

# 5 Rivers Partnership Meeting

20 January 2010

## Present:

Keith Hitchen	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council;	Chairman
Eileen Eastwood	Seascale Parish Council	
Clive Willoughby	Seascale Parish Council	
Iona Frost-Pennington	Muncaster Parish Council	
Adrian Dalton	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council	
Neil Robson	Coordinator	

## Apologies for absence:

Mike McKinley	Gosforth Parish Council
Dave Polhill	Gosforth Parish Council
John Meeks	Wasdale Parish Meeting
Jonathan Stanley	Ponsonby Parish Council
John Jennings	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Jeff Downham	ACT

## Notes of the Previous Meeting:

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

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### Chairman's Report:

Waberthwaite Parish Council had now opened a bank account in the name of the two Partnerships and the remaining project funds had been received from LDNPA. £900 in grant funds from Neighbourhood Forums had also been received. Neil Robson would write letters of thanks.

### Update on Progress with Copeland BC:

A summary had been circulated with the agenda (Annex 1).

The developments with regard to Lengthsmen were welcomed but the suggestion that parishes would have to pay to receive a service that many would think should already be provided by either Copeland BC or Cumbria CC was not.

More information regarding cost and the work that a Lengthsman might do was required. The scheme was already working in North East Copeland and this Partnership would seek their opinions on its effectiveness and value for money.

It was suggested that it would provide a closer link with Copeland BC if Neil Robson was a member of the Copeland Members Advisory Group – both as a member of Muncaster Parish Council and as an officer for 5 Rivers Partnership. Keith Hitchen to investigate possibilities.

### Update on progress on Roads and Transport Issues:

A summary had been circulated with the agenda (Annex 2).

It was agreed that the member Parishes would be invited to make proposals for issues to be included in the Partnership Action Plan.

### Workshop/Conference:

It was now clear that both Copeland BC and Cumbria CC were gearing up to work with the Partnerships. As explained by Rob Terwey in his meeting with Neil Robson, Cumbria is expecting to

see issues from Parish Plans compiled into Partnership Plans that are submitted to County. Copeland is setting up similar working practices.

To help the Parishes and Partnerships develop and refine their Action Plans a Workshop/Conference was proposed as outlined in Annex 1 of the Agenda. This would be a follow-up to the joint meeting held at Muncaster last June.

The proposed date of March 3<sup>rd</sup> would be a Seascale Parish Council meeting so 24<sup>th</sup> March was agreed instead.

**Nuclear Issues:**

Neil Robson had asked for a layman's explanation of the Sellafield Discharge Authorisation Variation to help Parish Councils make a reasoned judgement on the 232 pages of technical data provided by the Environment Agency. A clear summary had been provided and an offer made to have a representative of EA come to Parish or Partnership meetings. It was felt that the information was sufficient and this particular issue had now been dealt with.

It was felt, however, that a source of Plain English interpretation of future issues, particularly with New Build and MRWS would be helpful. Keith Hitchen and Neil Robson would investigate possibilities.

**Any Other Business:**

Copeland BC has decided to set up a Copeland Strategic Partnership from 1st April 2010. This means the West Cumbria Strategic Partnership will no longer exist after this date. Copeland BC hopes that this will help to focus on the needs of Copeland.

**Next Meeting:**

24 March 2010 Workshop/Conference at Muncaster Castle Old Laundry

**Neil Robson, Coordinator.**