



MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

HELD ON

12 January 2023, 6pm –Carnegie Theatre, Workington

Attendees:

Partnership members:

Mary Bradley (MB) - Chair
Marion Fitzgerald (MF)
David Wilson (DW)
Deborah Naylor (DN)
Chris Gibson (CG)
John Coughlan (JC)
Phil Davies (PD)
Becky Wolstenholme (BW)
Adrian Davis Johnston (ADJ)
Gordon Grant (GG)

NWS: Richard Griffin (RG)
Ged Sojka (GS)
Alison Beard (AB)

Minutes: Katy Arnott (KA)

Apologies: Tony Markley (TM)

Item	Description	Action Lead	By when
1.	WELCOME/APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from: Tony Markley Partnership members and NWS support staff introduced themselves.	MB	
2.	Health, Safety & meeting etiquette The Chair provided venue Health and Safety briefing.	MB	
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Previous Minutes from 8 Dec 2022 meeting were approved. Action 109- Complete Action 110- Update: Survey Report to be added to upcoming Agenda – Partnership Meeting 9 Feb 2023.	MB	
4.	REVIEW OF 2022 Chair gave presentation: Allerdale GDF Community Partnership Annual Review Summary of presentation:	MB	



The Allerdale GDF Community Partnership was launched in Jan 2022 as a vehicle to continue the conversation about a geological disposal facility (GDF) with local people, the local authority and Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)

Year 1: Four key objectives

1. Recruit new members
2. Effective and efficient spend of the Community Investment Fund
3. Develop meaningful community engagement and communications
4. Develop a Programme of Activities

Recruitment of members

- The partnership has developed role profiles and a recruitment process
- Partnership has 10 members with local knowledge, experience and skills, embedded in their communities of interest and able to lead significant pieces of work
- Due to local government reorganisation (1 April 2023) the Principle Local Authority representative will change from the Allerdale Borough Council member to a Cumberland Council representative
- Currently there are three member vacancies which aim to be filled in 2023

Effective and efficient spend of £1m Community Investment Funding (CIF)

- For participating in the GDF conversation, the Government has made available up to £1million per year in Community Investment Funding.
- £1m Community Investment Funding was awarded during 2022
- Received 206 grant enquires
- Awarded 28 local projects benefiting the Search Area
- Youth activity and support was a key theme
- Next steps will be to agree the CIF strategy for future years

Develop meaningful engagement and communications

- Challenged by a large search area the Partnership adopted a focused approach underpinned by strategic frameworks
- Delivered 40 face to face presentations to a wide range of audiences
- 650 individual conversations
- 56,000 information leaflets were posted to homes
- Produced 4 newsletters with 470 regular subscribers
- 401 people engaged via the contact centre
- 2,226 social media posts across 7 platforms

Engagement & Communications Next steps:

- Consider the recent survey findings
- Hold a greater variety of events
- Improve our visual locality presence
- Develop better media channels and interactions
- Continue to have open dialogue with groups and individuals ensuring we listen and respond
- Continue to raise awareness about the GDF process and trust in the Partnership



Develop a Programme of Activities (POA)

- The Partnership has agreed to focus on eight workstreams each one led by a member of the partnership with support from NWS.

Workstreams:

1. **Governance**
2. **Communications**
3. **Community Engagement**
4. **Youth Engagement**
5. **Workforce**
6. **Community Investment Funding**
7. **Visioning**
8. **Site Evaluation**

Chair summary statement:

"I am delighted to launch such a positive and exciting Annual Review Report today.

We have delivered over and beyond in our first 12 months and are well positioned and able to deliver the next 12 months targets.

Importantly, we are evolving the way we engage with our community and look forward to building even stronger relationships.

We look forward to working with Cumberland Unitary Authority as our Principle Local Authority going forward".

Thanks were given to Partnership members, NWS staff and the community. Partnership members gave special thanks to the Chair to acknowledge her work carried out in support of the Partnership

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SEARCH AREA REFINEMENT

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Presentation by partnership member Marion Fitzgerald.

Summary of presentation:

The Search area is the geographical area within which NWS would seek to identify potentially suitable sites to host a GDF. It was originally put forward for consideration by the interested party and was defined using electoral ward boundaries by the Allerdale GDF Working Group.

The Working with Communities policy sets out that

"The geographical boundaries of the Search Area are likely to change as the search for a potential location for the surface and underground facilities progresses and more is understood about the area.

- *The Search Area will be refined over time by the Community Partnership. As NWS investigations progress the Community Partnership may identify areas that it wants to rule out of consideration or bring in additional areas that it did not at first consider to be part of the Search Area."*



- The Search Area is currently a large size, refining will allow more meaningful Community Engagement.
- The Community Partnership considered additional information available and work undertaken by the GDF developer (NWS) since the Search Area was originally identified to inform and support the refinement of the Search Area.
- The Community Partnership focussed on technical considerations, constraints and the potential to host a GDF.
- Additional information and changes since Search Area Identification, such as the exclusion of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, was also used to inform Search Area refinement.
- The Partnership has considered all work completed to date to support and inform further refinement of Search Area. The Search Area Evaluation Report and other relevant reference materials (for example the National Geological Screening and Working with Communities policy were available to the Partnership.
- The Community Partnership discussed the merits of the future Cumberland wards on a ward-by-ward basis and whether or not they should be included in the refined search area.
- The Community Partnership reached a decision to include 8 Cumberland Council wards in the search Area effective from 1st April 2023.

In alphabetical order these are:

1. Dearham and Broughton
2. Harrington
3. Maryport North
4. Maryport South
5. Moss Bay and Moorclose
6. Seaton
7. St Johns and Great Clifton
8. St Michael's

The Community Partnership would like to emphasise that just because a ward is included in the Search Area, it doesn't mean all the ward has potential or will be considered.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Community Partnership recognises that at this stage, while the inshore area is the focus for the underground part of a GDF, both the onshore and inshore areas remain under consideration.

As investigations progress, the Community Partnership may identify areas that it wants to rule out of consideration. The Community Partnership may also bring additional areas into the Search Area that were not included at this time, due to the technical understanding or information available at the time. Any further future changes to electoral ward boundaries will be reflected in the Search Area as it evolves over time.

The Community Partnership will be providing further information and holding community engagement events to discuss the refined Search Area further.



6.	<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CIF)</p> <p>Draft CIF Strategy 2023 document has been forwarded to partnership members for comment. Plan to approve document in up-coming partnership meeting (9 Feb).</p> <p>Upcoming projects are in the pipeline. Next CI Panel meeting (26 Jan). Thanks were given to the Community Investment Funding Team for their hard work and support over the last year.</p>	MB To note To note
7.	<p>PARTNERSHIP NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NWS will continue to resource and support the Allerdale Community Partnership to deliver aims and objectives.• Programme of Activities to be progressed.• Workstreams will develop plans in-line with aims and objectives of the Partnership <p>Printed copies of the Annual Review were made available to the public</p>	All To note
8.	<p>QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Partnership members held a discussion on a range of topics asked by the audience.</p>	All
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday, 9 Feb. 08.30am Teams	MB

Community Partnership Group Actions 12/01/2023

Ref	Date raised	Minute ref	Owner	Co-owner	Action	Update from meeting on 12/01/23	Update for meeting on 09/02/2023
					No Actions		