

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 23 May 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Cherryholme, Felton, S. Green, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE and McCarthy

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 4th April 2019**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 4th April 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 4th April 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **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 March. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – Councillor Hayward highlighted the success of the ‘Our Town, Our Roots’ project. The Academic Achievement Awards are to be held on 11th June at the Town Hall. Nominations are being sought for the Pride of Cudworth awards, which pay tribute to the people of Cudworth who have achieved great things at national or international level across a range of categories and which will be celebrated through lamp post banners being erected on Cudworth High Street. The ‘Lest We Forget’ memorial bench will be dedicated on Saturday 15th June at the Peace Garden in Cudworth Park. Judging for Yorkshire in Bloom will take place on 17th July – 32 hanging baskets have been approved for funding and volunteers will be planting up tubs to put outside shops. Exodus are to provide three sessions of inflatables and games as part of the summer holiday activities.

Monk Bretton – The Review has been completed and priorities for 2019/20 have been agreed. Monk Bretton Priory’s Medieval May-Hem event takes place on 25th May. 40 hanging baskets have been approved for funding. A planting session will take place at the War Memorial on 24th May in preparation for ‘In Bloom’. The BIADS Dementia café is doing well and is well attended. Positive feedback has been received on the Achievement Awards, which demonstrates the importance of

engaging children and their families. A new Mother and Toddler group as started at St Pauls Church, supported by volunteers.

North East – Cllr Higginbottom reported that the Reading Room Project at Great Houghton is working well, helping to combat social isolation. The Defgibrillator will be installed outside Shafton Working Men’s Club shortly. Monthly volunteer litter picks have been set up in Grimethorpe. Yorkshire in Bloom judging will take place at the Grimethorpe War and Mining Memorial and Grimethorpe Community Farm on 11th July. The Summer Holiday programme is being put together in conjunction with Reds in the Community for 10-19 year olds.

Royston – Cllr Cheetham also commented on the success of the Tour de Yorkshire. There was a massive turnout and a really good day all round. A number of projects have been supported with funding including the Royston Greenfingers Club, Yorkshire Dance Fusions (based in Royston) and DIAL, which continues to be extremely successful. Planning is underway for Yorkshire in Bloom and the Gala, which is to be held on 6th July and will be opened by the Mayor with Worsborough Brass Band also in attendance. Planting in Royston Park is going very well, with 3 junior schools attending, supported by NEET young people and volunteers.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

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

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, drawing Members’ attention to the performance of a number of projects, including the work of the Private Sector Housing Management Officer for Quarter 3 (January to March 2019). A number of case studies were presented which ‘told the story’ of the work being done, including an Employer Supported Volunteer Day which took place at Grimethorpe Community Farm, with 5 BMBC Officers volunteering for the day and being involved in a number of activities. A video was also shown at the meeting which depicted local residents taking part in a ‘chairobics’ session at the Spring Health Fayre in Cudworth. Feedback from the District Enforcement Project was also provided and the Area Manager explained about this commission for the benefit of new Members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Area Council Manager reported on the current position with regard to the commissioning budget financial analysis for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20, highlighting that the budget is fully committed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The North East Area Council Manager updated members regarding the North East Area Council Budget, Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds. It was highlighted that a number of applications have been received by Ward Alliances from organisations who have submitted identical applications to all 21 wards. A meeting

with officers is to be arranged, as there is a need to ensure applications are relevant to the wards in question and contribute to the promotion of social action, volunteering and community involvement at a local level, as outlined in the Ward Alliance Fund guidance.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report be noted, and
- (ii) each Ward continues to prioritise the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with spending guidelines and Ward priorities.

7 Social Isolation and Dementia Update Report

The Area Council Manager updated the North East Area Council with regard to the Social Isolation and Dementia Initiative, reporting that applications have been invited from organisations to deliver a pilot initiative to support isolated and vulnerable older people within the North East Area Council communities, covering the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Wards. The proposal is to fund a full time Support Worker, potentially for 2 years, at a cost of around £30,000 per annum. Full details of the initiative and how the contract will be monitored were included within the comprehensive report, which also highlighted how social isolation would be addressed and Dementia Friendly Communities empowered, whilst looking at the specific needs for the North East area with population estimates taken from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) 2017 data.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8 Great British Spring Clean Report

The Area Council Manager updated the North East Area Council with regard to the Great British Spring Clean, highlighting that the initiative, which ran from March to April 2019 was supported by a significant number of volunteers, involved local schools and made a huge difference to local communities. Thanks were expressed to all those involved.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair