

**Minutes of a Meeting of One
South Lakeland Board
held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Kendal
on: Wednesday 12 June 2013
at 10.00 a.m.**



Present

Members

Graham Wilkinson (Chairman)

John Gorman

Shaun Kenny

Enid Fraser

Janette Jenkinson

Mark Pannone

Peter Thornton

Debbie Storr

Lawrence Conway

Jocelyn Manners Armstrong

Also in Attendance

Claire Gould

John Greenbank

Principal, Kendal College

Cumbria Partnership, NHS

Locality General Manager, Cumbria NHS

Executive Officer, South Lakes Federation

CALC

Chief Superintendent, Cumbria Police

Leader, South Lakeland District Council

Director Policy and Resources, South Lakeland District Council

Chief Executive, South Lakeland District Council

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Policy & Partnerships Manager, SLDC

South Lakeland District Council

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies for absence were received from;

Carl Lis – Chairman, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Robin Battersby – Senior Development Officer, CVS

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 12TH DECEMBER 2012

AGREED – That the Minutes of the 12th December 2012 meeting of the One South Lakeland Board be approved.

3. ACTIONS FROM THE INFORMAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP SESSION HELD ON 8TH MARCH AT KENDAL COLLEGE

Graham Wilkinson presented an update on the actions and summary of the informal meeting and workshop of Board members held on the 8th March 2013. The event was also attended by Richard Leafe CEO of the Lake District National Park Authority who was invited to future meetings of the Board.

Action Required By

The Workshop held following the meeting focused on procurement. The board was looking to find ways of joint procurement between partners to reduce costs and share more services. It was suggested that secondary education establishments could also be included. The workshop also raised issues surrounding changes in the way partners would have to work if more services were shared. It was recognised that there would be no one size suits all solution but consensus should be sought to provide a way forward.

The event also featured discussion on the future membership of the board. It was suggested that the board should seek to build a closer relationship with the Local Area Committee of Cumbria County Council. This could be achieved by inviting a representative from the Committee to sit on the board.

To achieve this it was recommended that a letter should be written to the Chairman of the Committee Councillor Cook.

Graham Wilkinson

The Board was also presented with the first draft of the board's Partnership Plan. The priorities outlined in the plan were;

- The Economy (including education, employment and housing)
- Healthy and safe Communities

The Plan sought to present the objectives and plans of the board in as clear way as possible. The Board welcomed the Plan and praised its straight forward layout.

During discussion of the Plan it was requested that in future drafts information regarding the role of the board should also be included, as well as a clear indication of how results would be monitored. It was recognised that more work would need to be done before the Partnership Plan was finalised and input from partners was being sought.

Claire Gould
Graham Wilkinson
Enid Fraser
Janette Jenkinson

It was also suggested that for each of the priorities a clear set of strategic objectives should be developed.

The Economic Growth was also discussed. As South Lakeland faces a number of economic challenges ways of linking up between members are being sought to provide solutions. The board recognised that its knowledge of how economic challenges affected its partners is incomplete and that more context is needed. It was mentioned that the board needed to be clear on what kind of economic growth it wanted, such as attracting high quality employment and making South Lakeland a viable place for young people to live and work.

It was suggested that a workshop should be held to help partners understand the context and develop ideas for economic growth in South Lakeland.

Claire Gould
Lawrence Conway

AGREED – That;

- the board notes the actions of the informal meeting and

procurement workshop held on 8th March 2013 and;

- that a letter inviting representation from Cumbria County Council's Local Area Committee for South Lakeland on the board should be sent to its Chairman, to achieve closer working and;
- the board notes the first draft of the Partnership Plan and welcomes input from partners for inclusion in future drafts and;
- a clear set of strategic objectives should be developed for each of the Partnership Plans priorities and;
- a workshop to discuss the context and ways forward for economic growth should be established with ideas fed back to the board.

4. LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

South Lakelands Local Area Partnerships Chairs held a meeting on 11 June 2013 following the recent local elections. The meeting, which is held quarterly, recognised that the partnerships are going through a period of change. The partnerships have become more independent than when they were originally established and have moved from a funding role to that of a facilitator.

The partnerships had discussed issues such as the New Homes Bonus, of which 15 applications had been received with the deadline on the 14 June 2013.

Also discussed was Localism and ways of involving the partnerships in delivering services.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

5. NETWORKING EVENTS

The Board was informed that currently ways are be looked at to reduce to the number of events being held. Partners were being asked to see if they could join up events with other organisations to achieve greater co-ordination.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items were raised in this part of the Agenda.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

AGREED – That the next meeting of the One South Lakeland Partnership Group will be;

- 11 September 2013, 2.00pm in the Georgian Room of Kendal Town Hall.

The meeting ended at 4.50pm