

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 29 March 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, Richardson and C. Wraith MBE

44 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

45 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 1st February 2018

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 1st February 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 1st February 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

46 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 throughout January and February 2018. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – A new member has been welcomed to the Ward Alliance. The dates for Cudworth Tea in the Park and the Cudworth Proms, which will take place in the Pocket Peace Garden, have been agreed. The Ward Alliance members are considering community projects for the new financial year. It was highlighted that two standard rose trees had been purchased for Cudworth's Pocket Park to commemorate Paul Jolley and Ernest Oliver.

Monk Bretton – The meeting was informed that the Ward Alliance had recently supported Redfearns Football Club and now has a limited amount of money left. Work is ongoing with groups in preparation for applications in the new financial year.

North East – Christine Key of the Barnsley Dementia Alliance had visited to discuss organisational aims to improve the lives of sufferers. It was reported that there is a possibility of someone taking over 'The Dell' and restoring it. ASOS volunteers have been active in Grimethorpe and Milefield Community Farm has been well supported. The wheel at Willowgarth school is now in situ.

Royston – All 4 primary schools took part in the achievement awards and the children visited the Mayor's Parlour. The litter pick in March was cancelled and will now take place on 11th May, with 30 children from Carlton Academy also taking part. The budget has been spent and it has been decided that existing priorities will remain, tied in to NEAC priorities. A busy period is coming up with the Greenspaces community group, events planning group and steering group for S106 funding. There will be a Royston in Bloom entry this year, the park has been transformed and hopefully the skate park will be finished. The initial scope of works to restore the Pavilion is positive. The outstanding success of the DIAL service was highlighted and information from the project will be helpful in future planning. National Grid are working on power lines in the area and have damaged a safe route to school. Remedial work will be carried out to the bridge over the canal.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

47 North East Area Council Project Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a detailed update report regarding performance of the North East Area Council's commissioned projects together with a summary performance management report and individual case studies for each service. Key points to note include:

- The Private Sector Housing Management Officer continues to deliver an excellent service in the local community. Contact has been made with 164 different properties in the quarter October to December 2017.
- Enforcement activity and advice around the Carlton Garage area has been particularly effective and no further complaints have been received.
- The Stop Smoking Advisor will commence in post on 23rd April.
- A presentation on the proposed wildlife corridor was praised at a meeting of the Barnsley Biodiversity Group and a training event by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, hosted at Bow Street Offices, was well attended.
- The success of the enforcement activity around dog fouling was recognised in the Guardian.

48 Foster Care Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted progress that has been made since the inception of the project in November 2016. The Village Life magazine has proved to be a very powerful tool for promoting fostering alongside other means. It was reported that in 2016 the Fostering Team had received 52 enquiries over a 12 month period. For the period April 2017 to March 2018, this number increased to 146 in total. Of this number, 18 assessments are ongoing whilst an additional 13 households are at the assessment stage. Very positive feedback was received from the Fostering Team and this initiative will be rolled out amongst other area councils.

RESOLVED that Members note the Foster Care report.

49 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and progress in each ward in

expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities. It was highlighted that two standard rose trees had been purchased for Cudworth's Pocket Park to commemorate Paul Jolley and Ernest Oliver

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds, and
- (ii) Each ward prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

50 North East Area Council Finance Report

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and outlined the outputs and outcomes from commissioned projects together with the process used to monitor contracts. Priorities for the year 2018-19 were agreed at a meeting of the North East Area Council on 1st February 2018. Members were provided with a list of initiatives proposed to be supported for the next twelve months.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The initiatives listed continue to be funded, and
- (ii) A small steering group be established comprising of the four Ward Alliance chairs to look at the NEAC data for the priorities listed to inform future spending initiatives.

Chair