

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 4 April 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Ennis OBE, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

40 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Joe Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute No: 42 North East Ward Alliance Minutes in so far as the discussion related to Age UK of which he was a trustee.

41 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 7th February 2019

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 7th February, 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 7th February, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

42 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 January and February 2019. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – It was reported that the National Clean Up Event which took place on 30th March was well attended and thanks be given to the 20 volunteers who turned up to help. The Chair Aerobics event was a success and plans were in place to organise another session at a possible cost of £500. It was noted that funding had been agreed for Knit and natter at a cost of £200 and Story and Rhyme time at a cost of £200.

Monk Bretton – It was noted that the School Awards were held at the Town Hall on 4th March, 2019 and it was a good celebration event. Members discussed the problem with litter and dog fouling in the area particularly in parks and on football pitches and that it would be a good idea to request cutting schedules for problem areas in order to organise litter picks before the grass cutters shredded the litter in the long grass.

North East – Members gave thanks to all the volunteers from the Ward Alliance, local residents, ASOS staff and Environmental Team members for taking part in the Great

Spring Clean event which collected 82 bags of litter. The litter pick held in Brierley had successfully collected 26 bags of rubbish. Children from Shafon Outwood Academy had agreed to take part in some smaller litter picking sessions on 5th April, 2019. The Age UK Group event held in Shafon was a success but there were issues of transport in order for people to attend the event. The Ward Alliance has agreed to allocate the remaining £222.08 to the Older People Reading Project in Great Houghton Village Hall Reading Room.

Royston – An update was given stating that all Ward Alliance finances had been agreed and spent and members had agreed to finance 296 copies of the Royston What's On Guide to be printed in the new municipal year after the elections so the new Royston Member can be included in the publication. It was reported that an annual review survey had taken place on how well the ward alliance operates, a couple of improvements were identified and being looked into. Royston held 5 litter picks as part of the Great Spring Clean event which included volunteers from Berneslai Homes, Councillors, PCSO's, Healthy Hearts Gym Members and high school children, over 140 bags were collected over the weekend and thanks were given to all who participated. It was also noted that there would be 4 smaller litter picks over the next few weeks with Carlton Primary School, organised by a Ward Alliance Member. Work on the Pavilion is progressing well, and in addition to NPS providing materials and a Clerk of Works for the project, local businesses have donated over 5 skips. Match funding has also been provided by S106 monies. The VIY element of the project has been funded by the Youth Development Fund, and students working on the Pavilion Project had been awarded City and Guilds certificates for participating in the project. The Achievements Awards had taken place in the Town Hall and thanks were given for the schools and Mayor for taking part. Thanks were also given to the teams getting ready for the Tour De Yorkshire and Royston in Bloom.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

43 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, drawing attention to the performance of a number of projects, including the Stop Smoking contract which was reported as having a 28% success rate. The 6 week pilot in Shafon School for young people stopping smoking had had been successful and 17 people had already signed up and Teachers were thrilled and hoped to get extra funding from Public Health to extend the project to 6 months at both schools. ASOS were also wishing to sign up to become a clean building and were hoping to train their trainers to deliver this service to Staff. Reference was made to the success of the Milefield Farm Project and that staff from Westgate and Gateway had been out to help paint stables and improve the paddock and that although the farm is difficult to get to schools should be encouraged to visit.

Reference was made to the Proms Project which had received great interest and 16 outfits had been hired out to people who previously wouldn't have been able to go. The Period Poverty Scheme was proving successful, particularly in schools, and funding had been given for advice sessions which would be starting after Easter for young ladies to be able to talk in a quiet and sensitive environment and to receive advice on the importance of hygiene and be given the necessary products they may

need. It was noted that schools were looking at putting packs together for some young ladies to get them through the school holidays.

An update was also given on Quarter 4 of the Environmental Enforcement Contract and the officers concentrating their patrols around intelligence led information from complaints on the street and the community as a whole. There has been an increase in specific witness information of offenders throwing litter from vehicles due to the recent change in law, which result in a FPN before prosecution at court. Dog fouling and litter prosecutions continue resulting in offenders either paying or pleading guilty before court and there has been a 99% success rate of people being found guilty at court. However there is a growing concern around being unable to pursue offenders who fail to pay due to lack of space in court. The revenue to date from FPN's for this quarter is £810.00.

A number of case studies were also highlighted to demonstrate the positive impact of various projects in the community.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

44 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement update

The Area Council Manager reported on the current position with regard to the commissioning budget financial analysis for the period 2014/15 to 2019/20.

She reported that the carry forward was £16,000 which together with an additional £8,000 from fines gave an overall carry forward figure of £24,000.

RESOLVED that £24,000 be carried forward.

45 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The North East Area Council Manager updated members regarding the North East Area Council Budget, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance allocation of funds in line with the 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 spending guidelines.

46 Environmental Enforcement Service Level Agreement Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item providing an update about the Environmental Enforcement Service Level Agreement with the Safer Neighbourhoods Service and to seek approval to implement an electronic approach to the processing of FPN as part of the agreement.

The contract was awarded to District Enforcement at a cost of £65,000 per annum and a meeting was held with them to discuss their tender submission, outcome indicators and targets for the contract. It was also discussed about the potential use of handheld electronic devices and the administration function being fully electronic for the processing of tickets. It was highlighted that to provide this service it was proving difficult to remain in the original contract price for the Service Level Agreement due to a £10 processing charge for every FPN. It was therefore proposed that an additional £14,480 be allocated.

There was a brief discussion of the operations of this SLA, the number of officers employed and the services provided which was considered to be essential.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) members approve £14,480 for a Service Level Agreement with the Safer Neighbourhoods Service; and
- (ii) electronic processing of tickets be implemented and delivered with a view to reviewing the process after an initial 6 month period.

47 DIAL

There was a discussion of the service provided by DIAL and of the reasons for the differentiated service provision in the ward areas.

Chair