



## Working in Partnership Copeland

### Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

**Held at** Calderbridge & Ponsonby Village Hall

**On** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**Commencing at** 15.00

#### **PRESENT:**

Andy Pratt	Chair
Cllr David Moore	Copeland Borough Council, Councillor & Nuclear Portfolio Holder
Julie Nugent	Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council Chair
Karen Warmoth	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council Representative
Yvonne Clarkson	Business Representative Partnership
Gillian Johnston	GDF Team, Community Engagement manager – Mid Copeland Community Partnership

#### **Supporting Attendees:**

Deborah Naylor	Inspira, Agenda Item 5
Helen Conway	GDF Team, Grants Manager
Gill Thorne	GDF Team, Communications Lead
Claire Dobson	GDF Team, Community Coordinator
Sue Shepherd	GDF Team, Community Coordinator
Jonathan Cook	Copeland Borough Council, Officer

#### **In attendance:**

Lisa Rothery	GDF Team, Secretariat Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership
Richard Griffin	GDF Team, Senior Policy Advisor

#### **Apologies:**

Rob Ward	GDF Team, Community Partnership Operations Manager
Bob Jones	Calderbridge & Ponsonby Parish Council Chair
Mark Fussell	Gosforth Parish Council Chair
Lizzie Mawson	Seascale Parish Council Chair

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

The Chair welcomed Community Partnership members and one member of the public. The Chair gave a brief background on the GDF programme.

The actions from the previous meetings minutes were reviewed, and the minutes approved.

The Chair gave an update on Local Government Reorganisation, and he is waiting a written response from the Chair of South Copeland to confirm South Copeland's preferred option. No declaration of interests were recorded.

Ref 05092022	MEETING ACTION LOG
Agenda 3 05092022 2	New design newsletter to be published from January 2023 - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 4 05092022 1	Clarity on 3-year funding policy - <b>Ongoing, nearing completion</b>
Agenda 4 05092022 2	Clarity on flexibility of the end date dependant on the CIF spend <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 4 05092022 3	Update the CIF training for panel members directly before the meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 5 05092022 1	The Comms lead and CEM to produce an advertising strategy for recruitment <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 6 05092022 1	The policy document was shared with the Partnership and requested feedback to be returned by Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September. <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 05092022 1	The CEC to get an updated spend and paid funding update <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 05092022 2	The Partnership to review the terms of reference and Community Partnership Agreement <b>Ongoing</b>

Ref 05092022	Decision Log
Agenda 3 05092022 1	Group and individual photos of Partnership members. <b>Completed at the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Agenda 7 05092022 3	Targeted events in the next round of Community Engagement Events <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 05092022 4	Workshop for Programme of Activities. <b>Complete</b>

## AGENDA 2: ROUND THE ROOM INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by the Partnership Members and the Mid Copeland support team.

## AGENDA 3: CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending the first Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership meeting in public. As most of you will be aware, a nationwide search is underway in England and Wales to find a potential suitable location to host a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). This is based on achieving two aims of finding a suitable site, along with a willing host community,

In November 2020, a Working Group was formed to understand whether Copeland could be a suitable location for a GDF.

During the 12 months, the Copeland Working Group fulfilled its remit and subsequently two Community Partnerships were formed in November/December 2021. One in South Copeland



covering the electoral wards of Millom and Black Combe & Scafell, the other in Mid Copeland covering the electoral wards of Beckermest and Gosforth & Seascale.

The Partnership is in the early stages of a very long process, through which our role is to act as the vehicle for dialogue between the community within the Search Area and the developer, including what hosting a GDF could mean for the community and how it could benefit. Being a member of the Partnership in no way implies a particular stance on GDF.

#### **AGENDA 4: PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

One member of the public was in attendance who asked questions relating to Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and how the new authority would support the 3 Cumbrian Partnerships.

#### **AGENDA 5: INSPIRA – UNDERSTANDING HOW WE ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Deborah Naylor the Area Manager from Inspira delivered a presentation to highlight how Inspira could help the Community Partnership engage with young people.

**Action:** It was agreed by all members present that they would offer Inspira a place representing young people on the Partnership. Community Engagement Manager to contact Deborah Naylor to complete action.

#### **AGENDA 6: ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Community Engagement Manager (CEM) gave an update on the recent drop in events which were delivered from 27<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. 11 Events, 7 different locations throughout the Search Area, 118 individuals attended the events of which 64% had never attended before.

