

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 14 December 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room - Wombwell Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Coates, Franklin, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Markham, Sumner and R. Wraith.

24 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin and Lamb each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 29 due to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

25 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 26th October, 2018 (Sac.14.12.2018/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 26th October, 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 26th October, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

26 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.14.12.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 7th November, 2018; Wombwell held on 8th October, 2018; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 15th November, 2018.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

27 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.14.12.2018/4)

With reference to the report circulated, Members noted the amounts in each of the Ward Alliance Funds remaining for allocation.

Darfield Ward Alliance Fund had £4,202.21 remaining for allocation from an opening balance of £10,975.

From an annual budget of £20,086.25 Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance Fund had £8,878.51 allocation left.

Wombwell Ward Alliance Fund had a £6,090.34 remaining for allocation from a total budget of £11,308.04.

Members noted that there was only a quarter left in the financial year and were asked to encourage applications from interested parties.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28 Smokefree update (Sac.14.12.2018/5)

Kaye Mann, Public Health Senior Practitioner, was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update.

With regards to plans to extend Smoke Free Areas, it was proposed that the area be extended from covering the play area in Elsecar Park, to covering the whole park.

Members were supportive, with the suggested signage featuring key messages and being more focused on adults. Those present also supported an event to launch the initiative. It was suggested that this could be linked to national no smoking day, and engage the wider community. An invitation to the Mayor could also be extended.

It was noted that discussions had also taken place to make Elsecar Heritage Centre smoke free. Due to the very different nature of the two areas in Elsecar, it was decided to hold two different launch events.

With regards to the piloting of Smoke Free High Streets, discussed at the previous meeting, the commission had gone out to tender with a closing date of 14th December, 2018. An update would be provided at the next meeting, including the full scope of the pilot and prospective launch date.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update be noted, and plans to make Elsecar Park Smoke Free be supported;
- (ii) That an update on Smoke Free High Streets be received by the Area Council at their meeting in February, 2019.

29 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.14.12.2018/6)

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager who made Members aware of the recent interviews undertaken as part of the commissioning of Tidy Team and Parking Enforcement Services. Preferred providers had been identified, but each exercise was currently in the standstill period and therefore no announcement could be made.

In relation to the procuring of Advice Services, it was noted that the Area Council Manager was working with colleagues from procurement with the intention of advertising the commission around February or March, 2019 and holding interviews with prospective delivery organisations in April.

Members noted the impending announcement regarding a funding bid by to the National Lottery Building Connections Fund by Age UK. If this was successful then the social inclusion work undertaken in the area would be extended. As the outcome would be known in the early New Year, it was suggested that the Area Council Manager attends Ward Briefing meetings to discuss issues related to social isolation within each ward. This information would then be fed back for further discussion at the Area Council in February.

In addition the Area Council Manager suggested that public health information related to the Ward could also be considered at each Ward Briefing.

Initial ideas to address emerging issues such as holiday hunger and provision for young people were discussed and the priorities from recent consultation undertaken with young people in schools across Barnsley were noted. It was agreed that the Youth Participation Worker attends the Area Council in February 2019 to discuss this in more detail.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the current financial position for the Area Council be noted;
- (ii) That the updated timescales for the commissioning of the Advice Service be noted;
- (iii) That the update regarding the procurement of a Tidy Team and Parking Enforcement Service be noted;
- (iv) That the update on Age UK Barnsley Building Connections Fund be noted;
- (v) That the Area Council Manager attends Ward Briefings in early 2019 to discuss options to address social isolation and issues such as holiday hunger in the area, with the outcome of these discussions to be considered by the Area Council in February;
- (vii) That the Youth Participation Worker be invited to the Area Council meeting in February, 2019 to discuss priorities for young people.

30 Community Magazine (Pac.14.12.2018/7)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, previously circulated. Members were reminded of the recent procurement exercise for a provider to produce the community magazine for two further issues. A single provider had tendered for the contract, and subsequently produced the most recent issue.

Members were made aware of the dissatisfaction with the publication, with much officer time taken to improve initial drafts. Concern was also expressed at the appropriateness of advertisers within the magazine. Therefore a decision had been made to halt the production of a second issue.

Those present were invited to consider a number of options. These included engaging other providers, purchasing space in other publications, or providing a leaflet tailored to each ward.

Discussion ensued which included consideration about how valued the publication was. It was suggested that feedback from the wider community be sought through Ward Alliances and, taking this into account, options be considered at a future meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That each Ward Alliance discusses the Community Magazine and provides feedback on its value;
- (ii) That the meeting of the Area Council in February, 2019 considers options in relation to the production of a Community Magazine in the future

Chair