

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 27 September 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 3 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Ennis OBE, Hampson, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

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

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

### 14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 26th July 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 15 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair

The meeting received notes from the following Ward Alliance meeting:

- Cudworth – 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018
- Monk Bretton – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018

The following updates were noted:

#### Cudworth

- Barnsley Metropolitan Band had played in Cudworth Park on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The event had been extremely well attended and a fantastic time was had by all
- Yorkshire in Bloom had resulted in another successful year for the area:
  - Parks and Gardens
    - Carlton Marsh nature Reserve had received a Platinum Award and was joint best conservation project throughout Yorkshire
    - Friends of Cudworth Park had received a Gold award
  - It's your Neighbourhood
    - Cudworth Environment Group had received an Outstanding award
    - Robert Street Allotments had received an Outstanding award
  - Young Peoples Award
    - Birkwood School had received a Gold award which was an outstanding achievement

Thanks were expressed to all the wonderful volunteers who devoted their personal time to this campaign. Their commitment and effort was truly appreciated

Reference was also made to the awards night which had been a tremendous success. It was pleasing and touching to note that there had been a memorial/tribute to the late Paul Jolley

- Recent Grants had been awarded as follows:
  - Cudworth Women's Circle – 3400
  - Age UK Barnsley - £350 to provide an interactive pantomime for people aged 50+ in the local Church Hall. This event would be held between 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. In addition, local schools would be invited to attend
- Christmas Lights – the Cudworth business community had worked tirelessly and over £3,500 had been raised. It was noted that insurance costs were a particular expense
- Forthcoming events included:
  - Health Fayre – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 10.30 am – 12.00 noon
  - Christmas Tree Lights Switch on Event – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 4.30pm at which schools would be involved
  - Cudworth Christmas Fayre – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 organised by the Cudworth Business and Communities together group and supported by the Ward Alliance

#### Monk Bretton

- The Health Fayre had been held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018 had been a success with approximately 20 stalls at the event
- The Park had received a Gold award in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition
- Planting was to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and would involve pupils from St Helen's Primary School
- Christmas lights were to be switched on as follows:
  - Carlton – 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
  - Monk Bretton – 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
  - Burton Grange – 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
- Members asked to place on record their condolences to the family and friends of a long term supported and former Barnsley Chronicle reporter Mr D Booker whose funeral was to be held tomorrow

#### North East

- The Ward Alliance had supported two successful galas:
  - Brierley Fund Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
  - Bruce Dyer Love Live Festival on the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
- It was possible that a new fishing group would be forming at the Dell, Grimethorpe. The Ward Alliance had agreed to contribute £500 for future set up costs
- The Ward had, for the first time, 2 entries in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition
  - Grimethorpe War Memorial (involving Ladywood School) had been judged as improving
  - Milefield Farm (involving the community) had received a Silver award
- Recent grants had been awarded as follows:
  - Friends of The Acorn Centre (Children's Group – Lego Club) - £240.78

- Grimethorpe Village OAP's – Support Social Isolation - £500
- 71<sup>st</sup> Barnsley Guides – Activities for girls aged 10 – 14 - £500
- Forthcoming events included Christmas Tree Light switch on events
  - Shafton – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2018
  - Great Houghton Welfare Hall – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
  - St Luke's Grimethorpe – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
  - Due to renovation works at Brierley St Paul's Church, the £805 identified for similar activities as shown above may have to be re-allocated
- It was noted that former Ward Alliance Member Fr I McCormack was leaving the area after the Remembrance Sunday. Members asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation of his services

### Royston

- The Brass Bands event in the Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 had been a great success
- School children from various Primary Schools were to be involved in the Autumn bedding plant in the park on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018
- The achievement awards were planned for the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019
- A date for the Health Fayre was to be arranged - the events group was to meeting next week to plan the event
- Christmas Tree Light switch on events were to be held at various venues throughout the Ward
- There had been several successes in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition. The Canal Group had achieved a gold and a level 4 'thriving' had been awarded in the 'It's your Neighbourhood category' which was only one level from an outstanding. Good feedback had been received and this was to be shared with group members to see if improvements could be made in time for the next competition
- The 6 week programme of summer free swimming sessions offered by Barnsley Premier Leisure had been extremely well received
- In relation to the renovation of the Pavilion, the assistance of NPS had been outstanding and it was estimated that this was equivalent to around £14,500 in monetary terms. Work was progressing with the renovations and, in addition, the Bandstand was to be painted. Reference was also made to the contribution being made by 13 students from Carlton who were to undertake a City and Guilds course by joining in the project

Arising out of the above, the Chair made reference to 'in kind' contributions and support received from businesses for the Milefield Community Farm as well as other 'in kind' projects which were being undertaken or developed throughout the Area Council area.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received; and
- (ii) that Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) be welcomed to this, her first Area Council meeting.

**16 Dale Sparks, the Head of Commercial and Operational Service Support, will update the Councillors regarding Parking Services**

Mr Dale Sparks, Head of Commercial and Operational Service Support gave a presentation on Parking Services.

