

North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 5 October 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Vickie Priestley (Deputy Chair), Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Lewis Chinchen, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mike Levery, Janet Ridler, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Julie Grocutt.

2. EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of meeting of the Committee held on 7 July, 2022 were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public who was not in attendance at the meeting and had submitted a question prior to the meeting, which the Chair read out:-

L Cocker

The Chair read out a question from L Cocker who was not in attendance at the meeting:

I am unable to attend this meeting, but would like the following questions to be raised and answered.

I noticed a speed detection device in Ecclesfield. On which dates will this device be active, and when and where will the results of the data be available to residents?

Also, how will the North LAC make use of these results to ensure it is a viable operation?

In response the Chair noted that the North Local Area Committee had been allocated one vehicle activated sign per ward, which had initially been placed in areas of most benefit. These would be rotated around the wards every 6 to 8 weeks, at 24 locations in total.

The devices notified drivers of their speed and also gathered data about speed at that location. They were active from when they were sited until being removed. Information regarding speed and traffic volume would be obtained and acted on where possible. A full written response would be sent to the questioner.

5.2 The Committee received the following updates:

(a) Leroy Wenham on behalf of Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club, Ecclesfield

Leroy was pleased to announce that the Club had been awarded a pot from the 'Tree of Trees' sculpture that had been part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. He hoped for the ongoing support of the Council and asked if the next North Local Area Committee meeting could include a presentation to acknowledge the award.

The Chair responded by noting Councillor support to date and said that representatives from the club would be very welcome at a future North Local Area Committee meeting. The next meeting was due to take place in the Stannington Ward, and the following one would be in the West Ecclesfield Ward.

Councillor Vic Bowden noted that she had attended the planting event and was familiar with some of the Club's expansion plans.

Mr Wenham explained that the facility was well used and advised that they hoped to develop a proper pavilion that could be used by local people.

Councillor Penny Baker wished to congratulate the club on their achievements.

(b) Tim Whitaker, Ecclesfield Parish Council

Tim Whitaker provided an update on recent activities, which included a school uniform 'swap shop'. This had happened in previous years, and since July this year 567 items had been handed out to schools. Some uniform had also been donated to asylum seekers residing at Staindrop Lodge.

Mr Whitaker also advised that a community skip day had been held at Angram Bank. This was a large walk-in skip and volunteers had assisted in carrying large items with residents. A further event was being planned for Chapeltown.

A gardening competition was also underway. This had been halted during the pandemic but was reinstated in 2021. Awards were due to be presented at the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 6 October, 2022.

The community room refurbishment was almost finished, which included a new kitchen and was wheelchair accessible. A McMillan coffee morning had been

organised which had brought regular users back and was hoped to encourage further use.

Four information posts had been installed around the parish which showed information on local walks of interest and was hoped to encourage people into exercise.

The Parish Council had worked alongside Chapeltown Community Hub to deliver isolation hampers to vulnerable residents.

New notice boards showing local information had been installed around the parish, to replace damaged one.

The Parish Council had hosted a tip to Chatsworth House for some Ukrainian residents.

(c) David Ogle, Ecclesfield Parish Council

David Ogle provided an update on the plans for a community boxing gym. Plans had been going through the planning process and it was hoped that a decision would be reached before Christmas. If permitted, it was hoped that the community gym could provide a local resource that would help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Mr Ogle advised that the Parish Council had agreed to part fund a motor cross project that also aimed to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Funding applications had been made and Mr Ogle asked that anyone with any information about funding pots relating to crime and anti-social behaviour contact him via the Parish Council.

6. SHEFFIELD YOUTH CABINET

- 6.1 Emma Hinchliffe, Young People's Involvement Lead, was in attendance for this item. She was based in the Community Youth Services at Sheffield City Council and the teams work included youth work provision, careers advice, special educational needs advice, one-to-one support and sexual exploitation advice. She hoped to explain the work of the Youth Cabinet and how young people were supported and given a voice within the city.

Ms Hinchliffe explained that youth voice and participation was about meaningfully listening to the voices of young people in order to empower them and give them the skills and knowledge they need to be able to engage with decision-making locally, regionally and nationally. The Youth Cabinet members were elected every two years and this time their priorities were aligned to the those of the Local Area Committee. As a group they decided on city-wide priorities and, in their local areas, develop projects that they were passionate about. The priorities for this year included a national priority, city-wide priorities and a key local issue.

