

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 17 June 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Wombwell Library

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Stowe (Chair), Dures, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith.

1 Silence for Jo Cox

A minute silence was held in memory of Jo Cox.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

3 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 22nd April, 2016 (Sac.17.06.2016/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 22nd April, 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 22nd April, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.17.06.2016/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance held on 23rd May, and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 19th May, 2016.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

5 Presentation from Darfield Ward Alliance (Sac.17.06.2016/4)

Councillors Markham and Saunders gave a presentation on the achievements of Darfield Ward Alliance over the past 12 months.

Members were made aware of the priorities of the Ward, and it was noted that work to address these was undertaken by funding activity and by organising activity.

The meeting heard about projects the Ward Alliance had undertaken, which included litter picks in the community, events for 'Clean for the Queen', and developing an Emergency Resilience Plan. Members noted that the Alliance had organised a summer gala, which was to be held on 23rd July, 2016.

Members heard of the work undertaken to improve Parkhill Nature Reserve, and it was noted that this did not require any finance, but was undertaken through volunteer efforts.

The meeting also noted the work of the Ward Alliance in ensuring each village in the Ward had its own community notice board, and that these were regularly updated.

Members heard about the food safety and first aid training organised to ensure the appropriate level of knowledge was on hand for community events.

The work with volunteers, assisted by the Tidy Team, to establish 'love your village' days in Billingley was acknowledged. Noted were the efforts to replicate this successful approach in other areas within the Ward.

Members heard of the plans over the next 12 months, which included taking forward a 'green project' and to distribute winter packs to older and more vulnerable residents.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation.

6 Youth Asset Mapping Exercise (Sac.17.06.2016/7)

John Lang and Neil Spencer gave a presentation on the Youth Asset Mapping Exercise recently undertaken by Forge Community Partnership.

Members were made aware that the exercise started in January, 2016 and were reminded of the aims of the project. These were to undertake a consultation led by young people to map existing provision and identify gaps. This would then be used to inform future provision.

The meeting heard of the work undertaken to build the skills of young people, which involved the Youth Partnership working with the Digital Media Clubs. It was noted that this provided a positive opportunity for children of different ages to work together.

A survey was then undertaken using SurveyMonkey. This was added to by using pop-up events in the area, which provided an opportunity for young people to complete paper surveys. In total this yielded 1455 responses.

The responses were analysed and a report produced. 62 different activities had been identified, and a number of concerns of young people had been highlighted. This information was further enhanced by a series of more in-depth interviews.

Finally an event was held at Netherwood ALC, which engaged pupils from 8 primary schools in the area, and pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 from Netherwood School itself.

Four main areas were highlighted from the report. These were:-

- A need to provide accessible information that promotes both existing and new events and activities.
- More organised activities / events that utilise existing space / parks to promote and encouraging participation and a sense of shared ownership.
- Personal support that is less formal and easy to access in both areas of wellbeing and career pathways.
- That digital media is part of young people's lives.

Members discussed the findings, noting that the recent Health Conference highlighted echoed some of the findings with regards to the use of green space.

The meeting gave thanks to Forge, and the Area Team for their work. Praise was also given to Netherwood ALC for engaging whole heartedly in the exercise. It was agreed that the Chair writes a letter of thanks to echo this.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Thanks be given to Forge Community Partnership for presentation and their work in undertaking the exercise;
- (ii) A letter of thanks be sent to Netherwood ALC to thank them for their support and participation in the exercise.

7 Update on New Commissions (Sac.17.06.2016/8)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who firstly provided an update on the commissions already approved.

Members discussed the recently held Health Asset Mapping Conference, and thanks were given to the Area Team for organising such a positive event.

It was noted that the first of the two Achieving Respect and Confidence (ARC) courses had recently commenced. 14 individuals had started the course, with 11 completing.

Member heard how the Social Return On Investment Training had been arranged to take place on the afternoon of 2nd September, 2016.

The meeting noted that the Private Sector Housing Management post had been advertised, and it was hoped that the officer would be in post by the end of August. It was suggested that a workshop be held in September, to help identify 'hotspots' in the area.

The meeting heard how the organisation for the Lifeskills course was progressing very well. It was noted that the course had now been renamed by young people as 'Urban Survival'.

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the amount of finance remaining in 2016/17, which was £20,194.50 when the income from Kingdom Security was taken into account.

The Area Council Manager made Members aware of two project ideas which had emerged. The first had come directly out of the Youth Asset Mapping Exercise, and was a social media project designed and managed by young people to run through the summer holidays. It was expected that this should cost around £2,000.

The second responded to information from both youth and health events and was to provide 'pop-up' events in parks in the area throughout the October half term. It was suggested that these may be based around themes such as Sport and Fitness; Health and Wellbeing including building confidence and self-esteem; and Healthy Cooking and Eating. It was suggested that £2,500 be allocated to fund these.

A further project idea was put forward for discussion. This would provide informal drop in provision away from school premises, focusing on mental wellbeing. Here young people could confidentially discuss with adults any issues troubling them.

It was agreed that this proposal be further developed, and the Senior Management Link Officer agreed to support this, investigating good practice from other areas.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The progress of projects funded by the Area Council be noted;
- (ii) The finance remaining unallocated for 2016/16 be noted;
- (iii) That authorisation approval be given to deliver a Social Media project with young people at a cost of up to £2,000;
- (iv) That authorisation be given to the host a number of 'pop up' events throughout the Area in the October half-term holiday, at a cost of up to £2,500;
- (v) That the proposal to develop an informal drop in service for young people to discuss their issues confidentially be supported, that this be further developed by the Area Manager in consultation with relevant officers, and that this be considered in more detail at a future meeting of the Area Council.

8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.17.06.2016/5)

Members received the report which provided details of the latest expenditure from the Ward Alliance Funds.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be received.

9 Performance Report (17.06.2016/6)

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager. The attention of Members was drawn to Part A, and the overview of performance. The meeting heard how the figure relating to '£ of benefits gained as a result of advice received' was incorrect and that the correct figure was £1,315,718.40. The meeting noted that the number of volunteers was still increasing, and also noted the high numbers of business and community groups supported.

Part B of the report was then considered, where a narrative for each of the projects commissioned had been provided.

With regards to the One Stop Shop, it was noted that the project had just reached the end of a second very successful year.

Members heard a full re-commissioning process for the Tidy Team contract had taken place, which had included interviews with those submitting tenders. As a result of this Forge Community Partnership were again successful in gaining the contract, which Members were delighted with.

The meeting discussed the implementation of the second Summer Holiday Internship programme, and it was noted that officers had been successful in recruiting a number of interested young people from Netherwood ALC. However, none had been forthcoming from Kirk Balk Academy, and it was noted that C+K Careers staff employed as part of the commission were experiencing difficulties in engaging the school.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The report be noted;

- (ii) That the difficulties in engaging Kirk Balk Academy be discussed with the Executive Director People and the Cabinet Spokesperson for People (Achieving Potential).

Chair