

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at THE HETTON CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, HETTON LE HOLE, DH5 9NE, on WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lawson in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Ellis, Heron, D. Smith, Turner, M. Turton, W. Turton and G. Walker.

Also in Attendance:-

Kaye Alcock	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Wendy Cook	Youth and Community Co-Ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Tim Ducker	Rights of Way Officer	Sunderland City Council
Richard Elvin	Member of the Public	
Paul Finch	Network VCS Representative	Hetton New Dawn
Les Goodliff	Neighbourhood Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Joshua Green	Member of the Public	
Debbie Hall	Area Response Manager Coalfields	Sunderland City Council
Robert Heron	Member of the Public	

Laura Hope	Commissioning Manager	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Dave McCreedy	Network VCS Representative	Fence Houses YMCA
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Kay Rowham	Member of the Public	
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Glenis Wallace	Councillor	Hetton Town Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and drew attention to the poster display from the 'Poo Watch' project carried out with local primary schools in partnership with Groundwork.

Councillor Lawson gave a particular welcome to the four recently elected Members for the Coalfield Area – Councillors Juliana Heron, Doris Turner, Mary Turton and Geoffrey Walker. Councillor Lawson informed the Committee that Councillor John Cummings had been appointed as Chairman of the Coalfield Area Place Board and Councillor Billy Turton as Chairman of the Coalfield Area People Board. The new Voluntary and Community Sector representatives were Wendy Cook, Dave McCreedy and Paul Finch and the new representatives from Hetton Town Council were Councillors Kaye Alcock and Glenis Wallace.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Blackburn, Cummings and Speding together with Ms. Rachel Putz (Coalfields Operational Manager, Children, Young People and Families) and Ms. Laura Cassidy (Health Improvement Practitioner).

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 Area Budgets Report

Councillor J. Heron made an open declaration in the Community Chest application from Fencehouses Y.M.C.A. as a Council appointed representative on the Management Committee of the Centre.

Councillor Turner made an open declaration in the Community Chest application from Hetton New Dawn as a Member of the Management Committee of the organisation and also as a volunteer.

Councillor Lawson made an open declaration in the application Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme as Chair of the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

Councillors J. Heron, M. Turton, W. Turton made open declarations in the application Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme as Members of the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

All Members left the meeting prior to the Committee having any discussion on any the above applications or making any decisions thereon.

Councillor Lawson having vacated the Chair, Councillor Walker took the Chair for the application from Houghton Feast Steering Group and the applications from Fencehouses YMCA and Hetton New Dawn.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11th March, 2015 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the spelling of Councillor Heron's forename being corrected to 'Juliana'.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan including SIB funded projects, seeking Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and providing an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to the progress made in respect of the Coalfield Cycle Network and Four Parks Route and the external funding streams available to support their development following the Committee's endorsement.

Mr. Tim Ducker, Rights of Way Officer, Sunderland City Council briefed the Committee on the above schemes in detail, which are both part of the Health and Greenspaces project and invited Members to forward any issues, concerns or suggestions to him for consideration.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the 'Poo Watch' project which had proved very successful in getting people to pick up after their dog.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 be noted;
- (ii) the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan priorities for 2015/16 be approved; and
- (iii) the Area Governance arrangements including the Place Board Membership for 2015/16, detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan including SIB funded projects, seeking Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and providing an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report drawing the Committee's attention to the proposed priorities for action for the year ahead as detailed in Annex 3. Ms. Hopper advised that the next round of CAN DO fund applications would be presented to the People Board in July. She highlighted the information detailed in paragraph 5.4 on the other local groups/boards where the Coalfield Area Committee has elected Member representation and agreed to forward a list of the meeting dates of the Youth Operations Group which is open to all ward members to attend to all Members.

Councillor Lawson encouraged all Members to attend the Youth Operations Group.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 be noted;
- (ii) the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan priorities for 2015/16 be approved; and

- (iii) the Area Governance arrangements including the People Board Membership for 2015/16, detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Progress Update

Ms. Wendy Cook, Mr. Dave McCreedy and Mr. Paul Finch, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report advising that the Coalfield Area VCSN had met three times since the last meeting of the Area Committee in March 2015.

Ms. Hopper drew attention to the series of outdoor events to take place during the period 21-24 July 2015 as part of the Health and Greenspaces project.

Councillor Glenis Wallace, Hetton Town Council asked that information on the above outdoor events be sent out to Special schools in the city also.

Councillor Walker referred to, and sought clarification on the brief overview of the purpose and role of Healthwatch given by the Community Engagement Co-ordinator at the VCSN meeting in March and to the request to the Group to become involved on providing feedback regarding health provision. Ms Laura Hope, Commissioning Manager, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group undertook to follow this up.

