

**Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group
27 January 2025 at 1.30pm
Voreda House, Penrith (In person)**

Minutes

Attendance: Steph Cordon, Westmorland & Furness Council (Chair);
Daniel StQuintin, Cumbria Constabulary;
Richard Scoffham, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Sue Warner, Westmorland & Furness Council
Laura McClellan, Westmorland & Furness Council;
John Everingham, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Emma Brass, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Neil Buck, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Graham Simpkins, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Lorna Baker, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Adrian Waite, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary;
Mo Bibby, Cumbria Constabulary;
Katie Jones, Cumbria Constabulary
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council;
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;
Rebecca Anderson, North Cumbria Integrated Care;
Neil Aitken, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;
Martina Rodrigues, National Highways;
Richard Batham, National Highways;
Leanne Plumtree, RSPCA

1. Apologies

Cllr Ian Mitchell, Westmorland and Furness Council;
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Westmorland and Furness Council.
Nick Wright, Westmorland and Furness Council;
Jessica Sarjeant, Westmorland and Furness Council;
Caroline Stuart, North West Ambulance Service;
Nick Griggs, North West Ambulance Service;
Ross Woods, Cumbria Constabulary;
Eleanor Chiverton, Environment Agency;
Jan Wharton, North Cumbria Integrated Care;
Pete Kavanagh, Cumbria Fire and Rescue;

2. Minutes of MASCG held on 21 October 2024

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings of the MASCG meeting held on 21 October 2024.

3. 2024 Draft Learning Lessons and Action Plan Report

Steph Cordon presented an overview of the draft 2024 Learning Lessons Report, and asked partner agencies to provide feedback to herself once they had the chance to review the Report.

4. Strategic Advice on Appleby Horse Fair Report by ORS (Attached)

Steph Cordon presented an overview of the ORS Report into whether or not Appleby Fair could be a ticketed event.

It was noted that the report would be made publicly available alongside the 2024 Learning Lessons Report.

5. A685 Bunding Report

Prior to the 2024 Fair, bunding had been installed along the A685, from Kirkby Stephen to Winton. Laura McClellan provided an overview of a report into these measures, which found that the measures had been effective from a safety standpoint.

However, MASCG noted that the bunding had caused transit site displacement as a result, and a discussion ensued regarding the community impact of the bunding on Kirkby Stephen and Appleby.

MASCG endorsed the recommendation contained in the report, which confirmed that the bunding would be kept in place for future Fairs, although this would be kept under review.

6. Operational Working Group Update

Richard Scoffham provided an update from the Operational Working Group, which last met on the 13 January 2025. The OWG continued to remain on track with its key deliverables.

7. Agency Updates

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

Cumbria Police – An update was provided which largely pertained to operational matters relating to the Fair. This included an overview of action points that arose from a Multi-Agency Tabletop Exercise, held in December 2024. This exercise highlighted the need for the following:

- A Multi-Agency Risk Assessment;
- A Multi-Agency Emergency Plan;
- More co-location for partner Agencies and arrangements to work increase collaborative working.

North Cumbria Integrated Care (NCIC) – An update was provided, which noted that discussions were ongoing at the Penrith Urgent Treatment Centre in order to ensure that the Centre had necessary capacity in advance of the 2025 Fair.

Cumbria Fire and Rescue – An update was provided regarding access to outlying villages for fire equipment specifically during the Fair, and an overview of the Fire equipment that could be available for the 2025 Fair.

Westmorland and Furness Council – An update was provided which explained that the Council would lead on the development of a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and construct an Operational Plan for Council activities.

A66 Developments relevant to Appleby Horse Fair – Martina Rodrigues provided an update regarding the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project, and ran through an associated timeline for the project. It was noted that there would be very little impact on the 2025 Appleby Horse Fair.

There were no significant updates from the RSPCA, the Environment Agency, National Highways, or the North West Ambulance Service.

8. Communications and Engagement Update

There was no significant communications and engagement update, other than work considered to be business as usual.

9. Any Other Business

There was no further significant business discussed.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 24 February 2025 (1.00pm – 3.00pm) – Voreda House, Penrith