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| <b>MEETING:</b> | North East Area Council            |
| <b>DATE:</b>    | Thursday, 1 June 2017              |
| <b>TIME:</b>    | 2.00 pm                            |
| <b>VENUE:</b>   | Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall |

## MINUTES

### Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

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

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

### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 30th March 2017

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It was highlighted that Royston Ward Alliance holds DIAL sessions four times per month. In terms of the Foster Care Recruitment project there are no updates as any new foster carers will take some time to filter through the system. An update will be provided once the project has been running for around six months.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 3 Cudworth Ward Alliance

It was reported that the Birkwood Primary School Reading Bus was officially opened on 4<sup>th</sup> April and was very well received. The Health Fayre on 22<sup>nd</sup> April was a great success. Projects which are coming up include the Academic Achievement Awards on 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Town Hall; the Love Where You Live volunteer month with various events taking place at Carlton Marsh (1<sup>st</sup> June) and Cudworth Park (5<sup>th</sup> June); Brass in Cudworth Park (2<sup>nd</sup> July with Barnsley Met Band) and 30<sup>th</sup> July (with Cawthorne Brass) together with planned Summer Activities for Young People in the Summer holidays.

It was also reported that Dickie Bird will be opening the Tea in the Park event on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the Cudworth Ward Alliance meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, together with the verbal update, be received.

### 4 Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

Recent committed projects include CAB outreach; the Friends of Carlton Park Bowling Club; development of the Working Fund and the booklet promoting the work of the Ward Alliance. Other updates include: Father Brian Bell (Monk Bretton

Church) is a new Ward Alliance Member; Barnsley FC 'Doorstep Activities' started in March; the First Aid course has taken place at Silverdale (which identified the importance of having defibrillators in the community; 170 adults and 21 children participated in Carpet Bowls (Carlton) and Jenni Jarvis, BMBC Digital Champion attended a Ward Alliance meeting to give an outline of the scheme.

The Christmas event is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> December, Carlton Park Gala is to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> August and on 21<sup>st</sup> June local primary school children and volunteers will be planting summer bedding plants and tidying up the War Memorial in preparation for the Barnsley in Bloom competition. The Monk Bretton S106 Group are currently looking at options, which include resurfacing the car park at Carlton Park and roundabout improvements. A recent Principal town presentation highlighted possible plans to increase footfall at Lundwood shopping centre and CISWO are looking at options for improvements in the park.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017, and the verbal update, be received.

## **5 North East Ward Alliance**

Congratulations were expressed to Cllr Jeff Ennis, the new Mayor of Barnsley, and to Cllr Steve Green as Mayor Elect. It was reported that Beryl Sargesson and Graham Murdin have been appointed as new Ward Alliance members. Milefield Farm has been awarded £10,000 from New Park Springs to match fund the school in employing a Farm Manager.

Ward Alliance priorities have been agreed as follows: Local Economy and Regeneration; Local Environment; Health & Wellbeing and Youth Engagement. Various Love Where You Live volunteer activities are to take place in June including: Great Houghton tidy village day (5<sup>th</sup> June); Brierley Residents Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> June) and the re-opening of Brierley Methodist Church by the Mayor following improvement work (14<sup>th</sup> June). It was also reported that the 'What's On' booklet needs updating. Various activities are planned for Great Houghton and Brierley, including litter picking (assisted by the parish council) and a Family Fun Day. Fostering will be promoted at the event.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the North East Ward Alliance meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and the verbal update be received.

## **6 Royston Ward Alliance**

It was reported that recent committed projects include: DIAL Outreach sessions, Gala & Proms events; Adopt a Planter; the Working Fund; Hanging Baskets; Christmas Lights; Summer Activities and provision of cooking equipment for the Scouts.

Other activities in the ward include the official opening of the allotments (21<sup>st</sup> June), Gala (1<sup>st</sup> July) and Yorkshire Military Band; Proms (30 July and 3<sup>rd</sup> September) – Worsborough Brass and Love Where You Live activities with local primary schools and volunteers on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Royston S106 group are having regular meetings, looking at improvements to the skate park, bowling green and pavilion in the park.

It was reported that a new noticeboard has been installed at the Wells and that West End Crescent allotments opened on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Preparations are underway for Royston in Bloom, including planning in the park involving local schools. Employee Supported Volunteering (ESV) in the park filled two large skips of rubbish and recycling and the pavilion was deep cleaned. The photographs which are part of the Urban art project in the park look great.

