

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 26 July 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Clements, Hampson, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

6 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

7 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 31st May 2018**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 31st May, 2018.

Arising out of the above, reference was made to Minute 4 'North East Area Council Project Performance Report' and to the CCG Get Fit First Scheme which, it was noted, had a much wider remit than just smoking cessation. Within this context reference was also made to the arrangements for referring patients from GP's to hospital and specialists, to the provision of Primary Care services and to the proposed changes in NHS provision within Barnsley. It was noted that Councillor Clements had raised similar concerns within the Council meeting this morning. It was felt that these issues should be kept under review.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on the 31st May, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

8 **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

- June had been volunteering month and had been a tremendous success. There had been many events with children visiting allotments to help with planting and volunteers had given up their Sunday morning to litter pick in Cudworth High Street as well as volunteers assisting in the Barnsley in Bloom Competition
- The Academic Achievement Awards had been held on Tuesday 12th June, 2018 with pupils from Cherrydale, Birkwood and Churchfield Primary Schools receiving awards. Congratulations were expressed to those children who had won awards and a special thanks was given to the volunteers from the Cudworth Ward Alliance, to the teachers and pupils within the community

- The Dental Care Project funded by the Ward Alliance at Birkwood School had been very successful
- The Military Band in Cudworth Park on the 1st July, 2018 had been a great success and was well attended. The band had been booked for a return concert on the 16th September, 2018
- The Yorkshire in Bloom judging day had been successful and the results were awaited in September
- The Cudworth Tea in the Park on the 21st July, 2018 had been extremely well attended.
- Birkwood School Brass had been awarded funding of £1,253 by the Ward Alliance
- Forthcoming events included
 - Grimethorpe Youth Band on the 5th August, 2018 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)
 - Barnsley Metropolitan Band on the 16th September, 2018 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)
 - Health Fayre on 24th November, 2018 (10.30 am to 12.00 noon)

Arising out of the above, reference was made to, and there was a discussion of the importance of those providing entertainment type facilities (fairground rides, inflatables etc.) to be registered with the Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS) in addition to them being appropriately insured. It was noted that CHAS registration required the operators of equipment/facilities to have a recognised standard of health and safety management and covered health and safety compliance issues. The implications of CHAS registration was outlined and the Area Council Manager reported that the Council's Health and Safety Service could assist with any enquiries or with helping with registration. She also reported that she, together with her colleagues, were looking at ways in which community groups and volunteers could be informed of these requirements.

Monk Bretton

- The Dementia Friendly Training session had been well attended
- The Memorial Garden had been judged as part of Yorkshire in Bloom
- Brass on the Grass was to be held in Monk Bretton on the 12th August, 2018
- A Heath Fayre was to be held at Priory Campus on the 21st September, 2018 (9.30 am to 2.00 pm) and all were welcome
- Christmas Lights were to be switched on as follows:
 - Monk Bretton Church – 7th December, 2018
 - Burton Grange – 8th December, 2018

North East

- The Great Houghton Village Hall Committee Children's Fund Day which had been sponsored by the Ward Alliance had been a great success
- The Ward Alliance had allocated £500 towards the establishment of a new fishing group at the Dell Grimethorpe
- There had been 2 entries for the first time in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition the first at Grimethorpe War Memorial which had involved children from Ladywood Primary school with the second being at Milefield Farm
- Recent grants had included:

- £1524 towards the Bruce Dyer Love Life UK Grimethorpe Sports Ground Open Day on the 27th August, 2018
- £513 for Reds in the Community
- £500 for the Ladywood Primary School 50th Anniversary Garden which was being developed in celebration.
- AMCO Volunteers were assisting with the Park pond area with areas being developed for fishermen/women. It was hoped that new picnic tables could be provided, grass cutting was taking place near the entrance to the pond and a litter pick was to take place.
- Children from Ladywood Primary School had undertaken planting at the War Memorial and representatives from the Ward Alliance and the Royal British Legion had been in attendance.
- An explanation of the financial position was provided particularly since this had left money remaining which it had been intended would be used to fund a defibrillator which would not now be possible. The reasons for this were explained.

Royston

- It had been a busy period for events and the Gala had been a great success. The money raised had been split between the Dynamos Football Team and the Defibrillator project
- In relation to Britain in Bloom, all green spaces and planters had been looked after by a group of over 40 volunteers. Work had also taken place at the Canal. Feedback had been extremely positive
- Flyers had been distributed advertising the programme of activities over the 6 week holiday
 - and Barnsley Premier Leisure had agreed to matched funding for swimming/gym sessions.
 - Football sessions were to be held one a week in Royston Park
 - Pond dipping was to be held at Rabbit Ings
- Volunteers been very busy in various activities with
 - bands in the park
 - paving works in Royston Park
 - work in Carlton Cemetery
- NPS were providing support with officer time and technical expertise on the Volunteer It Yourself Initiative at Royston Pavilion. Students were to be offered various activities and placements commencing in September
- Money had been awarded for the Skate Park refurbishment which was to take place over the summer
- Future events were referred to and it was noted that dates had still to be agreed for the Health Fayre and the Christmas Events
- Following the renewal of the high tension cables in the area and the subsequent intervention by the Ward Alliance members, work had been undertaken to repair roads damaged as a result of the works. In addition, a fence had been erected on the banks of the canal
- A litter pick with volunteers and pupils from Carlton Academy had been successful but one 'hot spot' remained and details of this were to be discussed with the Principal of the Academy

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances and the update reports be received.

