

Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group
4 December 2025 at 10:00am
Microsoft Teams
Minutes

Attendance:

Steph Cordon, Westmorland & Furness Council (Chair)
Daniel St Quintin, Cumbria Constabulary
Richard Scoffham, Westmorland & Furness Council
Neil Buck, Westmorland & Furness Council
Cllr Adrian Waite, Westmorland & Furness Council
Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary
Neil Graham, Cumbria Constabulary
Kate Oliver, Cumbria Constabulary
Katie Jones, Cumbria Constabulary
Philip Hall, Cumbria Constabulary
Mo Bibby, Cumbria Constabulary
Jan Wharton, North Cumbria Integrated Care
Eleanor Chiverton, Environment Agency
Billy Welch, Gypsy and Traveller Representative
Bill Lloyd, Gypsy and Traveller Representative
Peter Kavanagh, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service
Emma Brass, Westmorland and Furness Council
John Everingham, Westmorland and Furness Council
Owen McCarney, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service
Cllr Lorna Baker, Westmorland and Furness Council
Ruth Coates, Cumbria Constabulary
Laura McClellan, Westmorland and Furness Council
Ross Woods, Cumbria Constabulary
Shelley Wilkinson, Westmorland and Furness Council

1. Apologies

Apologies received from:

Jessica Sarjeant, Westmorland and Furness Council;
Laura McClellan, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Dave Love, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;
Neil Aitkin, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service;
Caroline Stuart, North West Ambulance Service;
Nicholas Griggs, North West Ambulance Service;
Martina Rodrigues, National Highways;
Rob Melloy, RSPCA.

Fiona Stewart, Environment Agency
Kellie Bradburn-Sims, Westmorland and Furness Council
Nick Wright, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Cllr Graham Simpkins, Westmorland & Furness Council;
Sue Warner, Westmorland and Furness Council
Catherine Hornby, Westmorland and Furness Council
Jessica Sargent, Westmorland and Furness Council
Leanne Plumtree, RSPCA
Sue Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council.
Jan Wharton, NCIC

2. Minutes of MASCG held on 4th December 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Operational Working Group Update

Key deliverables remain on track, with a new deliverable and associated risk added for the Burrells and Ormside area. Work continues on traffic regulation considerations for the Library area and car park, including horse and sulky access and Blue Badge parking. Additional bunding requests have been received for the A685 and Burrells. Engagement sessions with communities are underway, including eight planned drop-in events. Bunding will be installed at the end of Powis Lane leading onto the A66. A meeting will take place with the landowner at Croft End Farm to discuss temporary transit provision.

4. Agency Updates

The following significant updates from agencies represented on MASCG:

- Cumbria Police
The command structure for 2026 has been confirmed. A Traffic Management Sergeant will be appointed and will work closely with council officers. A multi-agency tabletop exercise will take place on 14 January. Facial recognition technology is being considered to help identify individuals on the event's banning list, working in partnership with Greater Manchester Police.
- Westmorland & Furness Council
Westmorland & Furness Council received the Paw Prints Award for outstanding animal welfare work delivered through MASCG. Thanks

were given to staff and partners involved in preparing the award submission.

- **Other Agencies**

No major updates were reported from the RSPCA, Environment Agency, North West Ambulance Service, North Cumbria Integrated Care, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, National Highways, or Appleby Town Council.

5. Communications and Engagement Update

Positive national and regional coverage followed the Paw Prints Award. Work continues on developing the communications plan for the 2026 Fair. Social media training is being delivered to Parish and Town Councils, and information about facial recognition will be communicated through police channels.

6. Any Other Business

No additional business was raised.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday 23 January 2026 (13:00–15:00) via Microsoft Teams.