

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 and furthermore that a letter of complaint should be sent to the relevant department regarding the poor standard of ground maintenance. The possibility of purchasing ground maintenance equipment for the North East Area Council will also be explored further.

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 3 local primary schools. Summer Holiday Activities are being planned together with a Winter Health Fayre in November. Birdboxes 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 been funded by AMCO. Councillor Hayward will be attending a Somme Remembrance Event on 1st July in Serre, France.

Monk Bretton – The Summer Gala is planned for 6th August. Paul Jolley and David Gill were thanked for their hard work organising this. Five new planters have been purchased for the memorial, which will be planted up on 23rd June. Voluntary work around contacting the elderly is being planned and leaflets have been purchased, which will be displayed prominently in the area. The Awards Event at the Town Hall was a great success. It was highlighted that a Child Poverty Sub-Group should be formed to address child poverty in the area, as approximately 700 children live in poverty in the Monk Bretton ward alone.

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 litter pick at Grimethorpe was very successful.

Royston – The Love Where You Live Celebration Event will take place on 14th June involving 3 local schools. BMBC employees had volunteered to work at planting-up 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. There has been an unprecedented interest in stalls at the event. Preparations are underway for Yorkshire in Bloom. Seventeen planters have been installed under the 'Adopt a Planter' scheme and these will be installed next week. A new notice board has been installed at the park. Forty new allotments are now available. The DIAL/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 Senior Support 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/GPs etc. Instructors were local and delivered the programme across Shafton, Grimethorpe and Great Houghton. Paul Jolley will investigate why the programme did not run in the Monk Bretton and Royston wards. A case study and outcome table indicated positive outcomes were 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 Carlton Community College, Shafton ALC and Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England Schools. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Housing Enforcement Officer – The postholder 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 Senior Support 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 Senior Support 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 Senior Support 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 Area Council Support 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 and promoting safe crossing points.

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 on the 14th July to 20,553 homes and will include village names and ward contacts this time. Unfortunately there is no space for a list of local activities in each ward. Delivery has been commissioned locally and will be tracked due to problems last time.

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 will be invited, together with 25 guests.

Chair