

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 29 November 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Ennis OBE, S. Green, Houghton CBE, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

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

Cllr Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. 21 as he is an AGE UK Board Member.

### 22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on the 27th September, 2018

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 23 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 Christmas Lights switch on at the Cudworth Christmas Fayre was a great success despite the terrible weather. The event was supported by a Cudworth Ward Alliance Grant. Congratulations were offered to all the volunteers from the Cudworth Business and Community Together group who made it happen. The Together in Cudworth Christmas Pantomime and Carols is coming up. A grant has been given to Age UK to provide an interactive pantomime for people aged 50+ in the church hall, 2 – 4 p.m. on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

*Monk Bretton* – Children from local schools were involved in planting at the Memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday. The Dementia Café opened on 12<sup>th</sup> November and is doing well. Tickets have been secured for the Pantomime at Priory Campus for vulnerable children and their families. Christmas lights will be switched on at Carlton Church on 4<sup>th</sup> December, Monk Bretton Church on 7<sup>th</sup> December and on 8<sup>th</sup> December at Lundwood Community Centre Christmas Fayre. Support has been given to the scouts award ceremony which will take place in the New Year.

*North East* – The Mayor visited the Grimethorpe Community Farm to present children from Milefield Primary School with the Yorkshire in Bloom Silver Award. Over 700 pansies have been planted at the Grimethorpe War and Mining memorial by

volunteers and the NEET Team, supported by Barnsley Community Build. Christmas lights are to be switched on in Shafton today (29<sup>th</sup> November, Great Houghton Welfare Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December and St Luke's Grimethorp 5<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no lights at St Paul's Church, Brierley this year due to renovation works.

*Royston* – Bill Newman was welcomed as a new Ward Alliance member. Christmas events will take place on Wednesday involving all four primary schools supported by volunteers, Berneslai Homes staff, the NEET Team and Area officers. Progress is being made on restoring the Remembrance Gate and the park pavilion renovation is ongoing. Winter bedding and spring bulbs have been planted in Royston Park involving around 70 local schoolchildren. Two defibrillators are to be installed, one outside the police station and one at the park pavilion.

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

#### **24 Changes to the Community Representation on the Royston Ward Alliance**

The Chair reported that Bill Newman has been appointed to the Royston Ward Alliance.

#### **25 Changes to the Community Representation on the Monk Bretton and Cudworth Ward Alliances**

The Chair reported that Father Blair and Gemma Conway have been appointed to the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance and Pam Kershaw has been appointed to the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

#### **26 Stop Smoking Initiative**

Simon Lister, Service Manager, Yorkshire Smokefree, and Sarah Sverloff, the Healthy Lifestyle Advisor, were welcomed to the meeting. Members were given an overview and progress to date of the Stop Smoking Initiative across the North East Area Council area.

Key points to note included:

- Smoking is the biggest cause of preventable death in our country.
- Barnsley's smoking prevalence rate is 18%, which is well above the national average, 26.9% in Cudworth, 26.5% in the North East, 25.5% in Monk Bretton and 23% in Royston. Higher smoking prevalence correlates with higher smoking related deaths – in this case more than double the rate in Penistone.
- Total societal cost of smoking in Barnsley is £63.5m and £10.4m in the North East Area. This includes healthcare, productivity, social care, house fires and littering.
- The NHS spends £50m each week on smoking related illnesses, which includes hospital admissions, in patient bed days and GP appointments. 20% of those with long term conditions in Barnsley continue to smoke. These are a key target group for smoking cessation.
- Adults and young people wanting to stop smoking are given face to face support, home visits, telephone/online support, out of hours sessions and a drop in stall on Barnsley Market.

- Sarah commenced in post in May 2018. The overall quit rate for the North East Area was 67% in Quarter One, 12% over target.
- Members were provided with details of locations and times of sessions across the North East area together with contact details. The session at Grimethorpe Family Centre is likely to move to the LIFT centre in the New Year.
- A school link person offers support to schools and there is a Smokefree schools programme in place. The most effective intervention for children and young people is to get parents to quit and break the cycle.

**RESOLVED** that Simon and Sarah be thanked for their attendance and contribution.

## 27 Together in Cudworth Initiative

Jane Holliday, Chief Executive Officer, was welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of the Together in Cudworth initiative.

Key points were highlighted, including:

- Social isolation is a killer, equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, with 17% of older people in contact with someone less than once per week.
- Age UK are looking to develop a pilot service in Wombwell and Cudworth areas. Lots of time has been spent talking to older people about what they want. There are a lot of housebound older people in the area, with physical disabilities and dementia a major issue.
- Currently 1:1 work takes place with 21 local people. Social prescribing (GPs) is the biggest source of referrals.
- There are a range of issues, including mental health, confidence, housing, financial, physical disability and transport.
- Group work includes accessible information, a Healthy Living Group, get togethers at Grimethorpe Farm, tea parties, pantomimes, tea in the park, and health and Christmas fayres (community events).
- Work is underway to become a Dementia Friendly area council, with 17 businesses signed up in Cudworth.
- 19 local volunteers currently provide 170 hours of work, which includes helping out with events, supporting people to attend activities and appointments; befriending people with home visits and telephone calls and getting people out and about as a Community Car Driver.
- The pilot found that there are limited activity groups in Cudworth but there are lots of new groups that older people would like to see in place. All areas are different and have different needs. There needs to be a focus on those groups involving eating together.
- An application has been made for £96k/2 years shared between the North East and South areas, front loaded to widen the focus on other communities in the North East. The North East area will have a 30 hour post for two years.

