

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 28 July 2016
<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, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

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

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

### 12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 9th June 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The Fit Reds initiative has taken place at Priory Campus and will be going to Carlton Community College shortly.

Planning for the Volunteering Celebration event is underway and Cllr Richardson has been working on the keep sake programme. Invitation lists are now being finalised and Members were reminded that a maximum number of 25 nominations can be made per Ward, plus one guest for each nominee. A final run has been scheduled to take place at Priory Campus. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Richardson for his ongoing contribution to this Area Council Celebration

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 13 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 May and June 2016. The following updates were noted:-

*Cudworth* – Planning for the Academic Achievement Awards and Summer Activities is well underway. A replacement mower has been purchased by the Pinfold Pumas, which will be stored at the Dorothy Hyman stadium. Pocket Park planters are being supported by the local community. Community Payback were praised for their work in the Peace Garden. 120 people attended the opening of the Peace Garden, which was a spectacular event. The porta cabin had been painted. and an oak carved statue of a soldier from the first World War has been erected to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. The Tea in the Park Gala was a great success and supported

by local residents, community groups and local businesses. Thanks were expressed to all concerned for their hard work organising the event.

*Monk Bretton* – Planting has taken place at the Monk Bretton Memorial involving local children. Section 106 funding has now been received to install solar lights in the skate park. The Summer Fair is planned to take place at Silverdale Drive on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

*North East* – The defibrillator has now been installed at Great Houghton. Summer Activities are being planned and the Queen's birthday celebrations at St. Luke's went well, with lots of local residents taking part and enjoying the celebrations 'Oscar' (a Borough wide organisation) has formed a new support group at Grimethorpe to help people with mental health problems. It was reported that problems with vandalism have been experienced at the Welfare Hall.

*Royston* – The Barnsley in Bloom judging had taken place with support from the Park Service, Community Payback and the NEET team etc. The presentation which accompanied the submission included a history of the Volunteering work undertaken by the Canal Club which was formed over 20 years ago. The judging day itself was hectic, as the judges visited many different sites in the Ward which have been improved environmentally. Both the High School and two primary schools have adopted planters. Summer activities are being planned. The next 'Proms' event will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Poor weather affected attendance at the Gala, but the activities, and stalls, were still enjoyed by the local community. An Events working group is to be set up to look at planning for next year's Gala, and also the Christmas events. S106 funding has been earmarked for green space and parks improvements. An event is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the 21st birthday of the Royston and Carlton Community Partnership (RCCP). The group are currently campaigning to restart a passenger service on the railway line at Royston as this would ease congestion for commuters who travel to Leeds and the surrounding cities. The infrastructure is in place but a new platform would be needed.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received

#### **14 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided an update on the delivery of commissioned projects across the North East Area Council's agreed priorities.

*Apprenticeships and Employability Environmental Project* – It was highlighted that from September 2014 to June 2016, 6 jobs have been created, 23 apprentices have been through the scheme, 24 volunteer community cohesion events have been attended and 100% of Area Council spend has been spent locally.

*Kingdom Security* – Cumulative figures for the initial Enforcement Contract were provided, together with case studies on the dog fouling enforcement work at Great Houghton and on the Trans Pennine Trail. Members were reminded of the continuing need to report hotspots to the Area Council Manager.

*Employability for under 16s Summer Holiday Internship* – A report was provided detailing the key milestones achieved, activity and intervention targets achieved and social value indicators. It was highlighted that 16 students from Holy Trinity have signed up for places together with 17 from Shafton ALC, and 15 from Carlton ALC. Local employers are offering work places again, and one has taken on a full time apprentice due to positive involvement last year.

*Youth Development Fund* – The Area Council Manager outlined a case study demonstrating the significant contribution that one individual had made at one of the local Youth Groups, and how this had improved her own confidence and encouraged her to go on to study for a University degree.

**RESOLVED** that the North East Area Council Project Performance Report in respect of the delivery of commissioned projects be noted.

## **15 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and presented an updated commissioning budget financial analysis for 2014/15 to 2016/17, detailing contracts held, delivery bodies, contract start dates together with length and total cost of the contracts. It was highlighted that the predicted cost of the Undergraduate post to work within the Area Council Team had risen to £18,000 plus £500 on-costs. Members were asked if they wished to proceed with the initiative.

The issue of providing safety equipment for the Housing Enforcement Officer at a cost of £800 was also discussed, to include a body camera and stab vest etc. Members agreed that the Health and Safety of officers was of paramount importance.

Members were asked if they wished to proceed with the Fit Reds and Fit Me initiatives. Members were pleased with the results from the initiative but would like to see the results of the programme that had been rolled out across all the Wards.

All but £84,000 of spend has been committed to date by the North East Area Council.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the financial analysis be received and noted;
- (ii) That the Undergraduate scheme be progressed;
- (iii) That personal safety equipment be purchased for use by the Housing Enforcement Officer;
- (iv) That comprehensive information regarding the Fit Reds and Fit Me initiative will be provided to Members.

## **16 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and attention drawn to the levels of finance carried forward, and current levels of expenditure. Members were reminded of the changes in how the Ward Alliance Fund could now be utilised, with only half of the finance available requiring funds to be matched with Volunteer time, or from other sources.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the financial analysis be received and noted, and
- (ii) That each Ward prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Ward Alliance Funds in line with the agreed priorities and guidance on spend.

### **17 Youth Development Fund - decisions update from the Panel meeting (verbal report)**

The Area Council Manager provided a verbal update regarding the decisions from the Panel meeting in respect of the Youth Development Fund. Four projects have been agreed: the Community Farm in Grimethorpe, which includes £11,750 of in kind contributions from Wickes and Volunteer It Yourself funding, Great Houghton Youth Group, Messy Little Monkeys and Bright Sparks in Royston.

### **18 North East Environment Team - variation to contract update (verbal report)**

The Area Council Manager provided a verbal update with regard to the Variation to Contract to the *Apprenticeships and Employability Environmental Project* which had been discussed at a previous North East Area Council meeting. It was noted that the grass cutting equipment has now been purchased. It was agreed that the Environment Steering Group members should consider ways to deploy this resource in an equitable way across the Area Council.

The Councillors agreed to pilot a dog fouling project that would include the distribution of dog fouling bags to local residents, and a raffle ticket being given to responsible owners who do pick up after their dogs, which would be entered into a monthly draw. This initiative would help to positively reinforce the message to dog owners to pick up after their dogs. It was agreed that this initiative should be discussed further by the members of the Environment Steering Group.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Makinson, Hayward, C. C. Wraith, S. Green and Ennis should sit on the Sub-Committee.

### **19 Community Magazine (verbal update)**

The Area Council Manager provided a verbal update with regard to The Community Magazine, which has now been distributed. Members were asked to let the Area Council Manager know if they had not received one by the end of the week. A local company had been used to distribute the magazine, but there may be some areas of overlap where the ward boundaries are unclear.

### **20 Yorkshire in Bloom entries (visual presentation)**

Members were shown an audio visual presentation of the recent Barnsley in Bloom submissions across all the Wards of the North East Area Council. The presentation was positively received and the Councillors praised the hard work of all the Volunteers in the area in improving their local environment.

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Chair