



## Working in Partnership Copeland

### Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

**Held at** Seascale Golf Club

**On** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Commencing at** 18:00 hrs

**Present:**

Andy Pratt	Chair
Cllr David Moore	Cumberland Councillor
Julie Nugent	Chair of Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council
Mike Slater	Farming Sector Lead
Lizzy Mawson	Chair of Seascale Parish Council
Bob Jones	Chair of Calderbridge & Ponsonby Parish Council
Yvonne Clarkson	Business Sector Lead
Karen Warmoth	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council Representative
Mark Fussell	Chair of Gosforth Parish Council
Deborah Naylor	Youth Sector Lead
Gillian Johnston	GDF Team, Community Engagement Manager – Mid Copeland Community Partnership

**Supporting Attendees:**

Rob Ward	GDF Team, Community Partnership Operations Manager
Gill Thorne	GDF Team, Communications Lead
Claire Dobson	GDF Team, Community Engagement Co-ordinator
Jonathan Cook	Cumberland Council, Officer

**In attendance:**

Sue Shepherd	GDF Team, Community Engagement Co-ordinator, acting as Secretariat
Andy Parkes	Site Characterisation Sponsor

**Apologies:**

Helen Conway	Community Investment Manager
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#### **AGENDA 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS TO INCLUDE DOI, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS**

The Chair welcomed the Community Partnership members and 3 members of the public.

Action 28022023 07 is still in progress. Communications Lead gave an update. The Land and Property Compensation Scheme is still in its infancy, so we will wait to get a more robust set of Q & As for the public in summer and the Communication Lead will chase this action.



The rest of the actions from the previous minutes were reviewed and agreed.

Ref 27032023	MEETING ACTION LOG
Agenda 6 28022023 06	Head of Property and Land to take questions back for answers – <b>In progress</b>
Agenda 6 28022023 07	Head of Property and Land to work on some FAQs that we can put on the website – <b>In progress</b>
Agenda 7 28022023 09	Community Engagement Manager to produce a process for nominating and recruiting a Chair – <b>On Agenda</b>
Agenda 5 27032023 01	Refined changes to the Chair recruitment process in line with the Community Partnership agreement – <b>Agenda Item 5 for today</b>
Agenda 6 27032023 02	Implementation of annual reviews for the PoA Workshop - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 6 27032023 03	Community Partnership members to express their interest in being put forward for the position of Chair - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 27032023 04	Community Partnership members to contact the Community Engagement Manager if they would like to attend the Canada Visit / Rosehill Theatre Presentation - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 27032023 05	Community Engagement Manager to add to the Canada Visit agenda, the exit process for some of the communities to leave the process - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 7 27032023 06	The Community Engagement Coordinator to share to the Community Partnership members, the NMWO (Canadian GDF Website) before the Canada Visit - <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 12 27032023 07	Invite NWS Lead to next meeting to deliver a seismic Data and Site Characterisation update – <b>Agenda item 4 for today</b>

#### AGENDA 2: ROUND THE ROOM INTRODUCTIONS

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

#### AGENDA 3: CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair attended an NWS Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Bolton, along with the three other Partnership Chairs. This was to celebrate NWS first year of being formed. 350 guests attended from a broad mix of stakeholders; NWS launched their vision: Permanently Safe Sooner. The Chair felt it would be good for other Community Partnership members to attend future events like this. He advised the members that Chris Keenan is now interim Head of Community for NWS and working with all four Chairs. The Chairs have made it clear to Chris that all Community Partnerships are very different, therefore lining up the right people at the right time to each Partnership is key, especially what an exit strategy may look like for the different areas. The Chairs made it clear they need developer timelines and guidance to continue to work through the Working with Communities policy. The Community Engagement Manager informed the members that she had an offer from NWS's Senior Policy Advisor who is happy to help the members, by workshop, meetings, one to ones or by attending events in the community.

