

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 2 February 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

42 Election of Chair

In the absence of Cllr Hayward, a Chair was elected from the floor.

RESOLVED that Cllr Cheetham be elected as Chair for this meeting.

43 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Higginbottom declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minute no. 50 due to her involvement with the pilot allotments project in Great Houghton.

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 1st December 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 1st December 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 1st December 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

45 Cudworth Ward Alliance

A number of exciting projects supported by the Cudworth Ward Alliance are underway, including Street Games, a Walking Football trial supported by Barnsley Football Club and a Lego club in the Centre of Excellence. The Health Fayre is being organised (date to be confirmed) and a 'Great British Spring Clean' is scheduled for 3rd March in Cudworth Park.

RESOLVED that the notes of the Cudworth Ward Alliance and verbal update be received.

46 Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

Work at the War Memorial is ongoing. A meeting to establish levels of interest in setting up a Table Tennis club will take place on 8th February – an additional table is to be delivered on 3rd February. Two applications have been received for the Health

and Safety course. The Great British Spring Clean volunteer event will take place in Lundwood on Saturday March 4th, 2017.

RESOLVED that the notes of the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance and verbal update be received.

47 North East Ward Alliance

Milefield Farm is now open, including the café. Equipment has been donated locally. Simon Dobby gave a briefing to the Ward Alliance on the subject of community resilience. A number of projects have been funded including Citizens Advice Bureau £600 and 71st Barnsley Rainbows £550. A series of Great British Spring Clean volunteering events, will take place in Shafton, Great Houghton and Brierley.

RESOLVED that the notes of the North East Ward Alliance and verbal update be received.

48 Royston Ward Alliance

Two Christmas events took place in Royston at both the Wells and the Albert Shepherd VC Civic Hall. It was reported that community activists have done some excellent work across the community. A Royston Greenspaces community group has been formed and the Gala is being planned for 1st July to be attended by the Yorkshire Military Band. A litter pick is planned for 3rd March with pupils from Outwood Academy Carlton. The Royston Achievement Awards event for Primary School children will take place on 14th March at the Town Hall. All the primary schools are taking part and all Ward Alliance members have been invited.

Recently funded projects include Reds in the Community; 'Us Girls' urban arts project (who will produce a mural in Royston Park) and a new noticeboard for the Wells. Forty allotment plots are now available and are advertised on the website. This has been a great success story and a good relationship has been formed with Groundworks.

RESOLVED that the notes of the Royston Ward Alliance and verbal update be received.

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

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated the North East Area Council with regard to the current position regarding the North East Area Council Budget and progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund. It was reported that all the Ward Alliance funding has now been fully committed, although it was noted that an underspend was showing in some areas. The Area Council Manager explained that this was due to the end of year financial and administrative procedures, and that the Area Council papers had to be prepared and published five working days in advance of the meeting in order to comply with the Governance requirements. The Area Manager will ensure that all the Ward Alliance figures are reconciled as early as possible in future.

Councillors noted that there was £5756 remaining in the North East Area Council budget. A discussion took place about the possibility of replacing the litter bins in local parks.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North East Area Council Environment Group look into replacing the litter bins in local parks.

50 'Let's Grow Great Houghton' pilot allotment project

The Area Council Manager outlined this project, which was approved at the North East Area Council meeting held on 11th June 2015, drawing attention to the specifics of the project provided in Appendix A to the report. The project builds upon the local community's pride in the environment and increases wellbeing by developing a community growing centre. Consultation has taken place in the Village and there is a great interest within the community that this should be an intergenerational community project. The project is supported by the Parish Council, two local residential homes and the Sandhill Primary School.

RESOLVED that the project is taken forward and managed through the Youth Development Fund, and overseen by the North East Area Youth Development Panel.

Chair