co-ordinating communications between the Community Partnership and the community
- considering how a GDF could play a part in a Community Vision.

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Partnership members requested that the POA be broken down into a simple timeline. The members of the Partnership after discussion decided to start the work to create a mission statement and only look to initiate subgroups as and when they were required, but not within the next 6 months. The main objective of the Partnership is to continue as it is currently and concentrate on LGR as a priority.

**Action** – To create a short, memorable, and clear mission statement.

**Action** – To create a simple timeline of Programme of Activities.

The Chair thanked the members of the Partnership for their participation and input into the meeting.

**MEETNG ACTION LOG**

| Ref 01082022           | MEETING ACTION LOG  |  |
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| Agenda 3<br>01082022 1 | The CEM and Comms Lead to investigate the possibility of a video guide for applications and enabling funding for Grants Officers. |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 2 | CIF lead to attend the next meeting of the community partnership to discuss solutions in the CIF process.                         |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 3 | Availability of CIP training dates for members.   |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 4 | Chair of the CIP discussion to be added to the next meeting agenda.   |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 6 | Recruitment for Partnership members to be added to the next agenda.   |  |



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| Agenda 3<br>01082022 6 | To reopen the recruitment process in a couple of weeks.                              |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 7 | Share the proposal for public meetings with the Partnership once created.            |  |
| Agenda 3<br>01082022 8 | Teams invite to be circulated for members to attend the Workforce Report meeting     |  |
| Agenda 5<br>01082022 1 | Request questions to be forwarded by members for discussion at the next LGR meeting. |  |
| Agenda 5<br>01082022 2 | NWS to explore the options for the Partnership and present them at a future meeting. |  |
| Agenda 6<br>01082022 1 | To create a short, memorable, and clear mission statement.                           |  |
| Agenda 6<br>01082022 2 | To create a simple timeline of Programme of Activities.                              |  |