

**Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group**  
**28 April 2025 at 2.00pm**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Steph Cordon, Westmorland & Furness Council (Chair)  
Daniel St Quintin, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Emma Brass, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Nick Wright, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Richard Scoffham, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Jessica Sarjeant, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Laura McClellan, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Cllr Adrian Waite, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Cllr Ian Mitchell, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Cllr Lorna Baker, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Cllr Graham Simpkins, Westmorland & Furness Council;  
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Ross Woods, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Mo Bibby, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Katie Jones, Cumbria Constabulary;  
Rob Melloy, RSPCA;  
Dave Love, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;  
Owen McCarney, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;  
Peter Kavanagh, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;  
Nicholas Griggs, North West Ambulance Service;  
Jan Wharton, North Cumbria Integrated Care;  
Richard Batham, National Highways;  
Martina Rodrigues, National Highways;  
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council;  
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;  
Billy Welch, Gypsy & Traveller Representative;  
Alec Swatton, Westmorland & Furness Council.

**1. Apologies**

Neil Buck, Westmorland and Furness Council;  
Doug Huggon, Westmorland and Furness Council;  
John Everingham, Westmorland and Furness Council;  
Sue Warner, Westmorland and Furness Council;  
Rebecca Anderson, North Cumbria Integrated Care;  
Leanne Plumtree, RSPCA;  
Caroline Stuart, North West Ambulance Service;  
Neil Aitken, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;  
Eleanor Chiverton, Environment Agency.

## 2. Minutes of MASCG held on 24 March 2025

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings of the MASCG meeting held on 25 March 2025.

## 3. Operational Work Group Update

Nick Wright provided an update from the Operational Working Group, which last met on the 14 April 2025. The following items were raised to MASCG for decision:

**Community Action Group Forms** – MASCG agreed that these forms would go live on the 21 May 2025, under a revised name, to avoid confusion.

**River Eden Horse Ramp** – It was agreed that MASCG would ask for the ramp, that allowed for ingress and egress to the River Eden from The Sands, to be installed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May and that an integrity check should occur prior to instillation.

## 4. 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 pertained to operational and planning matters related to the Fair, which were progressing positively.

**RSPCA** – A positive update was provided which related to operational and planning matters related to the Fair, which were progressing positively.

**North West Ambulance Service** – An update was provided which pertained to operational and planning matters related to the Fair, which were progressing positively.

**Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service** – An update was provided which pertained to operational and planning matters related to the Fair, including confirmation that a fire crew would be based from Appleby Fire Station during the Fair, with the aim to decrease response times when responding to an incident.

There was no significant updates from the Environment Agency; North Cumbria Integrated Care, Westmorland and Furness Council, or National Highways.

## **5. Communications and Engagement Update**

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

## **6. Any Other Business**

There was no further significant business discussed.

## **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 20 May 2025 (1.00pm – 3.00pm)** – Voreda House, Penrith.