A recent walkabout with the Principal Towns officer was very productive and a number of potential sites for small industrial units were identified together with improvements to the public realm. A Victoria Cross memorial paving flag to commemorate Albert Shepherd VC is to be installed in the Town Hall gardens on 20<sup>th</sup> November. An invitation list is being compiled and family members will be contacted by Mayors office.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the Royston Ward Alliance meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the verbal update be received.

## **7 2016/17 North East Area Council Performance Summary**

A presentation was delivered by Jess Whiting, BMBC Corporate Apprentice, regarding the 2016/17 North East Area Council Performance. The presentation demonstrated how the North East Area Council had been a positive success, moving from strength to strength. The presentation will be shared with the Ward Alliances and other partners to promote the work of the Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation be noted.

## **8 North East Area Council Health Projects 2016-17 Performance Report**

The North East Area Council Community Development Officer introduced this item and explained that Health and Wellbeing has been identified as a priority for the North East Area Council and the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances. As part of the North East Area Council's performance monitoring a detailed report for 2016/17 has been drawn up to focus on all the health and wellbeing related initiatives and projects that have been funded through the North East Area Council and the four Ward Alliances.

In terms of the North East Area Council Health Profile, life expectancy for men is 77 years and 80 years for women. 28% of deaths are attributable to cardiovascular disease, 27% to cancer and 19% to respiratory diseases. Risk factors include smoking (18%), high blood pressure (14%) and high cholesterol (10%).

In the ensuing discussion, particular reference was made to the following: 49 health projects have been funded, 10 of which were sports projects, and 7 gardening clubs have been supported. £23,705 of funding has been made towards 'Reds in the Community' sports projects, 65 health indicators have been met and *active* volunteer hours total 2,242, all of which contribute to Public Health Outcomes such as improving the wider determinants of health, health protection, health improvement and preventing premature mortality.

Links have been made with local health practitioners and exciting new projects are underway to combat social isolation and promote health and fitness. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) has been involved in developing a pilot project to deliver 'safe and well checks', mainly in the North East Area, which will be rolled out to rest of Barnsley later on – more details will be provided at a future meeting.

It was reported that the 'Men in Sheds' project has been very successful, with new premises being sought, and should be widely promoted. Reference was made to the role of 'Social Prescribers' in the community and the need to ensure that there is no overlap with current services so as to make best use of public funds. It was felt that Social Prescribers should be invited to a future meeting and the possibility of developing a health and wellbeing steering group, to coordinate work across communities, many of whom are not well served by public transport, was also discussed.

**RESOLVED** that the North East Area Council Health related outputs and outcomes are noted.

## **9 Community Magazine and Love Where You Live June Community Events update**

The North East Area Council Community Development Officer introduced this item and updated North East Area Council members with regard to the Community Magazine and the Love Where You Live Community Events.

It was explained that the first proof will be sent to the Communications Department on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 and the final proof will be submitted by June 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. The front page will focus on foster carers. The estimated delivery cost for the summer edition is £2,500, delivered mainly by Royal Mail and also a leaflet distribution company for some addresses. Great Houghton walking club will also assist with delivery. It was highlighted that Ward Alliances will also be involved in looking at content.

Members were provided with a comprehensive list of Love Where You Live (LWYL) volunteering events and opportunities which have been organised for the month of June in all the North East Area Council communities. New groups are being developed in all areas and mini roadshows will be used to actively promote the work of the Ward Alliances and to encourage volunteering.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the respective updates.

## **10 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds**

The North East Area Council Senior Support Officer introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the current position in respect of 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 £36,881 is left to spend.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **11 North East Area Council Finance Update**

The North East Area Council Senior Support Officer introduced this item and explained that income of £29,799 has now been received from fixed penalty notices from the Environmental Environment Project for the period March 2016 to March 2017. The total income received from this initiative since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 now stands at £67,501.

A discussion took place regarding how income received could be used to offset the costs of future Environmental Enforcement initiatives across the North East Area Council communities.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) £12,000 be used to fund the shortfall of £12,000 in the Youth Development Fund budget;
- (ii) £5,000 be used to replace park equipment damaged through anti-social behaviour;
- (iii) £1000 be used to deliver the winter edition of the Village Life community magazine, and
- (iv) £19,000 be held as a contingency fund.

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Chair