

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 9 June 2016
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda as he is the Chair of Barnsley Community Build (BCB).

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on Thursday, 14th April, 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 14th April 2016.

It was highlighted that the standard of grass cutting in Cudworth Park was not very good, with a lack of strimming and missed corners. This needs to be rectified before judging for the Barnsley in Bloom Awards. It appears that this is the case across all areas as problems have been noted around Burton Road, Rotherham Road playing fields, Monk Bretton, Grimethorpe, Houghton and Royston. On the other hand, the Community Payback scheme was praised for the excellent work they have been doing, particularly on Cudworth Bowling Green.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 14th April 2016 be approved as a true and correct record

3 Notes of the following Ward Alliances, with feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair:

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held in recent months. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – The Academic Achievement Awards will take place on 14th June, involving three local primary schools. Summer Holiday Activities are being planned together with a Winter Health Fayre in November. Bird boxes have been installed in Cudworth Park, which the Barnsley in Bloom judges will be visiting on 7th July. An open day will be held at Robert Street allotments on 29th June, which has received funding from the Ward Alliance and donations of materials from AMCO.

Monk Bretton – The Summer Gala is planned for 6th August. The Area Team and Tom Sheard were thanked for their hard work organising this. Five new planters have been purchased and installed in the Ward. Local schools will be planting Summer Bedding at the War Memorial on 23rd June. The Awards Event at the Town Hall was a great success. It was highlighted that a Child suggested that a Child Poverty Sub-Group be formed to help to address child poverty in the area.

North East – The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Event will be held on 10th June at St. Lukes. The defibrillator has been installed outside the Welfare Hall at a cost of £990. Training is being taken up and a demonstration will take place at the school after September. Figures indicate an 80% survival rate when a defibrillator is used. The EDF Community Grant Scheme was approached for help towards the cost but the process was not user friendly. The recent litter pick at Grimethorpe was very successful.

Royston – The Love Where You Live Celebration Event will take place on 14th June involving three local schools, Libraries Staff and a number of volunteers who will be planting summer bedding, undertaking a biodiversity hunt and listening to the Hogwarts Hedgehog Hospital speaker in Royston Park. The Community Orchard is taking shape. The Gala is planned for 19th June and will involve Royston Dynamos, a Brass Band etc and there has been an unprecedented interest in stalls at the event. Preparations are underway for Yorkshire in Bloom. Seven new planters have been ordered under the 'Adopt a Planter' scheme and these will be installed next week. A new notice board has been installed at the park entrance. Forty new allotments will soon become available. The DIAL and CAB project will now continue until March 2017 as it is a proven success. The Summer Holiday Activity Programme has been approved.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

4 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects.

The Community Development Officer introduced this item and provided an update on the delivery of commissioned projects across the North East Area Council's agreed priorities.

Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme: It was noted that Barnsley Community Build have won the tender for the Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme focusing on the local Environment. The budget for the contract was identified at £245,000 per annum and includes a £20,000 contingency sum for potential additional activities with a contract start date of 1st June 2016. New vans and livery will improve the public profile of the project across the local area.

Fit Me initiative – Referrals have been made through word of mouth, at GP surgeries etc. The Instructors are from the local area and are delivering the programme across the four Wards. A case study and outcome table indicated the positive outcomes that have been achieved, and that attendance at the sessions and subsequent retention was high.

QDOS dance and theatre Healthy Lifestyles Performance Update – Sessions are taking place in primary schools. Councillor Wraith had attended one of the sessions and spoke positively about it.

Employability for the Under 16's – Recruitment is taking place at Outwood Academy Carlton, Outwood Academy Shafton and Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England Schools. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Housing Enforcement Officer – The post holder will commence her duties on 20th June. Councillors were encouraged to send hot spot information to the Area Council Manager for onward transmission to the Housing Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED that the report on the performance of commissioned projects be noted.

5 North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Community Development Officer introduced this item and presented an updated commissioning budget financial analysis for 2014/15 to 2016/17, detailing contracts held, delivery bodies, contract start dates together with length and total cost of the contracts. All but £84,000 of spend has been committed.

RESOLVED that the financial analysis be received and noted.

6 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Community Development Officer introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. It was highlighted that for 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 from the Ward Alliance Fund. 50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time. Area Councils also have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received and noted.

7 Graduate Apprentice Report

The Community Development Officer introduced this item, which seek approval to support an Undergraduate Apprenticeship Placement from Sheffield Hallam University for a fixed term 12 months period commencing in August/September 2016 to provide assistance and support in the planning and development, delivery and evaluation of key projects of the North East Area Council, at a cost of £14,000 with a £500 contingency for associated on-costs. Questions were asked around the selection process for candidates.

RESOLVED that the North East Area Council approves £14,500 to support an Undergraduate Apprenticeship Placement from Sheffield Hallam University, subject to appropriate consultation with Human Resources and Finance.

8 Biodiversity and Habitat Improvements across the North East Area Council

The Community Development Officer introduced this item, demonstrating the hedgehog house together with hedgehogs made from various materials. The report seeks approval to support the proposed linkages with the Barnsley Biodiversity Action Plan with regard to both Local Action and BMBC Land Ownership and Management at a cost of £2,000

RESOLVED that local biodiversity improvements, with a particular reference to supporting hedgehog habitats, promoting safe crossing points and raising hedgehog awareness be approved.

9 Community Magazine

It was highlighted that the next edition of the Community Magazine will have a 'name the hedgehog' section. It will be delivered in July and August to 20,553 homes and will include village names and ward contacts this time. Delivery has been commissioned locally and will be tracked online.

10 Volunteering Celebration Event

Planning for the Volunteering Celebration Event is well underway, led by Councillor Richardson. Members were reminded of the need to provide details of those invited. A maximum of 25 people per ward will be chosen to be recognised for their volunteering activities across the local area.

Chair