

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at SANDHILL VIEW LIBRARY, GRINDON LANE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2015 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gofton, Porthouse, P. Smith, Waller, Waters and A. Wilson.

Also Present:-

Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Bill Blackett	West Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Simone Common	Acting Head of Community and Family Wellbeing	Sunderland City Council
Ash Hopper	Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Lisa Laverick	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Bill Leach	Partnership Co-ordinator	Pennywell Com. Centre
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Edna Rochester	Treasurer, Secretary	Tansy Centre and Pennywell Com. Centre
Gilly Stanley	Acting Area Community Officer	Sunderland City Council
Sonia Tognarelli	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Karen Wood	Community Development Worker	Pallion Action Group

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first meeting of the West Sunderland Area Committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors P. Watson, S. Watson and T. Wright.

Declarations of Interest

The following Members made open declarations for the reasons indicated and left the meeting during consideration of the matter taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon

- i) Item 5b – Allocation of SIB funding – West Community Helpers.

Cllr Porthouse – as a Council appointed director of Farrington Jubilee Centre.

Cllr Atkinson – as a Council appointed member of the Youth Almighty Project.

Cllr Waller – as a Council appointed member of Sandhill View Youth Project (A690).

Cllr A. Wilson – as a Council appointed member of Pallion Action Group and Lambton Street Fellowship Centre.

- ii) Item 5c – Allocation of SIB funding – WIRES 2

Cllr Gofton – as a Council appointed Managing Trustee of Parker Memorial Home.

Cllr A. Wilson – as a Council appointed Managing Trustee of Parker Memorial Home and a member of Pallion Action Group.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 7th October, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's Place Board Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Essl presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the Place Board in relation to Responsive Local Services, Northumbria in Bloom, Winter Maintenance Age Friendly City, New Wear Bridge, Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land and Shopping Centres as at 23rd November, 2015.

There being no questions or comments on the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted;

- ii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the Place Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Atkinson presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving the key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the People Board in relation to Community Helpers, Universal Credit, West Intensive Recruitment Employment Support (WIRES), Healthy Lifestyles and Holiday Hunger as at 23rd November, 2015.

Councillor A. Wilson highlighted the importance of remembering that mental health and wellbeing issues potentially affected all age groups and she paid tribute to the Sunderland Youth Parliament for the impressive debate of the issue that they had undertaken in the Council Chamber the previous week.

There being no further comments or questions on the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted; and
- ii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the People Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN)

The AVCS Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on issues pertinent to the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley, Acting Area Community Officer presented the report highlighting the following feedback and input arising from the single VCS meeting held since the Area Committee last met in October:-

- i) the receipt of a presentation from the charity Investing in Children,
- ii) the involvement of the VCS Network in the budget consultation exercise held at Pallion Action Group,

- iii) the receipt of up to date information on Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) provision and the continuing opportunities for involvement,
- iv) the involvement of the network in the pilot Coding Workshop to be held in 2016 in conjunction with the Library Service.

In addition Members were informed that the West VCSN would continue to deliver activities and services which supported the Area Committee's priorities.

The Committee were also advised that Bill Leach had been successful at the Active Sunderland Community Sports Awards 2015, winning the 'Inspiring Sport in the Community' Award. Bill's Club (Apollo Trampoline) was also successful being highly commended in the 'Community Sport Club of the Year' Award. The Committee congratulate Bill and his Team on their success.

There being no comments or questions the Chairman thanked Ms Stanley for her report, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West

Inspector Laverick of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance indicators for the period 1st April to 16th November, 2015.

Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, shoplifting, youth ASB, Non Youth ASB and drug crime. Members were informed that owing to a change in IT systems it was not possible at this meeting to provide the Committee with the usual crime patterns in respect of the Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, Sandhill, Silksworth and St Chad's wards.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

In addition Inspector Laverick briefed members on:-

- i) the Pallion Lights Switch On
- ii) the Darker Nights Campaign running jointly with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, the Council and Gentoo
- iii) the transfer of the resource at Farrington Police Station to shared accommodation next door with the Fire and Rescue Service scheduled to take place the following day (3rd December, 2015)
- iv) changes to the HMIC requirements in relation to National Crime Recording and the effect of this on the presentation of local crime statistics. Inspector Laverick having addressed several queries from Members in relation to this, advised Members that she had organised a visit for the Committee to view

the new police accommodation in January 2016 where she would provide members with a practical demonstration of crime recording.

The Chairman having congratulated Sgt Hopper on successfully passing his Inspectors examinations, thanked Inspector Laverick for her report and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st September to 31st October, 2015 with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from all fires (none),
- ii) deliberate property fires (4),
- iii) deliberate vehicle fires (3), and
- iv) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (50).

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Steve Burdis having taken Members through the report, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 27 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2015/16 Community Chest budget, 1 further Community Chest application requiring Committee approval in respect of St Chad's Ward, details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding and details of the allocation of funding under the small grants process in relation to maximising greenspace/derelict land activity.

Consideration having been given to the report and Councillor Porthouse having outlined his objection to the application from Northumbria Police for Community Chest funding from the St Chad's Ward, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the 6 projects comprising the West Community Helpers scheme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £45,000 SIB funding to support the delivery of the Wires 2 scheme as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;
- (iv) the single proposal agreed through the small grants process in respect of Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity as detailed in Annex 3 of the report be noted;
- (v) approval be given to the granting of £380 Community Chest funding from the St Chad's Ward in respect of the application received from the Northumbria Police West Neighbourhood Team as detailed in Annex 4, Table 2 of the report; and
- (vi) the approval of the 27 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 4 of the report be noted.

Current Planning Applications (West Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st October and 19th November, 2015 was submitted for members' information only.

(for copy schedule – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and especially to all at Sandhill View Library for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.