

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Multi Agency Response Group held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 21 March 2013.

Present: Bob Henderson (ABC Locality Officer)
Joe Broomfield (ABC)
Sheila Brown (CTC)
James Irving (SSO)
Bill Rushforth (Home Group)

Apologies: D Bell (CCC)
Maegan Holliday

Minutes

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Issue Log

Issue 1

The Graffiti removal/tidying needed at Cockermouth Cemetery was complete. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 2

Bob Henderson to arrange a meeting with Allerdale, County and Home Housing to discuss funding for the longer term improvement plan. Site to be just kept tidy in the short term. If funding not found legal action to be taken as a secondary option.

Issue 3

A high number of fly poster have been removed.

Issue 4

The list of redundant signage has been updated. Signage to be removed as soon as practicable.

Issue 5

Local Environmental Quality (LEQ) document/policy complete. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 6

Joe Broomfield to investigate obscured signage on Low Road and near the Sheep and Wool Centre.

Issue 7

Dog Control Orders to be advertised in April 2013 and implemented in June 2013.

Issue 8

Update needed from Cumbria Highways as to the current situation with the licensing of street cafes and A Boards.

Issue 9

The untidy garages on Bridge Street had been sold.

Issue 10

The Lorton Street Crossing was now completed. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 11

The future of the toilets in Cockermouth was an ongoing issue.

Issue 12

Bob Henderson to ascertain if the large planters currently being stored in Harris Park were to be returned to the Main Street. However they would be left where they were if they were likely to interfere with the Main Street Improvement Scheme due to commence in April 2013.

Issue 13

Meetings of the Cockermouth Joint Action Group to continue as is on a quarterly basis. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 14

Works were imminent on the new cherry trees and benches beside the river in Riverside Car Park. Joe Broomfield to compile press release once dates confirmed.

Issue 15

The dead tree on Windmill Lane has been removed. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 16

The Market Place Remedial Works were currently out to tender. Home Group to contact CCC regarding a street light shining into the window of the first floor flat above the bike shop.

Issue 17

The damaged signage at the junction of South Street and Challoner Street was still bent.

Issue 18

Broken seat at Kirkbank to be repaired by ABC.

Issue 19

Broken seat in Harris Park to be repaired.

Issue 20

Grassed area at Kirkbank be blocked off to prevent vehicles from parking there.

Issue 21

ABC No Ball Games sign has been removed from the bottom of Sunscale Avenue. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 22

All the expired public consent notices have been removed from various locations around town.

Issue 23

A Litter bin is to be placed at the bottom of Kirkgate to prevent cars parking and blocking the information board.

Issue 24

The TIC display cases are in poor shape. CTC to assess following Main St. works.

Issue 25

Bob Henderson to contact CCC regarding the extension (20 yards or so) of the double yellow lines on Bridge Street by the Pedestrian Crossing.

Issue 26

The slimming world A-Board outside Wordsworth House has been removed. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 27

The slimming world A-Board on Carlisle roundabout has been removed. Issue to be removed from Issue Log.

Issue 28

ABC to remove the Wall's ice cream board from the entrance to Lowther Went.

Issue 29

Issue 29 to be removed from the Issue Log as it was not felt that the tree in question on Kirkgate was overgrown.

Issue 30

Cumbria Highways to provide an update on the expected date of repair of the Lorton St. bridge.

New Issues

The mattress at the base of the bridge will have to be removed when river levels are lower. Joe Broomfield to speak to Mountain Rescue to see if they can be of assistance.

ABC to remove water bottles dumped on the public footpath behind Lakes Home Centre.

Joe Broomfield to investigate Thomas Armstrong's working hours as residents around Sullart Street had been complaining that work was starting as early at 7.30 am.

Bob Henderson informed those present about the re-organisation of Street Scene and Enforcement. Only 5 street scene officers remained in post.

A 'Spring Clean' is planned for the 10 May 2013. Joe Broomfield to invite other groups to get involved and also publicise the event.

Bob Henderson expressed disappointment that there was no representative of CCC, Police or D&S housing as these agencies play a key part the group in getting problems solved.

The meeting closed at 11.26 am