# **Cockermouth Multi Agency Response Group**

## 2 November 2012

Item No	Item	
1	Present: Bob Henderson (ABC, Locality Officer), Joe Broomfield (ABC, Cockermouth Town Centre Manager), James Irving (SSO)	
	Apologies Bill Rushforth (Impact Housing Officer), Sheila Brown (Cockermouth Town Council Clerk), Philippa Meunzberg (PCSO), David Bell (Highways), Margaret Telford (Home Group), Brian Hanson (Home Group)	
	Chair – Bob Henderson	
2 Minutes and Action List taken at meeting held on 6 September 2012		
	Minutes agreed as a true record.	
	Action list	
	Contact List – to be re-emailed to the group to provide contact details for the new members, Joe Broomfield and Margaret Telford new list to be issued with these minutes	
	ISS Cockermouth Cemetery Depot – Work started, graffiti removed from storage building, vegetation removes and the amount of spoil from grave work reduced. SSO will continue to monitor.	
	Cockermouth cycleway – the cycleway in Cockermouth from behind Aldi up to Strawberry How Road; Vegetation of the cycle way is managed by ISS on ABC's behalf ABC asset management team maintain most of the area, CCC maintain the structures such as bridges. CCC is producing electronic versions of all cycle ways with areas of responsibility highlighted.	
	Broken fence at the bottom of Walker Street – CC have replaced this fence with a stock type fence even though this is a boundary fence and is the responsibility of the residents of Walker st.	
	Waste lane improvements – The funding for the improvements may not be as guaranteed as first indicated by Sustrans, failing this alternative affordable schemes will need to be considered and alternative funding found. In the interim ISS is part way through a major clear up of the lane.	
	Anti-social behaviour in Cockermouth; No report from PCSO received as not in attendance.	
	Redundant signage in Cockermouth – List sent by SB of CTC to Dave Bell Allerdale Borough Council's LEQ document/policy update – Bob Henderson made the group aware that this was ongoing. To give an update at the next meeting.	

Dog Control Orders – Bob Henderson informed the group that Allerdale Borough Councils environmental warden hopes to submit all the requests for dog control orders to the legal dept before the end of November to allow the consultation process to proceed.

'What the public wants' – is an item on the agenda.

Highways Licensing – this is still ongoing, although, Dave Bell felt that Allerdale Borough Council could have an input on this from a Licensing perspective. Dave Bell and Joe Broomfield to discuss this and feedback/give update at next meeting.

Derelict Buildings on Bridge Street – this is still with Planning who are to continue to work with the landowner to get the issue rectified. Joe Broomfield advised that he would give this until November, and then if it had not moved forward he would speak to Planning about possible enforcement action.

Lorton Street Crossing Campaign – Dave Bell put forward that the design is still being drawn up for this. An update to be given on this at the next meeting.

Public Toilets being taken over by the Town Council – Sheila Brown advised the meeting that the Town council will not be pursuing this action.

Cherry trees and benches by river – The trees are planned to be replaced in March, the question was raised if the TC had any spare seats that could be utilized?

Main Street Planters and benches – Once the planters have been replaced as part of the main st development the old planters will be offered to interested parties to use on housing estates etc.

Dog fouling zero tolerance campaign – ABC is still continuing with this policy, dog fouling historically increases during winter months, in order to combat this ABC enforcement officers will be working as a team in all localities including Cockermouth on a 100% enforcement campaign for 2 weeks starting 29 Oct. Please inform the council of any problem areas and information about regular offenders. Any dog mess should be cleared up within 24hrs of reporting.

#### 3 The future of the group

Tracey martin has now left the council her duties have been divided between the existing Street Scene Officers within the council. Any phone calls or E mails to Tracey will still be responded to by an officer and regular patrols will still be carried out within the Cockermouth area. A more permanent solution will be announced after the council restructuring plan is in place by December.

Responsible Officer	Timescale for completion/update
Bob Henderson	A permanent arrangement will be announced as soon as possible.

### 4 What the people want

The Cockermouth Post; An article was placed in the Cockermouth Post promoting the group.

Sheila Brown advised that she has been asked to set up a website for Cockermouth Town Council, one page of which is free and could be used to publicise the Group. This has been completed and the minutes of the meeting can be viewed via this site.

Responsible Officer	Timescale for completion/update
As above	Completed

#### 5 Any other business

After the meeting officers visited Church View area (Kirk Bank), the two seats are in poor condition and need repaired/replaced. It was also apparent that vehicles had been parking on the grassed area behind the seats causing considerable damage and potential hazard. The seats will be replaces and the parking issue will be addressed and reported back to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING PROPOSED W/C 7/1/13 TBC

Responsible Officer	Timescale for completion/update
As above	As above