Chair informed the members he had collated responses from some Partnership members, which have been circulated, re Near Surface Disposal (NSD) Policy consultation. If any members would like to add anything else, please let the Chair know before Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. The Chair will send in the response Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

#### AGENDA 4: Seismic Data and Site Characterisation Update



NWS Site Characterisation Sponsor delivered a presentation and explained what Seismic 3D data is about and how sound travels differently through air, water, and rocks. He explained that the data gathered by the 'Bly' ship, for 3 weeks last August, covered an area of 250 sq km. He explained the complexity of processing and analysing the data which explained the long timeline but said that Copeland's 3D data processing is 80% finished and they are hoping for final 'clean' data at the end of May which will then be looked at by Geologists, Safety experts and Engineers. Interpretation is planned to be completed in September.

**AGENDA 5: Recruitment of Chair**

Community Engagement Co-ordinator brought to the attention of the members, how the recruitment of Chair is set out in the Community Partnership Agreement (section 6.4 and 6.5 in the Terms of Reference). She went on to explain that an email was sent out to the Community Partnership members on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, inviting nominations by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The role of the Chair will run for two years from the end of July 2023. Nominations put forward one person, Andy Pratt (the current Chair). All members voted for Andy Pratt as Chair and he accepted the position.

**AGENDA 6: Comms Update**

The Communications Lead recapped activity which had taken place since the previous Community Partnership meeting and following the end of the pre-election period. This included a press release advertising a new weekly community drop-in being held on Wednesdays in Seascale, plus website articles on the official opening of Gosforth community outdoor gym and feedback from safety and technical events. Work has been ongoing finalising the next printed newsletter to homes which will go out week commencing June 12, followed by an e-newsletter to digital subscribers. Other communications will include a web update on the Chair and an update on youth work. Future longer-term activity to look at a revamp of the website, including an interactive map.

**AGENDA 7: Community Investment Funding update**

Community Engagement Manager provided the CIF report: -

- Community Investment panel has approved 11 awards in year 2 so far.]
- One application for £500 has since been withdrawn (FR1360)
- Total spend for year 2 so far is £519,031.04
- Next Community Investment Panel is 1<sup>st</sup> June with 4 applications to assess totalling £212,122.00
- This will leave a balance of 268,846.00 with three panels left to go until 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Total number of awards for years 1 and 2 is 39.
- The team are monitoring active grants by doing interim and final reports
- Communications Lead and Community Engagement Manager are working with the Grants team to produce a suite of branded materials for recipients of the funding to use to promote their project – plaques, certificates, large cheques etc. Once these have been finalised, they will be shared with the Partnership.

**AGENDA 8: AOB to include Engagement update**



**Engagement Update**

Community Engagement Co-ordinator gave an update on engagement since last meeting: -

- Attended 4 coffee mornings
- Continued the social impact project with Shackles Off youth group which ends with a celebration event Monday 22nd May
- Started weekly residency in Seascale on Wednesday in the Vicarage, with 8 visitors.

Chair mentioned that various workshops are available to the Partnership members. If members are interested in a Declaration of Interest refresher and or Policy guidance, then please speak to the Chair or Community Engagement Manager

Chair reminded the members that the Environment Agency (EA) MS Teams meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 4pm – 5.30pm, details of which have been circulated. Community Engagement Manager will be attending and happy to feedback to members who are unable attend.

Business Representative and Community Engagement Co-ordinator attended the BECBC Meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and found this useful for networking. Business Representative happy to attend these monthly by herself, Community Engagement Manager to speak to BECBC.

**AGENDA 9: Issues for Escalation**

No issues for escalation.

**AGENDA 10: Public Questions**

Members of the public asked questions relating to: -

- NWS Strategy, Vision and what the word ‘sooner’ meant in NWS strapline.
- Timelines visible to the public on Site Evaluation – 5-year outlook.
- Length of the GDF programme.
- International waste packaging.

**AGENDA 11: Date and location of next meeting**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 3pm – 5pm Calderbridge and Ponsonby Village Hall

Ref 18052023	MEETING ACTION LOG
Agenda 1 18052023 01	Communications Lead to follow up with the Land and Property team for Q & As for website <b>In progress</b>
Agenda 3 18052023 01	Community Engagement Manager to take back to NWS SLT, concern from Community Partnership member re NWS conference in Bolton and social value to West Cumbria. <b>Complete</b>
Agenda 8 18052023	Community Partnership member raised the issues of not having a Secretariat for the Partnership – Community Engagement Manager to feedback to NWS SLT. Chair to write a letter to Siting Director re Partnership’s disappointment on this matter <b>Complete</b>



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