MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 22 July 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Green, Makinson, McCarthy, Richardson and Wraith MBE

10 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on the 27th May, 2021 (Neac.22.07.21/2)

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 27th May 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 27th May 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair (Neac.22.07.21/3)

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held in April, May and June. The following additional updates were noted:-

Cudworth – The Ward Alliance has been busy with the Great British Spring Clean. Work has been done at Robert Street Allotments and Cudworth Park and the hanging baskets outside the shops look very good. It is hoped that businesses may sponsor the hanging baskets next year.

Monk Bretton – The hanging baskets and planting at the memorial has all been done. A new group is being established for Carlton.

North East – No Councillors were present to provide an update.

Royston – Lots of planting is taking place. There are 30 different plots across Royston which are all individually looked after by volunteers and overseen by the Greenspace group. The hanging baskets look lovely and it is hoped that businesses may sponsor the hanging baskets next year. The Achievement Awards went ahead virtually for the 3 primary schools, funded by the Ward Alliance. Thanks were expressed to Christie for organising them. There are to be a number of 'listening events' to identify gaps in provision for young people and the Ward Alliance will be involved. Children are to be involved in the Elmer the elephant trail.

RECOMMENDED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances and associated updates be noted.

13 Great British Spring Clean

Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer for the North East Area Council, delivered a presentation about the Great British Spring Clean in the North East Area, which took place between 28th May and 13th June 2021. A number of 'before and after' photographs were shown, depicting the improvements carried out across various locations. The Ward Alliances, Residents groups, the Scout group, school children and volunteers were involved, resulting in 160 volunteer hours, 77 bags of waste collected, equating to £2192 in volunteer hours.

Members were then shown a video of a litter picking event which took place on 3rd and 4th July 2021 at Storrs Mill Lane, Crook House Lane and Edderthorpe Lane, organised by local volunteers Janet and Alan Mason in collaboration with 74 volunteers and residents, Barnsley Community Build (BCB), Highways staff, Neighbourhood Services, Councillors and MPs and the North East Area Council Team. The video showed 'before and after' images of the areas cleaned up and the litter pickers hard at work. First Aid was available from Lambda Medical staff and refreshments for the volunteers were donated by Cllr Pauline McCarthy, Janet Mason and the North East Area Ward Alliance. The aim was to clear rubbish from a 2 mile stretch of land between Cudworth and Darfield. 350 bags of rubbish and 5 tonnes of tipped waste were removed, making a huge positive environmental impact.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the presentation and video and the benefits to the local environment of the huge efforts made by volunteers to clean up their communities.

14 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects (Neac.22.07.21/5)

Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer for the North East Area Council introduced this item and gave a detailed update on the delivery of commissioned projects. An update was provided, covering performance information around the District Enforcement contract for the Quarter 4 period covering January to March 2021. It was highlighted that the whole country was in lockdown for this quarter due to the Covid-19 pandemic. An update was given about the Age UK Barnsley Social Isolation and Dementia initiative for the period April to June 2021, outlining the various activities and events which had taken place during the period by means of case studies.

RECOMMENDED that the update be noted and thanks expressed to the staff and volunteers who had worked especially hard during these challenging times.

15 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update (Neac.22.07.21/6)

Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer for the North East Area Council introduced this item and reported 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. An additional £4820 has been received in Local Support Grant for spending in Cudworth Darfield Road for improving activities and access and to attract younger participants.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the report.

16 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (Neac.22.07.21/7)

Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer for the North East Area Council introduced this item and updated Members with regard to Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds. Monk Bretton and North East information is still to be updated but is in progress.

RECOMMENDED that the update be noted.

Chair