



## Working in Partnership Copeland

### Draft Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

**Held at** Drigg & Carleton Village Hall

**On** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Commencing at** 15:00

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Andy Pratt	Chair
Cllr David Moore	Copeland Borough Council, Councillor & Nuclear Portfolio Holder
Yvonne Clarkson	Business Sector Lead
Julie Nugent	Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council Chair
Bob Jones	Calderbridge & Ponsonby Parish Council Chair
Mark Fussell	Gosforth Parish Council Chair
Michael Slater	Farming Sector Lead
Lizzie Mawson	Chair of Seascale Parish Council
Deborah Naylor	Youth Sector Lead, Inspira
Gillian Johnston	GDF Team, Community Engagement Manager – Mid Copeland Community Partnership

**Supporting Attendees:**

Gill Thorne	GDF Team, Communications Lead
Phil Green	GDF Team, Project Manager (online)
Claire Dobson	GDF Team, Community Coordinator
Jonathan Cook	Copeland Borough Council, Officer
Owen Thomas	Yonder Consulting
Charlie Rollason	Yonder Consulting

**In attendance:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Karen Warmoth	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council Representative
Rob Ward	GDF Team, Community Partnership Operations Manager

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

The Chair welcomed Mid Copeland Community Partnership members and one member of the public.

**Action from previous meeting**

The Community Engagement Manager provided clarity on multi-year Community Investment Funding. Multi-year projects can be funded.

The term 3 Year Funding Policy refers to the ability of a Community Partnership to use Community Investment Funding to fund projects that take place over 3 years. The Community Partnership has not adopted a policy of funding projects over 3 years. A better term to use is multi-Year Funding.



In this respect it is confirmed that

1. It is possible for a multi-year project to be funded.
2. It is possible for a multi-year project to be funded from one year's budget or from more different years.
3. Any funding awarded to a project by the Community Partnership is recognised by Nuclear Waste Services as early as possible. When a grant is recognised as an expense in the Radioactive Waste Management accounts, irrespective of the year it was awarded or drawn down by the applicant, it will be honoured by Nuclear Waste Services.
4. If a Search Area changes, any commitments already made by the Community Investment Panel will be honoured by Nuclear Waste Services
5. The Working with Communities policy already states that "If either the Community or Radioactive Waste Management withdraws from the siting process, any funding that has been committed within that financial year by the Community Investment Panel will be honoured".

#### **This closed the action**

The actions from the previous meeting minutes were reviewed, and the minutes from the last meeting, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 were approved.

Ref 05092022	MEETING ACTION LOG
Agenda 4 05092022 1	Clarity on 3-year funding policy – <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 05092022 2	The Mid Copeland Community Partnership to review the terms of reference and Community Partnership Agreement - <b>Ongoing</b>
Agenda 5 31102022 1	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 - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 9 31102022 2	Recruitment of new Partnership Members - Community Engagement Manager to look at interview date after the Recruitment open day on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 9 31102022 3	The Communications Lead to send the CoRWM paper out to all the Partnership members - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 10 21102022 4	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – <b>Ongoing – letter now sent to South Copeland Community Partnership with reference to Mid Copeland Community Partnership's decision on LGR and a letter to Drigg and Carleton Parish Council</b>

#### **AGENDA 2: ROUND THE ROOM INTRODUCTIONS**

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

#### **AGENDA 3: CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair discussed the Copeland Borough Councillors' update meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Chair discussed the Nuclear Free Local Authority letter and his response to this.

The Chair informed the Community Partnership members of Karen Wheeler's resignation from Nuclear Waste Services and wished her all the best in the future. Initially Karen will be replaced by Corhyn Parr, Chief Executive Officer, while her replacement is being arranged.

The Chair informed the Mid Copeland Community Partnership members of the GDF Watch meeting that was cancelled on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting arranged by GDF Watch.



#### AGENDA 4: PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- Q: A member of the public asked if the public questions can be moved to the end of the agenda in future Partnership meetings, so that they could hear all the information before asking questions?
- A: **This will be moved to the end of the agenda in future Community Partnership meetings.**

#### AGENDA 5: BASELINE OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

Representatives from Yonder provided a presentation on the Mid Copeland Community Partnership baseline survey in which people living in Mid Copeland were asked questions about their awareness of the Community Partnership and geological disposal.

During the presentation it was explained that between August and October, 150 residents (aged 16+) were surveyed across the wards of Gosforth & Seascale and Beckermest, including 110 face-to-face interviews and 40 telephone interviews.

Yonder detailed a summary of the questions and how people responded.

##### Questions relating to survey

- Q: A member of the public asked how much was the survey swayed by potential local job creation?
- A: **There wasn't a question in the survey that related to this enquiry.**
- Q: Could I request a breakdown of the Yonder consultation results by postcode area please? If not, could this be done for future surveys?
- A: **Postcode data was not collected during the 2022 surveys and so we cannot provide that breakdown. However, if the Partnership agrees, this data can be collected in future surveys.**
- Q: Can the survey results be broken down into electoral wards for each question? If not, could this be done for future surveys?
- A: **The 2022 survey did collect data on respondents' electoral ward however the sample sizes within each of the electoral wards were small. If the Partnership feels it would be appropriate to break down the sample sizes to individual wards, then this could be looked into for future surveys.**

#### AGENDA 6: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR)

Nuclear Waste Services' Senior Policy Advisor covered a number of the Local Government Reorganisation scenarios, due to previous conversations only 2 options were on the table for Mid Copeland Community Partnership members to consider.