Councillor Lawson urged Members to attend the Health and Greenspaces outdoor events taking place during the period 21-24 July 2015 if possible.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the contents of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) Network representation when developing projects and priorities during the coming year be considered; and
- (iii) Members attend the Health and Greenspaces outdoor event in their respective ward.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove provided the Committee with a verbal update on crime in the Coalfield Area. She advised that there had been an increase of 112 crimes in May right across the Coalfield which equated to an increase in overall crime of 27% on the same period last year. The number of burglary dwellings had gone up, although there had been success with some

arrests being made, the main area of concern being Easington Lane with jewellery and cash being targeted. At the beginning of May there had been a spike in motor vehicle offences which had reduced following the arrest of the individual responsible for most of the offences. The number of domestic violence offences was also up. There had been a decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour cases which were down by 24% in general and youth antisocial behaviour incidents were down by 49% on the same period last year. There was a lot of diversionary work going on which was contributing to this decrease and efforts were being focussed on Easington Lane. A lot of work had been done in the Market street area where the seats had been taken out and a pole put up and a camera put in place. The XL Youth Village had been located in Hetton Lyons Park. Community Protection Notices had been issued to three individuals at the Broadway, Houghton which had had the desired effect but there was still a congregation of youths in the area.

In response to Councillor Turner, Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised that the Police did not go round car boot sales looking for items from house burglaries as items were often unidentifiable.

Councillor Glenis Wallace, Hetton Town Council expressed appreciation for the camera in Market Street and the XL Youth Village.

Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove reminded the meeting of the Annual Memorial Ride taking place on Sunday 28th June where a large number of horses and traps would be riding through the area and a Police operation would be in place. Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove asked that any community concerns were referred to her and the Neighbourhood Team.

Full consideration having being given to the information presented by, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st March, 2015 to 12th May, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Steve Burdis, Station Manager Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that there had been no deaths recorded during the time frame of the report.

Mr. Burdis informed the Committee of the two Targeted Response Vehicles (TRVs) being used to tackle small secondary fires during the hours 18:00 to 12 am which could be operated by 2 persons using a hose reel; one which was currently positioned in the Coalfield and one in Washington. He advised that the TRV

needed to be within a 10 minute radius of the incident and if not then a full appliance would attend.

Mr. Burdis confirmed in response to Councillor Ellis that a demonstration of how to deal with a chip pan fire was still included in the Education Programme and could be arranged and that the number of false alarms had dropped off. He added that as of 1st June the Fire and Rescue Service would not attend an alarm sounding off for a non-domestic property, however every domestic dwelling would be attended.

The Chairman expressed concern at the number of deliberate fires. She referred to a recent incident at Shiney Row and agreed to pass on the details to Mr. Burdis so as he could identify the incident and check that it was attended by the Service.

Mr. Burdis informed the Committee of the litter pick targeted in the Easington Lane area and others where secondary fires were occurring.

Ms Wendy Cook, Area Network Representative advised that young people from the Flatts Youth Centre at Easington Lane had volunteered for the above litter pick.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Burdis for his report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and the information brought out during the discussion be received and noted.

Area Budgets Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest funding and presenting proposals for further funding requests to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 advising that the SIB total for 2015/16 was £281,579.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the eight applications recommended for approval from the previously agreed £20,000 SIB and £20,000 CCG funding, detailed at paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1. She advised that the application from Age UK Sunderland had now been withdrawn. Ms Hopper reported that subject to the Committee's approval of the remaining applications that she would inform all of the applicants of the other successful applications so that they were all aware of what was taking place and could liaise and the schemes could complement one another.

Ms. Hopper referred Members to the two applications for SIB funding detailed at paragraph 2.3 advising that should they be approved a balance of £266,579 SIB funding would remain.

Ms. Hopper drew Members attention to the balance of £5,580 remaining from the previously approved allocation of £40,000 for the Health and Greenspaces Programme as set out in paragraph 2.4 and to the approvals for Community Chest from March to May 2015 at paragraph 3.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b) the recommendations for SIB/CCG funding as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report, with the exception of the project from Age UK which had been withdrawn, be approved and that the balance be returned to the People Board to allocate to another project;
- c) two projects totalling £15,000 SIB as set out at paragraph 2.3 and Annex 2 of the report, be approved;
- d) a small Call for Projects via the VCS Network for the remaining £5,680 balance from the previously approved Health and Greenspaces budget, with approvals to be made by the People Board, be approved; and
- e) the 16 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2014/15 and 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 3 be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st April to 20th April 2015 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman, having thanked everyone their contributions and for attending, closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. LAWSON and G. WALKER,

Chairmen.