9 Independent Placement Scheme

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred as the representative of the South Yorkshire Housing Association (on behalf of the NHS) was not in attendance.

10 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 cases for each service. Key points to note included:

- The newly appointed Community Development Worker had started work with the Council and had settled in well
- Thanks were extended to Barnsley Community Build who had repaired the vandalised roof of the Royston Bandstand at short notice four days before the Gala
- *Environmental and Enforcement commission*
 - details of the number of fixed Penalty Notices was provided. Officers continued to concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street, from the community at large.
 - There had been an increase in specific witness information in relation to the throwing of litter from vehicles
 - Prosecutions for littering and dog fouling were continuing and there was currently a 99% success rate at court, however, it was not possible to pursue all offenders who failed to pay due to court space allocated to Barnsley offenders and this was a growing problem. It was pleasing to note that the FPN for littering had increased to £100 from April, 2018
 - In response to specific questioning, the Area Council Manager stated that if 'hot spots' were identified these areas would be targeted and Case Study 1 gave details of one such initiative. Such initiatives often acted as a deterrent and prevented a recurrence of the problems identified leading to a behaviour change in the area targeted
 - Walkabouts were continuing to be successful
 - Juvenile 'Litter Picking days' had been undertaken and the Community Litter pick on the 21st July at Acorn Park, Grimethorpe had been attended by 24 juveniles
- *Stop Smoking Initiative*
 - The Initiative had been launched on the 16th July, 2018 and weekly sessions were being held at various venues around the area
 - Numbers attending were continuing to increase and Sarah Sverdloff was becoming known within the community and feedback was extremely positive
 - The funding was for one year only and, therefore, the initiative was being monitored carefully
 - Posters advertising the service were to be distributed

- *Case Studies* – gave details of the Environmental Enforcement, Royston Canal Club, Dominic Jones and Work Experience, Interschool Crown Green Bowling and Private Sector Housing
 - It was pleasing to note that the Royston Canal Club had funding for the purchase of a new boat
 - Dominic Jones had been chosen to be the South Yorkshire Scout representative in America at the South Yorkshire World Scout Jamboree. This was a tremendous achievement and Dominic was raising funds to help pay for the trip. He had also been selected onto the National Youth Select Committee 2018 that would investigate the issue of work experience nationally. He was one of only 11 members to get seats on the committee for his role as a Member of the Youth Parliament and had spoken positively about his experience in Barnsley
 - The Interschool Crown Green Bowling Club had been a tremendous success. The work undertaken by Gemma Conway with schools, the organisation of the gala, visits to the canal and the introduction of children to fishing was particularly noted
 - Members were pleased to note the work undertaken with private landlords which was now encouraging greater two way dialogue between landlord and tenant

RESOLVED that the update report be noted.

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

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and the progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities. It also highlighted that £16,191 of the Area Council budget remained uncommitted.

The Area Council Manager was to re-examine the finances in the light of future commissioning activity. Overall, however, the budget was likely to be fully committed.

In relation to Ward Alliance budgets, it was noted that approximately 50% of the available. The spending profile to January was likely to determine the spending commitments for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds be noted; and
- (ii) That each Ward continue to priorities the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

12 Update Reports

(a) Environmental Enforcement

The Area Council Manager reported that the current Environmental Enforcement Commission would end in March, 2019. A decision had, therefore, to be made as to

whether or not to renew the contract. Given that this was a jointly commissioned project with other Area Councils and that the decision would probably have to be made in September it was suggested that a small Environmental Steering Group be established to make the appropriate decision and report back to this Area Council.

Members noted the success of this project and felt that this or some other type of enforcement initiative/programme should continue in the future.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councillors Hayward, Makinson and C Wraith MBE form an Environment Steering Group with representatives of other Area Councils to discuss and approve, if required, the continuation of this programme subject to a further report being submitted to the next meeting of the Area Council for ratification.

(b) Superfast Broadband in Royston

It was noted that the Area Council Manager had provided an email response to the Member raising the query about the current position on the provision of Superfast Broadband in Royston.

(c) Principal Towns Briefings

The Area Council Manager reported that she would provide Members with an update on the dates of Principal Towns Briefings.

(d) Be Cancer Safe

Councillor Sheard reported upon her attendance at a CCG meeting on the 25th July, 2018 and to the launch of the Be Cancer Safe Campaign which was encouraging people to take up screening opportunities and she also reported that Be Cancer Safe Champions were being sought to promote the scheme.

Information leaflets on this would be circulated once received.

(e) Policing in the area

There was a brief discussion of information received regarding the possible change to Policing within the area in the near future and of the concerns this was causing within the community.

Chair