

Area Planning. 3rd November.

26 organisations have been asked to be involved in the group. Some have more than one representative but when it comes to voting it's the organisation with the vote and not individuals.

Community Plan -- look at the action planning .If anything cross purposes then group can work together or feed in.

Future Actions and Projects: -- Suggestions of : Cross Promotion and Marketing for AM. Next year is 1st phase of road sets (cobbles) on Front St. — possibly Easter time . ? Weekend markets up the town, ? Tours of the Town. We need something to make people stop and walk up Front St. (or down) and not just drive past. People were concerned that Front St . will be disrupted once again for a period of time and will ultimately affect the businesses. It was suggested that contact be made with Pooley Bridge businesses to see how they managed their disruption. (CCC and EDC)

Ideas throughout closure included -- when someone goes into a shop he/ she gets a ticket and at the end of the week a prize draw is held, more shops you go n more tickets you get. Or buy a brick/ set for a model of the town.Or PR Angles in celebrating 1st brick layer and then last one.Or Best floral display in town (perhaps businesses to sponsor) Or TV and Magazine advertising.

Historical Society are hoping to adopt old street names around the Moor. Develop a map around Alston with alternative routes. Hold some kind of music / theatrical event over a weekend,and have Street Food making Market Cross for Pedestrians only. Extra temporary Parking will be needed unless combined with Railway when opened as they will only be open for 70days next year. County Councillor to communicate with Railway to see if any way round this. Think how we integrate the Travellers during their stopover in Alston on their way to Appleby Fair.

Events being held after Easter in Alston:- Proprietor at Lowbyer said that VE celebrations would take place 1st weekend in May 2021.; Scarecrow competition; Community Kitchen (see GNS , need volunteers) This would link in with Community Plan and AMP we're willing to facilitate grant applications. Priority is Social Inclusion for AM through GNS and Community Kitchen is a good beginning.

Need to remember Nenthead and Garrigill in all this.

Other possible Attractions: -- August Art Exhibition at St Augustines; A resident has offered to start a Men's Shed project(one of the members cheered) ; visit to the Little Village in Nenthead; Mines Attraction, Hartside Nursery. Oakley is to do something at the Top School .?? It was thought that Outside Events would be better than inside due to possibility of Covid still being around.

If event is in Category for Eden funding then groups or organisations can apply for monies.

Good Neighbour Scheme— meeting in November bumped to allow urgent meeting of AMERG in view of 2nd lockdown. A member of the team is dealing with all documentation however.GNS still needs someone to host it. A suggestion was made that this could be an ideal opportunity for the Community Volunteer Co Ordinator.

AMERG: -- It is not envisaged that same capacity of help will be needed in view of people getting family and friends involved. Local helpline phone number begins operating from 9am on 5th November. Em. Plan to be reviewed for harsh winter possibilities ahead, including any equipment needed, volunteers and 4x4vehicles. Eden have an on-line refresher guide for Businesses re Covid.

RHSS -- No further work .Leaflet on hold. ? Feet to be respirationed outside Co-Op. Business Support on EDC website. Community Leader Pack to be forwarded for help line Phone Numbers.

Cumbria Tourism/ Support Local Businesses — it has been suggested that businesses look at Click and Collect and On -Line Services during Lockdown.

For Christmas -- an event for everyone ! Best decorated window and best decorated house. It was suggested that a scarf and or bunting (be knitted or use of material) was started to then go round the town , everyone could have a go and see how long it could get. A team member suggested an Alston Resident that was known for her knitting capabilities.

Next meeting 1st Dec. Elaine