

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 30 September 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gollick, C. Johnson and Phillips

11 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

12 Minutes of the Previous Meetings of Dearne Area Council held on 29th July and 6th August, 2019 (Dac.30.09.2019/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meetings of Dearne Area Council held on 29th July and 6th August 2019.

It was highlighted that there had been little improvement with regard to the amount of litter and weeds in the area, despite the best efforts of Twiggs Ground Maintenance. Members recommended that the Twiggs service should be more visible in order to try and recruit additional volunteers and that information could be added to the noticeboard outside the library.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 29th July and 6th August 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

13 Dearne Area Council Procurement and Financial Update (Dac.30.09.2019/3)

The Dearne Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided members with an update regarding procurement and the 2019/20 financial position. It was highlighted that £60k had been earmarked for the Development Fund out of the 2019/20 budget. The Area Council also received a Wellbeing Grant from Healthier Communities of just over £19k which will be distributed through the grants process, with applications assessed by the panel in early November. Taking into account other Dearne Area Council priorities, there is a total of £3,172.44 remaining to spend.

The Area Council Manager updated member with regard to the Housing and Migration Officer post. Despite a recruitment exercise, the post remains vacant. The job description has now been amended which it is hoped will attract more candidates who might not have a qualification but do have experience with this type of work. Members felt that there is an urgent need to fill the post as the problems which existed previously remain and need to be tackled proactively. The closing date for applications is 1st November, with interviews taking place shortly afterwards.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets from 2019/20 onwards; and
- (ii) that members note the latest position with regard to the procurement of services.

14 Jayne Hellowell - Healthier Communities (Dac.23.09.2019/4)

This item was deferred for discussion at a future meeting.

15 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 22nd July, and 16th September, 2019 (Dac.23.09.2019/5)

Members considered the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group meetings held on 22nd July and 16th September 2019. It was highlighted that the project continues to do well and that a leaflet is currently being designed to promote it further.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group be received.

16 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 4th July, and 15th August, 2019 (Dac.30.09.2019/6)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance meetings held on 4th July and 15th August 2019.

RESOLVED that notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance meetings held on 4th July and 15th August 2019 be received.

17 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.30.09.2019/7)

The Dearne Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a breakdown of spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South from Ward Alliance funds.

It was reported that Dearne South Ward Alliance was expecting an application for work to the Renaissance Centre as the premises now needs a buildings survey and four new PCs as security on the current system runs out this year and these are essential items. The building is currently used by the music team, for craft sessions and for Zumba but that there is a need to encourage use by other groups.

Members were reminded of the need to bring forward projects which will support the Dearne Area Council outcomes and identified priorities. It appears that some groups are reluctant to apply for funding due to concerns about the application process but help and support is always available.

RESOLVED that the Dearne Area Council received the Ward Alliance Fund report and notes the spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.

Chair