Members praised the work of Age UK and were of the opinion that longer term interventions worked best, with people remaining on the books for ongoing support and care. It was felt a coordinated approach would work best, with everybody working together. Digital exclusion is also an issue, leaving older and disabled people unable to access the information they need. The Barnsley Chronicle is a good source of information for these groups.

**RESOLVED** that Jane Holliday be thanked for her attendance and contribution.

## **28 North East Area Council Project Performance Report**

The North East 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.

Particular reference was made to the following case studies:

- Stop Smoking Initiative
- Rabbit Ings and Midland Road, Royston.

**RESOLVED** that the update report be noted.

## **29 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, Ward Alliance allocations remaining and the progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities.

**RESOLVED** that:

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

## **30 North East Area Council Dementia Friendly Area Council Pledge**

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and reminded Members of their previous agreement to support Dementia Friendly communities and the positive actions taken so far. This includes work on the Dementia Friendly Cudworth Village project, the Dementia Café at Silverdale Community Centre together with recognition of the need to include dementia friendly awareness in Royston's Principle Town Improvements and the North East's undertaking to actively promote awareness and understanding across their communities.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The report be noted, and:
- (ii) Information about local activities, events and community groups across the North East Area Council be added to the Dementia Friendly Barnsley website.
- (iii) The North East Area Council will work in partnership with Age UK on their Dementia Friendly Village initiative, with a view to taking this initiative forward in all four wards of the North East Area Council.

- (iv) Work will continue with partner organisations to help to promote awareness and understanding about dementia across the North East area local communities.

### **31 North East Area Council Interim Financial Update**

The North East Area Manager introduced this item, providing a current position statement for the North East Area Council.

It was highlighted that the tender opportunity for the procurement of an Environmental Enforcement Service went out to tender on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018, with a closing date of 19<sup>th</sup> November and tender evaluation on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the outcome of which will be reported at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It was reported that the tender figure did not include the cost of leasing a vehicle, which is essential for the effective operation of the service. This will be an additional £5,000. It was also highlighted that the North East Area Council should consider proactive methods of encouraging members of the community to be responsible dog owners, to complement this initiative, encouraging dog owners to pick up after their dogs and for dog bags to be distributed at volunteering events, galas and community events.

The satisfactory performance of the Stop Smoking initiative was highlighted, with a recommendation that Councillors consider an extension to this commission with SWYFT for a further 12 months, from May 2019 until May 2020 at a cost of £30,000.

A discussion took place regarding devolving funding to Ward Alliances for 2019-2020, and the current Ward Alliance balances were outlined.

Members were asked to note that the bowling green in Royston Park had been vandalised and the roof to the bandstand was in need of repair. Furthermore, the skate park at the Dell in Grimethorpe is in urgent need of repair, with young people consulted about the repairs to encourage ownership.

Several publishing problems had been experienced with the latest edition of the Village Life Community Magazine. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have a 'stand-alone' community magazine, published once a year. Discussions are ongoing with the Head of Stronger Communities and Corporate Communications regarding a way forward.

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) currently provide online accredited short courses from CLC for community groups and organisations, geared to the needs of the voluntary and community sector. It was felt that this would be of great benefit to Ward Alliance members, who would be able to complete as many individual courses as they felt they would benefit from.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Members note the update;
- (ii) An additional £5,000 be provided for the Service Level Agreement with Barnsley Council's Safer Neighbourhoods Service to cover the cost of leasing a vehicle for the service;

- (iii) The responsible dog owner project be taken forward and managed by the Environment Steering Group of the North East Area Council at a cost of £1,000;
- (iv) The Stop Smoking Initiative is extended for a further twelve months, at a cost of £30,000;
- (v) A further £10,000 be allocated from North East Area Council funds to each of the four Ward Alliances at a total cost of £40,000;
- (vi) The Health and Wellbeing Steering Group identify and consider initiatives and projects for delivery in their local communities with a Health and Wellbeing focus and report back to a future North East Area Council meeting;
- (vii) The repairs listed to improve the park areas in Royston (£1,475) and Grimethorpe (£9,000) be approved;
- (viii) That a single, annual 'stand-alone' edition of the community magazine is published at an annual cost of approximately £5,000, and
- (ix) The Area Council trial the CLC online training package for use by Ward Alliance members at a cost of £300 per year, with take up reviewed and fed back following a 12 month period.

-----  
Chair