South Copeland Community Partnership has agreed to go with policy and option 3 – Two Community Partnerships but with one of the place-based communities divided into different partnerships. This would mean that the part of the current Mid Copeland Community Partnership area around Drigg & Carleton would move into the South Copeland Community Partnership from 1st April 2023.

It was agreed that Mid Copeland Community Partnership would go ahead with option 3 and that members could offer a 'non-voting' seat to Drigg and Carleton Parish on Mid Copeland Community Partnership and review this on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

#### AGENDA 7: AOB TO INCLUDE: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CIF) UPDATE, DRAFT MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

##### Membership question from community member

- Q: I noticed that the South Copeland GDF Community Partnership has a member representative of Friends of the Lake District. Why does Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership not have a representative from this or a similar organisation? As Friends of the Lake District are our local campaign for the protection of rural England. Will Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership look at this in the future?
- A: **Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership has initially focused on 4 key sectors for membership, farming, business, tourism and youth. The membership of the Community Partnership will continue to evolve. Friends of the Lake District hasn't approached Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership with regards to becoming a member, if it was to do so this would be discussed, and a decision taken by Community Partnership members.**



**Community Partnership Agreement**

A member of the Community Engagement Team gave an update on the Community Partnership Agreement. This is still ongoing and will roll over to an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Community Investment Funding Update**

The Community Engagement Manager provided an update on Community Investment Funding. During the first operational year of the Community Partnership 28 awards made:

- 12 awards met the Community Wellbeing CIF criteria
- 6 awards met the Improvements to Build Environment CIF criteria
- 10 award met Community Wellbeing and Built Environment CIF criteria

Level of Grant Awards to date

<b>Small – under £10,000</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Medium – above £10,000 - £50,000</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Large – above £50,000</b>	<b>7</b>

**Year Two Awards**

The Community Investment Panel (CIP) approved two awards at the Community Investment Panel held on the 09<sup>th</sup> December 2022; 2 awards were made.

**\*These awards are subject to acceptance of grant offer.**

**Communications Update**

The Communications Lead recapped communications activities from December 2022 which included a Q&A on transport on the website; Mid Copeland survey results on website; a press release on reaching the £1million mark for Community Investment Funding and a new style e-newsletter sent to around 760 subscribers. Activity for early 2023 includes a press release sent out early January on upcoming drop-in events for January/February; a flyer which has gone to Mid Copeland homes detailing events; digital/print advertising for events and a communication around Local Government Reorganisation boundary changes. A printed newspaper-style newsletter is being prepared to go out in early March to Mid Copeland homes and a new display board detailing local projects which have received investment funding in year one has been designed for future events.

**Engagement Update**

A member of the Engagement Team updated the Mid Copeland Community Partnership members on the engagements from 2022 and plans for 2023.

In 2022 the Mid Copeland Community Partnership engaged with over 1000 people at a number of events, including drop-ins, exhibitions and shows such as Gosforth. They also delivered a number of Community talks and supported GDF developer colleagues on a couple of technical talks.

**2023 plans to date**

There will be more of the same in 2023, continual engagement within the Search Area with over 40 events planned. More events can be added at key points. The Engagement Team is also planning to go outside of the Search Area with some events but as the developer (Nuclear Waste Services).

**Draft Minutes**

The Chair asked the Mid Copeland Community Partnership members for approval not to issue draft minutes on the Mid Copeland Community Partnership website, as meetings are now in public, and briefings are provided within 48 hours of the meeting.

This was approved, moving forward only approved minutes will be added to the website, however it was also agreed that the meeting briefing be placed on the website when circulated to the Mid Copeland Community Partnership members.



**AGENDA 8: ISSUES FOR ESCALATION**

A letter from the Mid Copeland Community Partnership Chair will be sent to the South Copeland Community Partnership Chair with reference to the Mid Copeland Community Partnership decision on Local Government Reorganisation.

A letter from the Mid Copeland Community Partnership Chair will also be sent to Drigg and Carleton Parish Council with reference to their non-voting membership on Mid Copeland Community Partnership from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

**AGENDA 9: DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership Meeting is as follows:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3-5pm at Calderbridge and Ponsonby Village Hall

Members of the public welcome.

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Agenda 10 21102022 4	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - letter sent to the South Copeland Community Partnership with reference to Mid Copeland Community Partnership’s decision on LGR and a letter also sent to Drigg and Carleton Parish Council
Ref 09012023	MEETING DECISION LOG
09012023 01	Mid Copeland Community Partnership draft minutes not to be issued on the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership website as meeting briefings are provided within 48 hours of the meeting and will be put on the website. Approved minutes will be added to the website
09012023 02	Moving public questions to later on in the agenda for future Mid Copeland Community Partnership meetings, so all the information could be heard before asking questions. This was agreed in the meeting and will be moved for future meetings