

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 25 March 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Cheetham, Hayward (Chair), Ennis OBE, Makinson, McCarthy, Richardson and Wraith MBE

20 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 29 due to his involvement with Barnsley Community Build. Councillor Ennis took the Chair for this item and Councillor Hayward took no part in the discussions.

21 North East Area Team Staff Introductions

The Area Manager introduced the new Project Officer for the North East Area Team, Judith Myers and outlined the work she will be involved in.

RESOLVED that Judith be welcomed to her new role.

22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 28th January 2021

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 28th January 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 28th January 2021 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 in January and March 2021. The following further updates were noted:-

Cudworth – Ward Alliance Membership has been reviewed, along with priorities and the action plans. Volunteers are slowly coming back. All volunteers who request it have been provided with a litter picking pack. A grant was approved for the History group, with a contribution from Cudworth businesses. All the Noticeboards across the Ward are being revamped. An application from Exodus was also approved. The park gates at the main entrance have to remain locked at the moment due to Covid.

Monk Bretton – Carlton Bowling Club have been supported with their running costs. Noticeboards are being updated and the Ward Alliance are sponsoring activity packs for Easter.

North East – Most of the funding has been expended and distributed across 4 villages. A S106 sub group is being set up with representation from all 4 villages. There are 2 vacancies at the moment, one for Brierley and one for Shafton. It is hoped that new members can be recruited shortly.

Royston – The Ward Alliance has spent up. Membership has been reviewed and the reconfirmation of membership has taken place. Priorities of young people in the Make Your Mark consultation will be taken forward. There is to be virtual community training on the use of defibrillators. Small numbers are able to get together from next week and will be volunteering in small groups in the park and greenspaces. Planting in welfare park will take place next week. There has been progress on enforcement around fly tipping. New staff have been introduced to the Ward Alliance. S106 meetings are meeting and planning spend.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

24 Youth Participation and Engagement

Chelsea Jackson, Youth Voice and Participation Coordinator delivered a detailed and informative presentation regarding the Targeted Youth Support Service 2020 Make Your Mark consultation. A total of 4794 votes were cast by young people in Barnsley, which saw Barnsley ranked 4th across the nation, based on percentage turnout at approximately 22%. Mental health, drugs and discrimination are the top 3 priorities for Barnsley young people. The three national campaigns for the year ahead have been confirmed as Free University, Support our Mental Health and Take Action on the Climate Emergency: Stop Plastic Pollution. Barnsley results by setting were also shared with Members. The MYM results will be shared with SMT, Council Cabinet and the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group and it is hoped that they will advise of further links where young people's MYM results can be heard and acted upon.

Dominic Jones gave a brief update about how the Barnsley Youth Council has supported him to become a delegate at the G7 2021 Youth Summit. Dominic was first elected to the Youth Council in 2015 and was re-elected in 2017 and 2019 when in College. He served as a Member of the Youth Parliament in 2018 and was on the national Youth Select Committee, investigating work experience and other issues. His current role is as the UK delegate at the G7 2021 Youth Summit. Dominic is the youngest of the four successful applicants, chosen from 236 applications. Dominic continues to be involved in local and regional issues and has also worked with the local area team and Ward Alliance. The Youth council have been instrumental in helping Dominic to progress and he will take the views of local young people to the world stage, hoping that the G7 leaders will listen. The local MP, Dan Jarvis, has also been in touch with Dominic.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Chelsea be thanked for her attendance and contribution, and
- (ii) Dominic be congratulated for the fantastic success he has achieved and good wishes for the Youth Summit and a possible future career in politics.

25 North East Area Council Project Performance Report

The Area Manager gave a detailed update on the delivery of the Youth Development Working Together Fund and provided a proposal to work with the Jolly Good Communities proposal for Youth Engagement, which links to the Make Your Mark proposals and local consultations with young people. Various activities which had taken place were highlighted and case studies provided.

RESOLVED that Councillors support the proposal to work with Jolly Good Communities linking in with the Area Council and the Ward Alliances with regard to youth engagement.

26 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, reporting that the North East Area Council is on target for spend. Ward Alliance spending in all four areas is also on track, which has been difficult to achieve in the circumstances.

RESOLVED that Members note the report and £10k be devolved to Ward Alliances in the new financial year

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

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members with regard to Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds.

RESOLVED that Members note the report

28 Covid-19 update

A Covid-19 report and update was circulated but unfortunately Public Health are unable to attend the meeting. Any questions should be directed to the Area Council Manager who will seek responses from Public Health .

Councillor Wraith enquired as to the possibility of a local ward breakdown for positive tests, hospitalisations, deaths etc.

The Mayor enquired about the possibility of local galas and any available guidance for such events.

RESOLVED that the update be noted, and the Area Council Manager be tasked with contacting Public Health to answer Member enquiries noted above.

29 Community Traineeship Commission report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Councillors with regard to the procurement of the Community Traineeship Commission. Following a robust procurement process the contract was awarded to Barnsley Community Build Enforcement at a cost of £223,000 per annum. The contract will run from April 1st,

2021 to March 31st, 2022, with an additional 1 plus 1-year approved subject to further funding being available and satisfactory outputs and outcomes being realised.

RESOLVED that the Executive Director Communities be authorised to complete all the necessary paperwork to award the Community Traineeship contract to Barnsley Community Build at a cost of £223,00 per annum. The contract will run from April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022, with an additional 1 plus 1-year approved, subject to further funding being available and satisfactory outputs and outcomes being realised.

Chair