

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 5 October 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), David Griffin, Millner, Unsworth and Wilson.

16 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

17 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 3rd August, 2017 (PAC.05.10.2017/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd August, 2017.

Members discussed the ongoing issues in the Town Centre, in the proximity of the public toilets. These included littering and urinating in addition to the issues with pigeons roosting. Members acknowledged that the pigeon mitigation had not had the desired effect and the area required cleaning. A discussion was had as to where the responsibility for the lay, and it was agreed to discuss this in more detail with the Area Manager of Neighbourhood Services.

With regards to the Principal Towns Programme, members heard how students from the University of Sheffield were in the middle of the consultation exercise. The information gained would be collated, and a report and presentation given to Members on the findings.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 3rd August, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

18 Notes of the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 27th July, and 7th September, 2017 (PAC.05.10.2017/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance meetings held on 27th July, 2017 and 7th September, 2017.

Members remarked how well the Passchendaele remembrance event had been received, and it was noted that the reproduction of the Menin Gate would be used again at Horizon Community College and also at Penistone Armed Forces Day next year.

It was also noted that the Community Development Officer for the area had been working with a number of project who would potentially use the crowd funding model to raise funds.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance meetings held on 27th July, and 7th September, 2017 be received.

19 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (PAC.05.10.2017/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report that had been previously circulated.

It was noted that the opening balance for 2017/18 was £30,000, comprising of £20,000 base allocation and £10,000 allocated from the Area Council.

At the time of publishing the report, £13,374.81 of the allocation remained, however Members were made aware of subsequent awards, which had left approximately £8,000 remaining.

Members noted a number of applications still in development, including potentially one relating to the launch of ShopAppy. This was hoped to be live by the end of the year, starting first with a small number of participants, which could then be built upon.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20 Procurement and Financial Update (PAC.05.10.2017/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were reminded of the decision made at the last meeting to extend the contract with Age UK. It was noted that a letter confirming the extension to contract had now been issued, and discussions were taken place as to the shape of the next 12 months of delivery.

With regards to the Working Together Fund, it was noted that around £55,000 remained, with one application currently in development to hold a cycle festival in the area. Members were reminded to encourage potential applicants to make contact with the Area Team. A recommendation was made to transfer £10,000 of finance allocated to the Working Together Fund to the Ward Alliance Funds, to be allocated through previously agreed mechanisms.

Members received an update in relation to the procurement of a Clean and Tidy Service. Discussions around TUPE had been concluded, as the staff employed on the previous contract had gained employment elsewhere. It was noted that the new team, employed by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, were due to start 1st November, 2017, and due to the this delay there was a number of new projects for them to develop. However, Members were still encouraged to forward any appropriate schemes for discussion with the provider.

Members discussed TUPE and the working conditions within Area Council contracts. It was noted that all providers would have to be approved, in order to be listed on the YorTender system, but it was noted that conditions and such as pay could also be specified as part of the tender documentation if Members so wished.

Members then noted the financial profile for the Area Council, which highlighted the costs of extension of the original Clean and Tidy Team contract, which was within the 10% variation limit.

RESOLVED:-

(i) That the report be noted;

- (ii) That £10,000 of finance be transferred from the Working Together Fund allocation to the Ward Alliance Funds, to be distributed via previously agreed mechanisms.

21 Affordable Housing Provision (PAC.05.10.2017/6)

Unfortunately the Group Leader, Housing Growth, was unable to attend the meeting. It was therefore agreed to defer the item.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Council.

22 Safer Neighbourhood Service (PAC.05.11.2017/7)

Paul Brannan, Head of Safer Barnsley, Mark Miller, Community Safety Team Leader, Sergeant Ian Bailey and Inspector Andrew Norton were welcomed to the meeting to provide an update on the new arrangements for the Safer Neighbourhood Service.

The Service was designed to combine a those involved in providing community safety. The structure included four geographically based Locality Teams co-terminus with Area Councils. A central hub also featured where triage of issues takes place, and which also provided a more wraparound service which included consideration of traveller liaison, hate crime, and mental health.

Members noted that the co-location allowed for closer working, with more joint planning, and the ability to hold each other to account.

Those present heard how each Locality Team contained 1 Police Sergeant, 4 Police Constables, and up to 16 Police Community Support Officers. In the structure Community Safety Subgroups would remain, as would Police and Communities Together (PACT), and Multi-Agency Action Groups (MAAG), with the latter being reinvigorated.

Members heard a number of anonymised case studies, which served to highlight how the teams were successfully working together to address issues more thoroughly, in order to reduce the numbers of repeat calls and therefore the demand on services. The approach worked by identifying and prioritising risks and working to reduce them, through a joint approach with wraparound support.

The underlying principle of the service was to manage demand more effectively, with the right public services being deployed at the right time in the right place. It was hoped that this would reduce ongoing demands, and avoid escalation to more intensive and costly services.

Questions were asked as to whether repeat callers were still prosecuted for wasting Police time. It was noted that practice was still used, but also Criminal Behaviour Orders could also be issued with practical positive steps to try to address underlying issues.

Members questioned the progress on addressing rural crime in the area. It was noted that work was happening in a number of areas, sharing information with partners in neighbouring authorities, issuing crime prevention advice and working

with teams who focus on travelling criminals. It was agreed that feedback would be provided to Councillors at the appropriate time, mindful of sensitivities.

Members noted plans to further include volunteers in community safety work within the locality, with many already having expressed an interest, and it was agreed to give feedback on proposals and involve Members in these discussion once a number of logistical issues had been dealt with.

The importance of feedback to the public, and engagement was noted, as was the link between this and public perception. Members heard how it was the intention to produce a local newsletter, accessible to readers and without jargon, highlighting successes and challenges in the locality.

Questions were raised about how performance and success would be measured. The difficulties in measuring areas such as prevention were acknowledged, but it was noted that a robust performance framework was in place, managed through the Safer Barnsley Partnership and its delivery partnerships. Success could also be measured through considering the maturity of the model, demonstrating the impact of wider collaboration, and through tangible case studies. It was suggested that the team could be invited to a future meeting of the Area Council to consider performance and highlight progress made.

The meeting discusses the Police Station located in Penistone, and it was acknowledged that a presence was required in the area; however the Force was looking at refreshing its estate strategy. Suggestions were made that increasing co-location of complementary services could have performance benefits in addition to being financially advantageous. However, it was also acknowledged that officers were increasingly out of the office, working within the community they served.

Members welcomed the Service in the area, praising the work undertaken to date. The benefits of closer collaboration were acknowledged, as was the ability for partners to hold each other to account.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That members of the Safer Neighbourhood Service be thanked for their attendance;
- (ii) That officers be invited to a future meeting of the Area Council to consider the performance of the service after 6-12 months.

Chair