

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 4 April 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Burgess (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Leech, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

### 51 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

### 52 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 1st February 2016

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

It was reported that the detailed information regarding fee payable to BMBC Enforcement Services (Minute no. 45) has now been sent out to Members. The Area Council Manager reminded Members that the cut-off date for articles to be included in the next edition of the Community Magazine is 16<sup>th</sup> May for a July distribution.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 be approved as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- (i) That Councillor Grundy was present at the meeting and that
- (ii) Minute no. 50 paragraph 4 should read 'The Café Choir *have* secured funding from the Bishops Fund'.

### 53 Health and Wellbeing 'Now You're Cooking' evaluation presentation

Carrie Fennell and Bev Juniper from South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYFT) were welcomed to the meeting to give an overview of the 'Now You're Cooking' project. It was explained that the Community Food and Health Team had been commissioned to develop and deliver a programme of healthy eating initiatives, food skills development and training courses across the four wards of the North Area Council. Feedback indicates that the project has been a great success with many positive outcomes; lessons have been learned along the way and a recipe book has been produced. A final report will be produced and placed on a future agenda.

**RESOLVED** that Carrie and Bev be thanked for their involvement in the project and for their attendance and contribution at the meeting.

## 54 Environment, Environmental Enforcement and Parking Service

Leslie Dare and John Dunn (Kingdom Security) were welcomed to the meeting to talk about the Environment, Environmental Enforcement and Parking Service and to answer any questions Members may have about the services provided.

The North Area is contracted to 4 officers, equating to 1950 hours. 100% of the contracted patrol hours for the North Area have been achieved. Between August 2014 and August 2015, 1242 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued, 1119 of which were for littering offences, representing over £62,000 of revenue.

Members commented that they had seen an improvement across the wards in respect of littering and dog fouling in particular and asked the officers if they had seen a difference too. It was reported that the number of complaints received had fallen but that Members should continue to feed in information regarding 'hot spots'. Kingdom can be contacted by emailing [BSCP@Barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:BSCP@Barnsley.gov.uk) or by phone on 01226 772468. Cath Fairweather asked that the Police should also be copied into any email contacts.

Members queried the apparent rotation of staff between the North area and the Town Centre and also local visibility. It was explained that Kingdom also have a contract with the Town Centre and it has sometimes been necessary to use staff across areas to cover contracted hours. However, a recruitment exercise has now been completed and staff rotation should no longer be necessary.

A Member asked about school involvement. It was highlighted that a package has been developed for schools across the country which has been used locally. Kingdom are happy to revisit schools when it is deemed necessary in order to spread the message further. It was reiterated that outcomes from the project must be sustainable.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Area Council Manager be tasked with organising a Member Workshop to look at the 3 aspects of the project and to ensure outcomes are sustainable.
- (ii) Representatives from Kingdom Security be thanked for their attendance and contribution at the meeting.

## 55 Commissioned Projects Performance Update

The Area Council Manager updated Members in respect of the performance of three of the current commissioned projects. It was explained that although the Forge project had been slow to start, it was now gaining momentum. The Forge team now has a base at Athersley Recreation Community Site which means less time spent travelling and more time spent in the area. Members were reminded of the need for the Forge to work closely with Ward Alliances to identify environmental projects.

A successful meeting was recently held with the Anti-Poverty group in respect of the CAB/DIAL project, which had produced excellent results. Members need to consider future commissioning and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members note the content of the report;
- (ii) Members involve the Forge Partnership in discussions at Ward Alliance meetings as appropriate (contact details to be sent out);
- (iii) Members continue to pass on 'hot spot' information to Kingdom Security for appropriate action. and
- (iv) Members give consideration to future commissioning in respect of the Anti-Poverty objective, as this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

## **56 Stronger Communities Grant Update**

The Area Council Manager updated Members regarding the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant, including the application and allocation process; the outcome of the grant panel meeting and projects approved for funding; unallocated funding for 2016/17 and the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects. It was felt that there is a need to ensure tight criteria and a robust scoring process for funding future projects. Panel Members were thanked for their involvement in the process.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant Update together with the outcome and learning from the evaluation and approval process (as amended), projects approved for funding and performance and monitoring arrangements.
- (ii) A workshop will be organised to agree how the remainder of the funding (£29,766) will be utilised.
- (iii) The guidance documentation both for applicants and the panel will be amended to provide clear instruction to applicants with regard to year-on-year applications from the same organisation.

## **57 Opportunities for Young People**

The Area Council Manager updated Members regarding the Social Return on Investment (SROI) assessment that has been completed on the Summer Internship project with a view to future commissioning of either this or an alternative project. It was reported that the Summer Internship Project produced an SROI return of £5.30 for every £1 invested, which is a very respectable rate of return and reflects the positive social impact that this project has on the beneficiaries. It was felt that the project was inspirational for the young people who took part, giving them confidence and preparation for work. Members were advised that they can consider alternative options to meet this objective and will have to determine whether a universal or targeted approach is used, the size of the cohort, contract value, length and duration and the additional support that may be required to realise a new project.

**RESOLVED** that North Area Council Members will meet for a workshop with specialist officers to explore options further.

## **58 Economic Regeneration - Pilot Project Proposal**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item. Members were updated with regard to project research, scoping and recommendations to address the Economic Regeneration priority. The Economic Regeneration priority was agreed in 2014 but to date a project has not been delivered to address this priority. High Street businesses seem to be short lived but could potentially continue if they were provided with professional support. In addition, some businesses are hard to reach and identify. It was explained that European funding is available to assist start up business but there is less support available for businesses after the first six months of trading. It was felt that a pilot research and consultation project would be helpful in determining the business development needs of the small, independent and lifestyle businesses trading in the North Area. The results of this will help in developing a sustainable project with networking and peer support upon completion.

**RESOLVED** that a pilot project should be developed to establish the business development needs of small businesses in the North Area prior to commissioning a larger project.

## **59 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and attention drawn to the levels of finance carried forward, and current levels of expenditure. It was highlighted that as part of the decisions made by Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual devolved Ward Budget of £20,000 and each Ward Alliance a fund of £10,000. As of April 2015 the Devolved Ward Budget has been reduced to £10,000 per Ward.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The report be noted and
- (ii) Each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

## **60 Notes from the following Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 6<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

*Darton East* – it was reported that the Supervisor to the Enforcement Project had been invited to attend a future Ward Alliance meeting to provide an update on the work plan but had been told that this was not feasible due to working hours. It was felt that better connectivity with the PACT and the Area Council is needed.

*Darton West* – Location and installation of the defibrillator is on track, this will be of tremendous value to the community.

*Old Town* – The Celebration Event took place on 21<sup>st</sup> March at Barnsley Town Hall. The website is up and running. A meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday to set priorities for the future.

*St. Helens* – The Clean for the Queen litter pick had to be postponed due to bad weather. Five St. Helens Ward Alliance banners are now available for loan for events. Thanks were expressed to the Area Teams, Councillors and the community for their involvement.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

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Chair