

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 19 September 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 11 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cherryholme, Felton, Green, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, McCarthy and Wraith MBE

17 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 25th July 2019

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 25th July 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 25th July 2019 be approved as a true and correct record subject to an amendment to Minute No. 11 to reflect that Mr Les Holt has joined the North East Ward Alliance as a Member.

19 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 in recent months.

20 Cudworth - held on 15th April, 20th May, 17th June and 15th July 2019

Cudworth – The Brass in the Park events were well attended and a great success despite the inclement weather. Age UK's Tai Chi sessions are doing well. At a recent session 49 people attended and they are now looking at putting on two classes a week to meet demand. Winter fayre and Christmas panto dates are yet to be confirmed. Supporting the Christmas lights will cost over £4000, with the cost of erecting the lights split between the Ward Alliance and the Cudworth Businesses in Communities together group. Cudworth did very well with the recent Yorkshire in Bloom competition, with a platinum award for Carlton Marsh, silver gilt for Cudworth Park and Level 4 (Thriving) for Cudworth Environmental Group (RHS It's Your Neighbourhood) award. A community event, organised by the local businesses, to switch on the two Remembrance Lights on the High Street, is to take place on Friday, 1st November at 7 o'clock, with a 'switch on' scheduled at 8 p.m. outside The Star.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Cudworth Ward Alliance be received and the update noted.

21 Monk Bretton - held on 10th May, 21st June and 2nd August 2019

Monk Bretton – The Ward Alliance supported the ‘Medieval Mayhem event at Monk Bretton Priory. The day was very successful and there is a desire to build on this for next year’s event. Monk Bretton did well in the Yorkshire in Bloom contest, with the War Memorial receiving a Platinum award, and Monk Bretton Park achieving a Gold award. It was also reported that the Brass on the Grass event was attended by more than 300 people, who enjoyed listening to the brass band playing. Councillor Green confirmed that 95% of shops in Lundwood have now been visited, and have agreed to be dementia friendly.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance be received and the update noted.

22 North East - held on 9th May and 20th June 2019

North East – The inaugural Big Afternoon Tea Party was held on Shafton Green and was very successful despite the rain. Plans are underway for a Halloween event in conjunction with Shafton Club. Thanks are expressed to volunteers who contributed towards the area’s success in the recent Yorkshire in Bloom competition, which saw Grimethorpe War & Miners Memorial achieve Level 4 (Thriving) in the RHS It’s Your Neighbourhood award and Grimethorpe Community Farm achieving Level 5 Outstanding in the RHS It’s Your Neighbourhood award. The Summer Holiday Programme for children and young people was run in conjunction with Reds in the Community and was very successful. Details of recent Ward Alliance grants were also provided. Christmas event dates are currently being arranged.

RESOLVED that the notes from the North East Ward Alliance be received and the update noted.

23 Royston - held on 29th April, 10th June and 22nd July 2019

Royston – It was reported that a memorial event is planned for 21st October at 2 o’clock at St Johns Church at which the new Albert Shepherd VC Gate will be dedicated. The Mayor, local schools, the History Group and the Royal British Legion have been involved. An Open Day and a Halloween Family Fun Day is planned to take place at the Pavilion during half term week. Christmas lights and events are currently being discussed, with the hope of raising funds for more Christmas lights in the future. The Canal Club achieved a Platinum award at the Yorkshire in Bloom competition, with Royston in Bloom achieving Level 5 Outstanding. Activities for young people during the summer holidays were really well attended, with many taking place in the Pavilion. Autumn planting in the park and other areas is currently being planned. New shop fronts will be installed shortly as part of the Principal Towns Initiative and it is hoped that further funding for workspace units at Rabbit Ings will also be explored as part of this initiative.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Royston Ward Alliance be received and the update noted.

24 North East Area Council (NEAC) Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, highlighting progress in regard to delivery of a number of projects aligned to the agreed outcomes and social value objectives of NEAC.

Members considered a summary performance management report for each service commissioned to provide services in the North East Area Council area together with individual case studies outlining the valuable work taking place which also contributed to these objectives.

Specific items to note included the fantastic work of the Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer over the last quarter as detailed in the comprehensive report; the Reds in Community Healthy Kicks initiative and the First Aid and Food Hygiene community training courses being facilitated for members of the Ward Alliances and local community groups in the North East Area Council area. It was pointed out that the First Aid course includes defibrillator training and was oversubscribed. Both courses are open to everyone in the community and are publicised through social media, Facebook etc.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

25 Health and Wellbeing Grant - update report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing Members with feedback regarding the development of the Health and Wellbeing Grant, and the funding awarded to different community groups across the North East Area Council, as recommended by the members of the North East Area Council Health and Wellbeing Steering Group.

It was explained that the funding pot was oversubscribed with applications and discussions were then held with Berneslai Homes regarding their youth engagement funding. They agreed to work in partnership with this grant scheme, and awarded a further £2000 to the initiative. A list of groups that benefitted was provided within the report.

RESOLVED that Members note this report.

26 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The North East Area Council Manager reported on the current position in regard to the commissioning budget and financial analysis for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Area Council Manager updated Members regarding the North East Area Council Budget and Ward Alliance Funds.

It was noted that the carry forward of remaining balances of the 2018/19 Ward Alliance Fund is combined and added to the 2019/20 allocation, to be managed as a single budget in line with agreed conditions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28 NEAC Steering Groups

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an up to date overview of the North East Area Council's Ward Councillor membership of its three Steering Groups. Members were reminded that vacancies had become available on the Environment Steering Group from the Royston Ward and on the Health and Wellbeing Steering Group from the Monk Bretton Ward

RESOLVED that Members confirmed their membership of the North East Area Council Steering Groups as follows:

- (i) *The Environment Steering Group*: Councillor Wraith, Councillor Green, Councillor Ennis and Councillor McCarthy;
- (ii) *The Health and Wellbeing Steering Group*: Councillor Wraith, Councillor Felton, Councillor Ennis and Councillor Makinson
- (iii) *The Young People Steering Group*: Councillor Wraith, Councillor Green, Councillor Higginbottom and Councillor Cheetham.

29 Apprentices and Employability Programme

Cllr Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he is the Chair of a social enterprise which may consider applying for this commission. Cllr Hayward left the room while this item was being discussed.

The Area Council Manager provided members with an up to date overview of the North East Area Council's priorities and provided the background and context for a proposed new Apprentices and Employability Programme. It was explained that permission is being sought from Members to develop a specification for an Apprentices and Employability Programme as the current very successful Apprenticeships and Employability Study Programme, which has a focus on educational achievements and improving the CVs of apprentices is due to conclude on March 31st 2020.

RESOLVED that

- (i) within the context of the information presented, Members reaffirmed their commitment to the work of the North East Area Council, focusing on the following priorities:
 - A Local Thriving and Vibrant Economy
 - Young People

- Love Where You Live, and
- Healthy Lifestyles, and

(ii) Members approved the proposal to develop a specification for the Apprentices and Employability Programme.

Chair