

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 14 April 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, Richardson and Sheard

50 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

51 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on Thursday 11th February 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 11th February 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 11th February 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

52 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 February and March 2016. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – The Spring Fair took place on 19th March 2016. The event was well attended and free healthy food packs were given out at the event. The ‘Clean for the Queen’ event took place on 5th March. The Academic Achievement Awards are coming up and summer holiday activities are being planned.

Monk Bretton – Funding for Hogwarts Hedgehog Hospital in Monk Bretton, hanging baskets and bedding plants for the parks has been agreed. Organisation of the summer gala is underway. The Achievement Awards Event, involving three primary schools, took place three weeks ago and was very well attended. Thanks were expressed to all concerned. Sixty-five volunteers collected seventy-two bags of rubbish for the ‘Clean for the Queen’ initiative and the changing rooms at Smithies were redecorated.

North East – A celebration event for the Queen’s 90th birthday is planned for 10th June at Grimethorpe park. A birthday card competition, involving all five local schools is being organised. A ‘Healthy Takeaway’ initiative, working with local businesses, is to be piloted in the North East WA area to encourage healthy eating. The DIAL outreach project runs for 3 hours per week at Great Houghton Welfare Hall

for 6 months. A defibrillator has been purchased and will be erected at Great Houghton Welfare Hall very shortly. 'Clean for the Queen' took place on 23rd March in Grimethorpe and over 20 bags of rubbish were collected. The noticeboard which was originally erected at Shafton WMC has now been relocated to Sainsbury's supermarket. The DIAL/Fit Me project has started in Great Houghton and has been well attended.

Royston – The CAB/DIAL project has been relocated to the Lifelong Learning Centre to accommodate the increased footfall. This is now running on a weekly basis for a 3 month trial period. Funding for the Healthy Bones keep fit sessions for older people has been agreed for the next 12 months. 'Clean for the Queen' took place on 5th March and more than 30 bags of rubbish were collected. Cross boundary clean-up work took place in Notton on 20th March. The Summer Gala, Proms and summer activities are being planned. S106 funding has been agreed for new fishing and landing stages at Royston Canal and green boundaries at Rabbit Ings. Work at the allotments is underway.

Flytipping is still taking place at Cronkhill Lane. The CCTV on Royston Lane has provided some very useful information and a positive result is expected at court. It was reported that the recent Cronkhill Lane case has been adjourned. The defendant is a prolific offender and has also committed offences in Rotherham.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

53 Changes to the Community Representation on the Royston Ward Alliance (verbal report from the Chair of the Royston Ward Alliance)

It was reported that Gemma Conley (Carlton TARA) has been appointed to the Royston Ward Alliance. Florence Whittlestone and Vicky Nicholson have been appointed to the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

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

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided an update on the delivery of commissioned projects across the North East Area Council's agreed priorities. It was highlighted that an apprentice who had been involved with the Barnsley Community Build/North East Environment Team had been successful in obtaining full time employment.

The C & K Careers Summer Holiday Internship project has now moved into the 'Staying in touch' period as students are now in Year 11 and are focussed on end of year exams. Members commented that some schools seem reluctant to engage with the project. It seems that this may be a timing/resource issue. Outwood Academy (Shafton) has reported that all the 2015 interns have applied for post 16, which is unusual and demonstrates the value of the project. This project may be jointly commissioned with the North and South Area Councils in the future to take advantage of economies of scale.

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

55 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a financial analysis of the budget for 2014/15 and 2016/17, detailing contracts held, delivery bodies, contract start dates together with length and total cost of the contracts. All but £60,998 of spend has been committed and projects are being worked up.

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date.

RESOLVED that the financial analysis be received and noted.

56 Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. Only £553.74 of the Devolved Ward Budget for 2015/16 remains unallocated and Member were thanked for their involvement. It was reported that volunteer engagement across all wards has been excellent. There is still work to be done in re-educating people not to drop litter/fly tipping in the first place.

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

57 North East Area Council Workshop Recommendations

The Area Council Manager gave an update in respect of the workshop held on 24th February 2016 to discuss the future direction of the North East Area Council. It was felt that the four identified priorities of the Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Youth Provision and Economy and Regeneration, should be retained but should be rebadged in plain English and that £10,000 should be devolved to each of the Ward Alliances.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report, including the review of projects and associated outputs and outcomes be received and noted;
- (ii) the Environment priority be renamed 'Love Where You Live, Health and Wellbeing renamed 'Healthy Lifestyles', Youth Provision be renamed as 'Young People' and that Members give consideration to a new name for the Economy and Regeneration priority
- (iv) £10,000 be devolved to each Ward Alliance and that
- (v) the 2015-16 Area Review should be printed and distributed as appropriate.

58 North East Area Council Youth Development Fund

The Area Council Manager reported that a meeting of the Ward Councillor representatives for the Youth Development Panel was held on 31st March to discuss the Youth Development Fund position statement and to consider new applications for funding for *additional* youth provision across the North East Area Council communities. Members felt that additional funding should be given to the Youth Development Fund, given the excellent outcomes and outputs achieved by this initiative

RESOLVED that

- (i) the position statement as at February 2016 for Year One funding be noted;
- (ii) £30,317 be transferred to the Youth Development Fund as follows: The Exodus Project £5,086; The Youth Association £7,778; New Options Young Wardens £7,000; Grimethorpe Activity Zone £5,320 and Royston Holiday Project £5,133 (this is in addition to summer activity funding) and
- (iii) the Youth Development Fund flyer be distributed to promote this funding opportunity in the local communities of the North East Area Council.

59 Parks Maintenance

The Area Council Manager reminded Members that the North East Area Council had agreed funding of £10,00 per annum to replace parks equipment across the four wards of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston which has been damaged through anti-social behaviour.

In line with that agreement, three requests for funding have been received. Two litter bins have been burn out in Cudworth Park and will cost £560 to replace, four swings have been stolen from the East End Crescent play area in Royston and will cost £400 to replace and flame flower logos have been damaged and are now missing from the bandstand at Royston Park. The replacement cost of the logos is £312.

RESOLVED that the damaged and missing items be replaced at a total cost of £1272

60 Volunteering Celebration Event (verbal report)

It was reported that the Volunteering Celebration Event will take place on 15th September at Priory Campus. Guests will be asked to arrive at 6.00 p.m. for a 6.30 p.m. start. The Mayor has been invited to present awards and a professional photographer has been arranged. Final numbers are needed as soon as possible. It is anticipated that around 100 people will be invited along with a guest each, equating to around 200 people. There will be a full buffet and bar.

61 Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer (verbal update)

The Head of Community Safety and Enforcement introduced this item. It was reported that the post of Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer was advertised this week. The postholder will in effect provide a private sector housing management service across the North East Area using local intelligence on a 'worst first' basis. Members were informed that the officer will have the same enforcement powers as local authority housing management officers and will deal with environmental issues, behaviour, absentee landlords, housing associations and community relationships. It was stated that the officer will carry out a 'soft' intelligence trawl, building networks in the community and bringing back information. This model has worked successfully in both Central and Dearne Area Councils although it must be remembered that this is just one officer with a heavy workload.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members report any housing management problems they are aware of in their wards to build up local intelligence and
- (ii) Members will be regularly updated regarding progress made.

Chair