- 6.2 At this point Ms Hinchliffe welcomed two members of the Youth Cabinet, Isabelle and Mitch, who were local to the area and had particular interests in

- 'votes at 16' and reform of the curriculum. Ms Hinchliffe shared contact details for the team and asked that anyone who knew of opportunities for young people make contact. Support would be given where possible, and links formed with other relevant organisations.
- 6.3 In response to a question about community safety, Ms Hinchliffe advised that there was an advisory group to South Yorkshire Police where young people could raise issues that affected them and influence decision-making. The issues discussed included safety and sexual harassment. An event was also taking place at October half-term on safety for young people.
- 6.4 She advised that the team would also be working with South Yorkshire Police regarding in relation to test purchasing of fireworks and alcohol.
- 6.5 Louise Ellison, Deputy Services Manager in Youth Services, managed the work of the youth work team and had written the Dark Nights plan for their service. This involved working with local partner agencies, voluntary, community and faith groups, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and youth workers, with the joint aim of reducing anti-social behaviour during this peak time. The South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service would be delivering educational sessions to young people regarding firework and fire misuse. In efforts to engage with young people, there were lots of 'diversion' activities planned across the North Local Area Committee region, varying from ice-skating sessions to Ninja warrior activities. The team would also be supporting community bonfires and youth clubs on bonfire night. Joint patrols would be carried out with South Yorkshire Police and if any young people were stopped by the police, they would initially be issued with a Community Resolution. This would lead to a referral to the Community Youth Team, who would then offer one-to-one or group sessions around victim awareness and the consequences of anti-social behaviour.
- 6.6 Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh stated that he was pleased to hear that local young people had been campaigning to reduce the voting age to 16 and felt this showed that young people were knowledgeable about issues that affected their lives and so were capable of making decisions at that age. He advised that some of his colleagues had recently visited Bradfield Secondary School and had spoken to students about the Citizenship programme. He felt that members from the different political parties would welcome invitations from schools and colleges for members to attend and explain their role as member and advise on how young people could get involved.
- 6.7 In relation to the community priority of recycling, Councillor Gamble Pugh noted that in parts of Ecclesfield and Chapeltown there was currently a trial of doorstep food waste recycling which was part of a change in Government policy. He welcomed the views of young people involved in the scheme to gain an understanding of how it was working and hoped that in the future it could be rolled out across the city.
- 6.8 Councillor Penny Baker thanked the team for their work with young people. She had previous experience of young people 'shadowing' her work as a member at

Sheffield City Council and extended this invitation to current Youth Cabinet members to encourage their interest.

- 6.9 Councillor Mike Levery noted that it had been useful to move committee meetings out into the community and it supported engagement of young people.
- 6.10 Councillor Richard Williams had visited Bradfield School to meet with year 7 students. The session included a full range of issues, including flytipping, buses and questions about whether there might be a third world war.
- 6.11 Councillor Ann Whitaker explained that her first introduction to the Youth Committee had been when two members had attended a Education, Children and Families Policy Committee. She had been impressed by the eloquent way in which they talked about how the pandemic had affected them. She had also welcomed the opportunity to attend the elections held at Bramall Lane and hear the views of the prospective members.
- 6.12 The Chair invited the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox) who had attended to observe the Committee meeting, to speak on this issue. Councillor Fox advised that he had attended the elections at Bramall Lane and a meeting of the Youth Cabinet at Dearne Valley. He welcomed the passion and enthusiasm of young people about the issues that matter to them. He felt that the work of Emma and Louise and their team had provided a good way of reinvesting in youth and allowing young people to 'repay' this with their wealth of knowledge.
- 6.13 Councillor Fox confirmed that he had also attended ward meetings and walkabouts to meet the public to understand their concerns. He noted that the Council was currently undergoing some policy developments and he planned to challenge the Youth Cabinet with the same task, by looking at the same information and evidence, and was interested to see how their views on different issues aligned.
- 6.14 The Chair stated that he was pleased that the North Youth Cabinet's issues and objectives matched with the priorities of this Committee, by including issues such as youth provision and recycling. On behalf of the North Local Area Committee, the Chair congratulated Mitch and Isabelle and the other members of the Youth Cabinet for their work and for attending the Committee meeting. If details of future Youth Cabinet meetings could be provided, the Chair extended an offer for individual members of the North Local Area Committee to attend where possible.

7. NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

- 7.1 David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager, provided an update on the budget.
- 7.2 Mr Luck advised that as well as having a £100,000 budget for projects in line with its Community Plan, the North Local Area Committee also had a Ward Pot for specific activities and another funding stream which he would outline shortly.
- 7.3 The Community Plan had identified three priorities: Transport and Highways,

Environment and Community Life. Details of two projects had been reported to the Committee meeting of 7 July 2022.

- 7.4 Mr Luck updated the Committee on the spending that had been reported at the Committee meeting of 7 July 2022. He confirmed that a youth club had started in High Green and that, as part of the parks improvement budget, work was about to begin on the football pitch at Wadsley Park Village, as well as improvements to Fox Glen, Deepcar and Grenoside parks.
- 7.5 He explained that to make work practical throughout the year, there had been an agreement made at the first Local Area Committee meetings for projects under £5,000 to be agreed with the Chair and reported back at the Committee meetings.
- 7.6 It was anticipated that there would be both a formal report with new projects and a report back of smaller sums at the next North Local Area Committee meeting in January 2023.
- 7.7 An additional fund of £10,000 for additional youth activities had been launched this week, and bids were open until the end of October for funding of up to £1,500. Further details and support on bids could be given as needed.
- 7.8 **RESOLVED:** that the North Local Area Committee:

- (i) notes the proposed anticipated expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North Local Area Committee Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, and in particular:-

Category	Item	Cost
Community Support	High Green summer activities for young people	£1000
	Support for young families of asylum seekers at Staindrop Lodge	£500
Anti-social behaviour	2 Police bikes	£1850
	Tint man device	£665
	Throw ropes	£150
	Off road bike signs	£979
Highways	Lound School safety barrier	£2200
	Road narrowing sign,	

	Stephen Lane, Grenoside	£465
	Wharncliffe Side speed survey	£100

(ii) to the extent that it is not covered by existing authority, authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure relating to the priorities set out in the report provided that:

- the decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair;
- the decision may not approve expenditure on any element in excess of the anticipated limit for that element set out in the report; and
- a report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

(iii) agrees the attached action plan as a basis to develop future projects/activity.