The Community Engagement Manager informed the members of 2 technical talks on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November., these will be delivered by a technical specialist from the GDF developer, supported by the Community Engagement Team. The Community Engagement Team has also been asked to give a talk to Whitehaven Castle Rotary on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. Community Partnership members were asked if they would like to support any of these talks. 2 members indicated they would each support an appropriate session.

The Community Engagement Manager asked how the Community Partnership felt about organising events outside the Search Area in 2023. Partnership members agreed, they are happy for events outside the Search Area but as an overall developer led event rather than on behalf of Mid Copeland Community Partnership.

The Community Engagement Manager gave a brief summary of events that are provisionally being looked at for next year.

The Community Partnership Business Sector Lead gave some feedback on the recent tourism meeting she attended in October.



The developer is looking at a formal long-term exhibition to be located in West Cumbria, telling the GDF story, this is at very early stages and the CEM will keep the members updated on progress.

#### **AGENDA 7: COMMS UPDATE**

The Comms Lead gave a recap on the last couple of month's press releases, newsletters etc.

Leaflets through people's doors in Mid Copeland were successful in attracting community members to the recent engagement events. The Engagement Team felt this had led to new people attending events and it was agreed this was a good communication tool going forward.

The Comms Lead gave a briefing on the BBC Radio Cumbria broadcast that took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Mid Copeland Community Partnership has 764 subscribers to the newsletter and an increase in social media followers. The Community Partnership members were asked to promote the Partnership pages on social media.

#### **AGENDA 8: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CIF)**

The Grants Manager gave an update on the CIF awards and gave an overview of some of the projects that have benefited from funding covering the following criteria from national policy: -

- Community Wellbeing
- Improvement to Natural or Built Environment
- Community Wellbeing and to Improvement to Build Environment

Of these 28 awards have been made overall; 17 Applications were classed as small grants (up to £10,000), 4 medium grants (£10,000 plus) and 7 large grants (£50,000 plus)

Mid Copeland Community Partnership is on track to award £1 million by the end of year 1. The Community Investment Funding will re-set on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **AGENDA 9: AOB TO INCLUDE FEEDBACK FROM PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP**

The Community Engagement Manager gave an explanation on the Programme of Activities: -

One of the responsibilities of the Community Partnership, set out in the Working with Communities Policy, is to develop a Programme of Activities.

To date, the Partnership's activities have included community engagement, outreach, communications and administration of Community Investment Funding. It is NWS's responsibility as the GDF developer to deliver a programme of technical work, which includes activities such as site evaluation and characterisation. There is clearly an interface between the two programmes.

Following input from Community Partnership members to the development of the Programme of Activities, the NWS support team have two key actions:

To share information on the developer's programme, including a timeline of technical outputs on topics such as site evaluation, transport, safety – work is in progress internally to provide this.



To discuss with the Partnership a suggested way forward to develop and prioritise topics to focus their work on. Based on the feedback, these might include topic areas such as development of a community vision, socio-economics or technical issues (such as safety, geology, transport), and particularly to respond to the questions, queries and concerns raised by the local community.

The Community Engagement Manager informed the Partnership that the developer will come back to the Members in November with feedback and outcomes from the Programme of Activities Workshop which was held in October 2022.

### **Recruitment**

To date there has been 3 applications.

There is a recruitment event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 12-4pm at Seascale Golf Club, led by the Community Engagement Team, Community Partnership members were encouraged to attend.

The Community Engagement Manager stated that the date for interviews from the recent recruitment campaign will be set for the end of November / beginning of December. It was agreed that recruitment will be kept open until all sectors are represented. Youth, Farming and Tourism.

A member informed the meeting that a paper from CoRWM was published on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 which included the costs of GDF.

**Action:** Recruitment of new Partnership Members - Community Engagement Manager to look at interview date for after the Recruitment open day on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Action:** The Communications Lead to send the CoRWM paper out to all the Partnership members.

### **AGENDA 10: ISSUES FOR ESCALATION**

Local Government reorganisation (LGR) – and also as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Action** - Chair

### **AGENDA 11: DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership Meeting is as follows:  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3-5pm at Drigg and Carleton Village Hall.



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#### **ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Yonder survey – presentation on the Mid Copeland survey results.

Local Government Reorganisation.

Community Partnership Agreement – Review and changes

#### **2023 MEETING DATES**

Moving forward meetings will be held every 6 weeks, dates and times of meetings were discussed for next year:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 3-5pm**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 3-5 pm**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 3-5 pm**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 6-8 pm**

Diary invites will follow for all 2023 meetings, another will be scheduled for 6-8pm, with all others 3-5pm as Community Partnership preference.