

## Area Planning Report May Meeting

Front Street : — Contractors not yet appointed. Work is still due to start from 24 th May. Discussion ensued around Events which are progressing well, and queries with regard to musicians licence for street music, busking etc.....to be finalised.

Leaflets of” Alston Open “whilst work carried out on Front Street have now been sent to all areas surrounding AM .

Top School ( AM Primary ) : — —A member of Oaklea Trust reported on where they were upto now — — —

The business case has been submitted with ideas of what the space could be used for eg.. as a learning and training environment for people with learning difficulties through “Right to Work” Scheme, helping people with form filling eg job applications. There would be availability for young people to get involved to develop life skills . Or, whether to begin with working in an outdoor vegetable garden , growing produce and then learning to cook with them in the proposed Community Kitchen and inviting members of the Public to come and share with them the prepared meals. Or to compile a Visual Art display in the building corridors. Link in with AMF . ( Alston Moor Federation of Schools ) .“ Men in Sheds and Repair Cafe are to have space in this area also., plus other Crafters.

Questions still to be answered from CCC relate to Maintenance of the School ie roof work and asbestos removal.

Several questions have come back to Oaklea from the Property Team ,querying facts and figures being correct in the business case submitted . Next, it will go to the Planning Meeting in May/ June, then forwarded to Cabinet .

If approved , then monies needed will be upwards of £1/2 million to make changes to the layout inside of the building. Oaklea are talking to Funders now. Work will be done in stages to allow some areas to be used by the public whilst work going ahead in the rest of the building.

They want to link in with Coast to Coast sites to provide overnight accommodation in the way of Yurts and a camp site . To provide suitable sites for Motor Home mooring and provide cycle hire . Questions were raised from the group in relation to some of these being available on the Moor already.

Update on THI— —-Three more properties in Alston plus the Antique Shop ( which has already begun) have committed to THI. At Townfoot, further consultation will go ahead on proposed plans ? end of May. AMP have volunteered through the Community Plan to lead on Men in Sheds, Repair Cafe, Community Kitchen at the Top School.

Welcome Back Fund — —( through EDC, )previously known as RHSS . EDC working on the criteria. Will keep you updated.

Benchmarking is for towns to compare data. Will keep you updated

Mines Report —- Repairs ongoing. Not worked out yet how to sanitise helmets effectively . Hoping that at next round of funding they will be entitled to monies and therefore could plant a number of trees.

Fellfoot Forward —- member of ANOB reported on the following — Looking for 2 trainees to give a broad experience of work to which in the future could lead to a job or encourage further education I.E. Environment work —planting of hedges into landscape,tree planting , pond scrapes ,farming. Networking with Young people, re climate crisis, via web-n-airs, face book page. Go to site and sign up for whichever group interests you. .Works being carried out on Kirkoswald Tower-and at Long Meg.

Historical Society reported that the “ old street signs “ on houses will be split into 2 or 3 phases , the first going well. There has been an increase to membership which has been helped with an on line presence.

Events —- Not related to Front Street —-Vintage Tractors in Nenthead 7/8th August, and Alston Gala end of August .

Next meeting July.

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