7.9 **Reasons for Decision**

The North Local Area Committee is asked to note the proposed allocation of funding to the projects identified to enable detailed planning to commence and delivery to begin in the coming months.

7.10 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

7.10.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the Local Area Committee but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

7.10.2 All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict the Local Area Committee's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

8. **HIGH GREEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

8.1 Chris Hallam, Chief Executive Officer of High Green Development Trust, attended to update attendees on activities and plans for the High Green Development Trust campus.

The campus included 35,000 sq ft of space, which was currently occupied by 13 different charities and 35 different community uses. These ranged from a nursing home, hydrotherapy pool, sensory rooms, a ball pool for adults and children, charity shop and a community fridge. There were 36 volunteers ranging in age

from 16 to 84. For the last 12 months, the Trust had changed from an inward to an outward looking organisation.

The Trust had a Community Plan which had been shared with Sheffield City Council, and was aligned with the Local Area Committee's priorities and commitments.

Sheffield City Council had supported the Trust in setting up a Youth Hub. The hub allowed young people to make budget decisions on which activities to run and how to reach across the city. Mr Hallam was reverse mentored by two young people, and found this to be a very useful experience.

The Trust aimed to partner with organisations that met with their three main priorities, which were Care, Education and Community.

In terms of community events, there was currently a suite of projects, including "Mind, Body and Soil", which was running across allotments. A group of ex-military volunteers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder were working on this project and were doing great work. The Trust was actively looking for opportunities to improve that space.

The Paces campus would be moving on to new premises at Thorncliffe at October half-term. The young people would be missed, but an 'outstanding' Ofsted rated nursery remained on-site along with a gymnastics group. There would still be a focus on educating staff, and courses were planned, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), how to live on a budget, cooking and art classes. Many communities had been reached over the last 18 months, and the Trust had been inundated with approaches from volunteers and residents wishing to work there. There was now also interest for facilities such as health visitor clinics and hot desking facilities. Sheffield City Council shared the Trust's long-term view for the site, which included plans to run a bus circular route which was hoped to be free at the point of use.

- 8.2 The Chair thanked Mr Hallam for attending and providing an informative update.
- 8.3 Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh noted that he had been following the email correspondence about the ongoing issue of the lease. He suggested that it might be useful for Mr Hallam to outline what arrangements had been made so far and the aspirations of the Trust going forward. He also proposed a resolution to give clear support and direction to Council officers to encourage them in the support of the work of the Trust.
- 8.4 Mr Hallam advised that the lease had originally been granted to the Trust at a 'peppercorn rent' on the proviso of community use. The site was currently being considered by the Council for special educational needs provision. While those plans developed, the Trust would continue to work with the city on the development of the site to ensure that it retained its provision of services for education, community and care. The Trust supported the aspirations of the city in trying to improve special educational needs provision and were confident that the blended activity on the site would achieve all aims. Mr Hallam believed that a

- rolling short lease could lead to a situation of being unable to attract organisations that fit with the Trusts and the city's aspirations. Over the next four to five years, the Trust hoped that the Council could continue to back its aspirations and provide a lease that supported work with site partners during that period.
- 8.5 Councillor Richard Williams noted the sentiment outlined by Councillor Gamble Pugh but felt unable to support the proposed resolution without having been fully briefed. Councillor Penny Baker echoed this concern and noted that it was not within the Committee's power to offer a commitment of support.
- 8.6 Mr Hallam felt that there was a need to break through some of the 'red tape' but felt reassured from the verbal support given at this meeting.
- 8.7 Councillor Williams offered to visit the site in his capacity as Chair of the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee, and Councillor Baker also expressed an interest in visiting.
- 8.8 The Chair noted that the North Local Area Committee was in support of the ongoing activities of the Trust and if there was a need to move to a resolution then that should be placed on the agenda for the next formal meeting.
- 8.9 Councillor Gamble Pugh explained that his proposal was to resolve as a Committee that they were clear of the benefits that the Trust's utilisation brought to the community, but upon reflection, wished to formally withdraw his proposal for a resolution on this issue.
- 8.10 The Chair felt it was clear that the Chief Executive Officer and trustees were a valuable team, and that the campus was a worthwhile community asset and resource which complemented other community locations in the north of Sheffield.
- 8.11 The Chair explained that during January and February, 2023 there would be a formal public consultation on the Local Plan, and it was hoped that this could be included as an item at the next North Local Area Committee meeting, due to take place on Wednesday 8 January, 2023 at Forge Valley School, Stannington.

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