

5 Rivers Partnership
Annual General Meeting
16 September 2009

Present:

Mike McKinley	Gosforth Parish Council
John Meeks	Wasdale Parish Meeting
Edna Thornton	Muncaster Parish Council
Dave Polhill	Gosforth Parish Council
Ken Mawson	Seascale Parish Council
Keith Dowber	Seascale Parish Council
Clive Willoughby	Seascale Parish Council
Vicky Borino	Seascale Parish Council
Jeff Downham	ACT
John Jennings	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Keith Hitchen	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Adrian Dalton	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Neil Robson	Coordinator

Apologies for absence:

Iona Frost-Pennington	Muncaster Parish Council
Eileen Eastwood	Seascale Parish Council

Notes of the Meeting:

Chairman's Report:

The 5 Rivers and South-Copeland Partnerships had received funding to support Locality Working projects. This had enabled the employment of a Coordinator, Neil Robson, to provide secretariat and support services to the two Partnerships. Thanks to Jeff Downham and the Investing in Communities project managed jointly by LDNPA, ACT and CRHT.

A Joint Meeting with the South-Copeland Partnership attended by officers and representatives of Cumbria CC, Copeland Borough Council, LDNPA and Rural Housing Trust had been held at Muncaster in June and four key areas, Roads, Transport, Housing and Jobs that could benefit from closer working of the relevant authorities with the Partnerships had been identified. Since then a Roads and Transport sub-group had begun work and a Housing sub-group was also envisaged.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Mr Jennings had announced his wish to step down from the Chairmanship due to pressures of work commitments. The Partnership expressed its thanks to John for his key role in the establishment of the Partnership.

Keith Hitchen was elected Chairman and Mike McKinley Vice-Chairman.

Review of Memorandum of Understanding:

The MoU was modified and a new draft is attached to these Notes. Parish Councils are invited to endorse the new version.

Also attached to these notes are copies of an Equality Statement that was drafted to a format recommended by the Neighbourhood Forum and was used to support an application for a grant and a copy of the 5 Rivers Partnership Action Plan.

Cooperation with South-Copeland:

The Partnership declined to appoint a representative to either the Roads and Transport or the Housing Sub-Groups but would cooperate with South-Copeland “as appropriate”

Finance:

The Partnership declined to open a bank account to handle the funds to pay the Coordinator and other expenditure. Neil Robson would consult with Clive Wickham of LDNPA to determine if they could handle the funds on behalf of the Partnership.

Next Meeting:

18 November 2009 at Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall. Simon Walker and Sarah Mitchell of Copeland Borough Council would be invited to attend.

Neil Robson
Coordinator.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

The 5 Rivers & South-Copeland Partnerships seek to promote equality and diversity through the principles contained in this policy. They aspire to the elimination of discrimination and driving forward the promotion of equality of opportunity and diversity in all their activities.

The 5 Rivers & South-Copeland Partnerships:-

- Accept their responsibilities in accordance with all legislation and Directives with relation to all aspects of equality including race, sex, disability etc.
- Will ensure that all who have contact with their organisation are treated no less favourably than any other person or is disadvantaged by any conditions or requirements, which cannot be shown to be justifiable.
- Will not tolerate harassment, victimisation or intimidation of any individual or group of people, by others within the groups,
- Require all members to ensure that their personal conduct reflects this policy.