He explained that a reorganisation of the Service had taken place last year and gave details of the type of work undertaken and the number of officers involved in this work. He made particular reference to the following:

- Pay and display operations
- Yellow line enforcement
- District and resident parking zones
- School safety zones and bus stop clearways with particular reference to the times at which such these areas were targeted
- Pay and display machines including the move to cashless systems
- The use of NPR technology
- Parking appeals administration
- The checks made in relation to parking fines for other agencies working in the area
- The Council's Parking Strategy which was currently under review. It was noted that the strategy aimed to align to the British Parking Association positive parking agenda. The priorities aimed at, amongst other things, reducing congestion, improving road safety and air quality and working together to make parking enforcement more efficient and fair

In the ensuing discussion reference was made to the following:

- The abuse of Blue Badge Parking – it was noted that the issuing of Blue Badges was not within the remit of the Service, although enforcement of any abuses identified would be undertaken. Work was also being undertaken with the Corporate Fraud Team on this
- Action could be taken in relation to parking on dropped kerbs although this had to be witnessed by parking officers before any action could be taken
- Work was continuing with other enforcement teams to collect fines. Work was progressing with regard to the apportionment of fines to the various Area Councils. It was noted that in total, in the last three years this amounted to £75,883. Money raised could not be used on any other services
- There was a brief discussion of issues and situations which could result in traffic regulations not being enforceable – and example was given in relation to 'breaks' in yellow lines
- Council parking enforcement officers were not currently provided with protective clothing or body cams (which it was noted were used by Kingdom) and this had been raised as part of the review. Arising out of this, reference was made to the relationship with third party providers which meant that scarce resources could then be utilised in other areas.

**RESOLVED** Mr Sparks be thanked for attending the meeting, for his presentation and for answering Members questions.

## **17 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 cases for each service.

Particular reference was made to the following case studies:

- Barnsley Community Build – Apprenticeships and Employability – the case studies demonstrated the difference that the commission was achieving for young people within the area
  - one apprentice had, within weeks, changed his life and had left the programme and found employment
  - one further apprentice with previously poor prospects had been involved in the construction programme had joined the Environmental Team and became a valued member of that Team
- in relation to the Royston Pavilion scheme it was noted that in relation to project planning, contributions 'in kind' amounted to £7,165 (at the time of writing the report) but this was now estimated to be much higher
- the work being undertaken in relation to the 'Lunch Time Period' project which linked to Outwood Academy Shafton and Outwood Academy Carlton and which was being piloted for one year was highlighted. It was noted that this scheme would complement work being promoted by the Ward Alliance
- the Lets Dance project at Great Houghton was continuing to be an outstanding success and was transforming how participants felt, provided emotional wellbeing and kept them fit
- Physical Futures, a resource centre based in Carlton was continuing to provide opportunities to help adults with learning and physical disabilities to have a fulfilling life. Service users had been involved in the Carlton Gala held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 which had been a tremendous success, so much so that participants were keenly looking forward to the gala next year

**RESOLVED** that the update report be noted.

## **18 Report on the use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and the progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities. The report also highlighted that £16,191 of the Area Council Budget remained uncommitted.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds be noted; and
- (ii) That each ward continue to prioritise the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

## **19 The Environmental Enforcement Commission**

The Area Council Manager submitted a report seeking to recommission for one year (with the option to extend for two periods of one year) the Environmental Enforcement Service.

The proposals had been subject of discussion at a Steering Group of Councillors which had reviewed the contract in depth and would provide a zero tolerance enhanced services and include more visible uniformed presence and an educational element.

It was noted that Councillor C Wraith MBE had also been in attendance at the Steering Group meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

It was noted that the tender may be issued in lots alongside amended Enforcement Services to be delivered by the South Area Council and the Central Area Council and appendices to the report provided:

- The invitation to Tender – Project overview and Scope of Service
- Instructions for Tendering and Tender Evaluation
- Pricing Schedule and Form of Tender
- Form of Contract
- Timeline

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the zero tolerance enhanced Environmental Enforcement Service including more visible uniformed presence and an educational element be recommissioned as detailed within the report and appendices now submitted; and
- (ii) That the service specification and associated procurement documentation to procure an Environmental Enforcement Service be approved for one year at a total cost of £70,000 per annum with the option to extend for a two further periods of one year subject to satisfactory performance, continued identified need and availability of finance.

## **20 Repairs at Royston Road Park due to anti-social behaviour**

The Area Council Manager submitted a report seeking approval to repair the safety surfacing damaged by anti-social behaviour at the Royston Park Play area.

It was noted that if the safety surfacing could not be repaired, the swings would have to be removed for health and safety reasons. The play area was frequently used by local families and several requests had been received for this to be repaired.

The estimated cost of the project was £750.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the repair of the safety surfacing at Royston Park Play area at a cost of £750.

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Chair