

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at DOVECOTE MEADOWS EXTRA CARE SCHEME, FORDFIELD ROAD, FORD, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE, 2015 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, Dixon, Essl, I. Galbraith, Gallagher, Porthouse, Tye, Waters, S. Watson, A. Wilson and T. Wright

Also Present:-

Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Bill Blackett	West Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network	
Lisa Laverick	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Bill Leach	Partnership Co-ordinator	Pennywell Com. Centre
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Julie Parker Walton	Public Health Lead	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Linda Reiling	Locality Commissioning Manager	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group
Edna Rochester	Treasurer, Secretary	Tansy Centre and Pennywell Com. Centre
Aaron Snowball	Chair of Youth Committee	Youth Almighty Project
Gilly Stanley	Acting Area Community Officer	Sunderland City Council
Joanne Stewart	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Sonia Tognarelli	Director of Finance	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Waller and P. Watson

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 11th March, 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 annual update of the 2014/15 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2015/16 Place priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the Place Board for 2015/16.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Essl, presented the report advising Members that it was proposed that the Committee undertake a tour of the West Sunderland area during June, 2015 and Officers would be in touch directly to organise the most suitable date for as many Members as possible to be able to attend.

Discussions took place regarding parking issues around schools at peak times and where the responsibility lay, either with the Council or the School/Academy. Concerns were raised over the fact that now more schools were converting to Academies that there may be less focus on the issue by the School. Inspector Laverick advised that this was a recurring issue in and around schools throughout the city and explained that if people were not parked illegally then there was very little that could be done with regards to enforcement, unfortunately inconsiderate parking, although bothersome, was not an offence. It was suggested that the issue be discussed further at a future meeting of the Place Board to look at the best way to address the problems.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted;
- ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's Place Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015/16 be agreed; and
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2014/15 work plan, including SIB

funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2015/16 People priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the People Board for 2015/16.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted;
- ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's People Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015/16 be agreed; and
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted.

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 one VCS meeting held since the Area Committee last met:-

- (i) they received information on the West Area Heritage Walks. The network gave feedback on possible new routes and discussed further opportunities within the community for promoting the walks.
- (ii) following the Terms of reference the longest standing VCS Network Representative stood down and the network elected a new representative. The network is pleased to welcome on board Joanne Laverick.
- (iii) They were presented with the proposals for the 2015-2016 priorities for the West Committee and made numerous suggestions all of which were been fed into the 2015-2016 West Area Committee work plans.
- (iv) They worked together with the Area Committee and Partners to deliver a successful Heritage Event in Barnes Park.

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 Lisa Laverick of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance indicators showing actual crimes for the period 1st April to 15th May, 2015 and the percentage increase / decrease against the same period last year.

Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, theft and handling, shoplifting, youth ASB and Non Youth ASB. In addition members were informed of the particular crime patterns in respect of the Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, Sandhill, Silksworth and St Chad's wards.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman having thanked Inspector Laverick for her attendance 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 March to 30th April, 2015 with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from accidental / all dwelling fires (none),
- ii) the number of injuries from accidental / all dwelling fires (none),
- iii) accidental fires in domestic properties (6),
- iv) deliberate property fires (2),
- v) deliberate vehicle fires (2), and
- vi) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (54).

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Steve Burdis took Members through the report 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 Chief Executive 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 financial statement, details of 4 projects approved for support from the 2014/15 Community Chest budget, and details of 5 projects approved for support from the m2015/16 Community Chest budget.

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

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted, and
- (ii) the approval of the 9 Community Chest applications as (detailed in Annex 5) of the report be noted.

Current Planning Applications (West Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st and 20th April, 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 Dovecote Meadows Extra Care Scheme for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.