

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 31 May 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Houghton CBE, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

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 29th March 2018**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 29th March 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 29th March 2018 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 recently. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – The Academic Achievement awards were held on Tuesday 12th June and were very successful. The Health Fayre is coming up and summer activities agreed. There have been reports of wildlife shooting around the Carlton Marsh area. Permissions for this are unclear but there are concerns that this presents a danger to life.

Monk Bretton – Funding for the Burton Grange breakfast club, Christmas events, the working fund and hanging baskets has been agreed. The pantomime will be held on 1st December at Priory campus and the Health Fayre will take place on 21st September. Dementia training will take place on 8th June. Memorial planting is taking place at the moment in readiness for the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. Summer activities, including ‘ Brass on the Grass’ in August have also been agreed.

North East – It was reported that Sian Stanhope, Project Manager for the Principal Towns Programme, had attended a recent meeting. Recent funding projects agreed included the Grimethorpe Youth Band and the Little Houghton TARA for entertainment. An entry has been submitted to the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. A recent litter pick was well attended, with 35 sacks of rubbish being collected.

Royston – A new member has been welcomed to the Ward Alliance. It was reported that Grimethorpe colliery band is coming to Royston. The litter pick which was postponed due to snow earlier in the year has now taken place, with over 40 bags of litter collected. The Gala will take place in the park on 30th June. National grid have now repaired the damage to the safe route to school. The bridge over the canal has now been repaired. A final site visit will take place before the site is vacated. Concern was expressed around the lack of coordination between street works and highways authorities, which had led to roads being blocked, affecting bus services. Church Hill was scheduled for closer for 2.5 hours but lasted 10 days. There have been a number of firearms incidents involving wildlife shooting which have caused concern, including the dumping of foxes and rabbits. A police report is awaited.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

4 North East Area Council Project Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a detailed update report regarding performance of the North East Area Council's commissioned projects together with a summary performance management report and individual case studies for each service. Key points to note include:

- The interviews for the Community Development Officer post have taken place, and there were 17 applications received. A preferred candidate has been identified and references requested. It is hoped that the successful candidate will be able to start in post at the end of July.
- *Environmental Enforcement Commission* – Officers concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street, and from the community at large.
- Dog fouling problems are being experienced across all wards, with dog fouling operations ongoing in the Brierley area. Members felt there is a need to educate children and young children about responsible dog ownership.
- Parking operations continue in Cudworth, mainly around the Robert Street car park, Carlton Street and Bank Street.
- The Fixed Penalty Notice for littering increased to £100 from 1st April 2018. Hot spot areas have included the Trans Penning Trail in Monk Bretton and Lundwood and Midland Road, Royston.
- 23 juveniles within the North East area, together with juveniles from other areas, completed community litter picks in February at Stairfoot.
- *Stop Smoking Initiative* – A position report was submitted with regard to the new Stop Smoking Initiative, which highlighted that the Stop Smoking Adviser, Sarah Sverdlhoff, is part of the Yorkshire Smoke Free Barnsley core specialist team, employed by SWYFT. Since coming into post on April 25th, Sarah has set up 3 clinics and is exploring the possibility of setting up further clinics across the area.

- The CCG have recently introduced a Get Fit First scheme, where if someone smokes they will be encouraged to take a smoking cessation course prior to surgery. The expectation is that GPs will refer people into the Yorkshire Smokefree Barnsley for support prior to surgery.
- *2017-2018 volunteering statistics* - 1433 volunteers were engaged across the four wards of the North East Area Council, representing a total of 8389 volunteering hours from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, which at £13.51 an hour equates to £113,335.
- Case studies were presented relating to the Brierley Resident Group – Onwards and Upwards, the Brierley Spring Fete (March 2018) and the Royston Academic Achievement Awards.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the update report.

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

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities. It was highlighted that £16191 of the Area Council budget remains uncommitted. A Member pointed out that community groups should be involved in the delivery of local health checks. Another Member felt that health checks should be part of a universal service and not a local responsibility.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds, and
- (ii) Each ward prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

Chair