

Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group
9 September 2024 at 2.00pm
Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendance: Steph Cordon, Westmorland & Furness Council (Chair);
Daniel StQuintin, Cumbria Constabulary;
Emma Brass, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Richard Scoffham, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Laura McClellan, Westmorland & Furness Council;
John Everingham, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr John Murray, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Lorna Baker, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Graham Simpkins, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Katie Callon, Cumbria Constabulary;
Graham Neil, Cumbria Constabulary;
Mo Bibby, Cumbria Constabulary;
Rob Melloy, RSPCA;
Leanne Plumtree, RSPCA;
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council;
Richard Batham, National Highways;
Martina Rodrigues, National Highways;
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;
Alec Swatton, Westmorland & Furness Council;

1. Apologies

Cllr Ian Mitchell, Westmorland and Furness Council;
Neil Buck, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Nick Wright, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Sue Warner, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Peter Kavanagh, Cumbria Fire & Rescue;
Neil Aitken, Cumbria Fire & Rescue;
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary;
Natalie Jukes, Cumbria Constabulary;
Nick Griggs, North West Ambulance Service;
Caroline Stuart, North West Ambulance Service;
Liz Mason, North West Ambulance Service;
Eleanor Chiverton, Environment Agency.

2. Minutes of MASCG held on 22 July 2024

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings of the MASCG meeting held on the 22 July 2024.

3. Agency Updates

Steph Cordon asked for an update from the agencies represented on MASCG. There were the following significant updates:

Cumbria Police – Daniel St Quintin confirmed that the Police command structure would remain the same for the 2025 Fair.

RSPCA – There was no significant update from the RSCPA.

Westmorland and Furness Council – Steph Cordon provided a strategic update on behalf of Westmorland and Furness Council. Emma Brass provided a further update, which highlighted the success the Council had in transferring powers to the RSPCA officers at the 2024 Fair; an update regarding the Traveling Man Festival; and an update regarding the work conducted by the Trading Standards team.

4. Operational Working Group Update

Richard Scoffham provided an update from the Operational Working Group (OWG), which last met on 12 August 2024, with the following significant points:

- Work was ongoing in relation to transit sites, with the aim to establish a task and finish group looking to explore the options for further transit sites.
- A review of the ditching and bunding along the A685 would take place, following feedback from neighbouring villages.
- The two Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) would be consolidated into one authority wide TRO.
- A multi-Agency Community Impact Assessment is being created in relation to the Fair, which will include matters arising from the Community Issues Log.

5. Communications and Engagement Update

It was agreed that Cumbria Police would take the lead on Communications and Engagement for the 2025 Fair.

6. Any Other Business

It was noted that Billy Welch and Bill Lloyd would be attending an event to celebrate the cultural heritage of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities on 12 October, at Appleby Town Hall.

It was agreed that the OWG would consider future options for changes to engagement and communications, especially in regards to the Pre and Post Fair Public Meetings, and bring back proposals for consideration at MASCG.

Martina Rodrigues provided an overview of the construction timeframe for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project.

7. Confirm Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 27 January 2024 at 1.30pm, at Voerda House, Penrith**