

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at The FARRINGDON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, ALLENDALE ROAD, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, D. Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gofton, Porthouse, Smith, Tye, Waller and Waters.

Also Present:-

Tony Carty	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
A. Ballantine	Member of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentooo
Andrea Lanaghan	VCS Network Representative	Sunderland Carers
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Bill Leach	VCS Network Representative	Pennywell Com. Centre
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
C. Parker	Member of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
R. Parker	Member of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
B. Pescod	Member of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
Ian Richardson	Assistant Head of Street Scene	Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council
C. Tomkins	Member of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
S. Watts	Treasurer	Youth Almighty Project

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 A. Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4d Partner Updates – Gentoo

Councillor Tye made an open declaration as Board member of Gentoo Group Limited.

Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals for further Allocations of Resources – West Holiday Hunger Programme.

The following Councillors declared interests in the item as members of the organisations indicated and left the meeting during the consideration of the item, taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor Tye – Youth Almighty
Councillor Waters – Parker Trust
Councillor Gofton – Parker Trust

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 19th October, 2016 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the 2016/17 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 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme, Business Support, Tall Ships 2018, Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land, West Community Energy Programme and Mobilising Communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements as at 5th December, 2016.

Councillor Tye referred to the huge success of the Road to Rio Event 2016 and informed the Committee that Youth Almighty supported by the Area Officers had been successful in securing a grant of approximately £10,000 from the Big Lottery Celebrate Fund towards the provision of the Area Committee's 2017 Event. Councillor Tye cited the award as an example of successful partnership working between the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector. The Committee thanked Councillor Tye and all concerned at Youth Almighty for their work to achieve the funding.

Councillor Gofton paid tribute to the contribution made by the Parker Trust and the other local community groups in working with the Pallion Traders to develop their Christmas Festival Programme. The Christmas Illuminations Switch On had been an especially impressive event.

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted;
- ii) the progress to date to deliver the 2016/17 Highway Maintenance Programme as detailed in Annex 2 to the report be noted;

- iii) the proposals agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity as detailed in Annex 4 to the report be noted and;
- iv) 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 2016/17 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 the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership, Reducing mental health issues in young people, Wires 2, Enterprise in schools, Community helpers, the Road to Rio event, Holiday hunger and Health and wellbeing as at 5th December, 2016.

Consideration having been given to 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 members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration was given to the report presented by Andrea Lanaghan which highlighted the following feedback and input arising from the two Voluntary and Community Sector Network meetings held since the Area Committee last met in October:-

- i) The receipt of information relating to Sunderland City Council's budget consultation and the work of the Network to encourage their groups and clients to be involved and feed their views into the consultation process.
- ii) The invitation to VCS members to attend the Health and Wellbeing Mental Health training relating to 'supporting our young people', delivered by Washington

MIND and funded by the West Area Committee. The training was held over 3 days and over 40 members of the VCS attended, a follow up workshop was carried out to support the development of the future call for projects, facilitated by the West Area Arrangements team.

iii) The work of the VCS to plan local environmental campaigns, including litter picks as well as preparing their 2017 plans to enhance and develop the West's 'in bloom' projects, developing new 'in bloom' activities, following the success at the RHS It's your Neighbourhood Awards and the Sunderland In Bloom Awards 2016.

iv) The continued utilisation of GRANT finder opportunities with over £40k in funding secured in the West to date.

Councillor Gofton paid tribute to the outcomes being delivered by the VCS for residents since the formalisation of links to the Area Committee and in particular welcomed the fantastic news in respect of the funding achieved via grant finder. She also highlighted the success of the mental health training event which had attracted a huge attendance.

Councillor G. Galbraith referred to item iii) above and informed the Committee of the intention of a group of residents and dog walkers in the Lakeside, Premier Road area to organise a litter pick.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Lanaghan for her report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West

Inspector Carty 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 19th October 2016 to 4th December 2016.

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.

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In addition Inspector Carty briefed members on:-

i) the levelling off of overall crime in the south of the area compared to the west of the area where crime continued to rise overall. This was mainly because there were a greater number of public order type incidents occurring which would have previously been closed as anti-social behaviour,

ii) a reduction in burglary dwelling in the West – for the third month running the police had recorded fewer burglaries,

iii) Burglary to sheds, garages and commercial premises – this was an issue with no particular pattern across both the South and West of the Area. The arrest and

imprisonment of commercial burglars in the Pallion area had stopped the issues that were occurring around St Luke's Terrace.

iv) the reduction in Vehicle crime – the police aimed to keep this reduction going by targeting the Barnes and Eden Vale areas.

v) Anti-Social Behaviour – King George playing fields was the main ASB hotspot during October and November. The Police, Fire brigade and partners had put a considerable amount of work into stopping the fire related incidents. This culminated with a presentation at Farringdon community fire station which was attended by some of the children involved who were accompanied by their parents. They were shown video evidence of youths setting fire to wheelie bins and were also given a presentation by the Fire brigade concerning the danger and cost involved.

vi) the approach taken in respect of the darker nights campaign and the lack of major incidents over Bonfire night.

vii) the approach being adopted by the Police in relation to shoplifting

Councillor Tye referred to the King George playing fields and the development of a potential scheme to provide lighting to the area of the skate park. Councillor Essl advised that he would be more than happy for Councillor Tye to submit details of his proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the West Area Place Board.

Councillor Gofton thanked the Police for their assistance in the recent Pallion illuminations.

The Chairman having thanked Inspector Carty for his report, 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 October, 2016 to 22nd November 2016, with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from all fires (none),
- ii) deliberate property fires (none),
- iii) deliberate vehicle fires (8), and
- iv) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (37).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Steve Burdis, presented the report informing members of the partnership approach taken in respect of the anti-social behaviour occurring in King

George playing fields, the increase in vehicle fires for which there was no discernible pattern and his hope to bring the analysis of the darker nights campaign to the next meeting.

Members having welcomed that it had now been three years since a death caused through fire it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Report of Gentoo

Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on Gentoo developments, projects and priorities undertaken during the period October 2016 to December 2016, including the work of the money matters team, a review of the allocations systems, investment and renewal projects and development of partnerships with local groups such as Farringdon Youth and Community Centre and the Silksworth Banner Group

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Tye having offered his personal thanks to Mr Duffy for his help in the refurbishment of the building in which tonight's meeting was being held, Mr Duffy proceeded to address comments and questions from members in relation to, the new lifts at Lakeside, the problem of indebtedness and forthcoming changes to the benefits system in relation to 18 to 25 year olds.

The Chairman having thanked Mr Duffy for his attendance and it was:-

7. 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 Member Support and Community Partnerships 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, the approval under the small grants process of projects in relation to the Maximisation of Green Space, details of 19 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2016/17 Community Chest budget and details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

(i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;

- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £30,000 SIB funding in respect of the West Holiday Hunger programme as detailed in annex 1 of the report;
- (iii) approval be given to the change of use to the SIB project 'Healthy Lifestyles' as detailed in annex 2 of the report;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £100,000 SIB funding in respect of the West Community Energy Programme as detailed in annex 3 of the report;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £30,000 SIB funding in respect of the West Area Event 2017 as detailed in the reports of the Place and People Boards (items 2 & 3 on the agenda);
- (vi) the approval of projects to date through the small grants process for Maximising Green Space as detailed in annex 4 of the report, be noted and;
- (vii) the approval of the 19 Community Chest applications from the 2016/17 budget as detailed in Annex 5 of the report be noted;

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and especially to all at the Farringdon Youth and Community Centre for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.