

North East Community Assembly

Meeting held 31 October 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Price (Chair), Leigh Bramall, Sheila Constance, Jackie Drayton, Gill Furniss, Ibrar Hussain, Talib Hussain, Alan Law, Sioned-Mair Richards and Peter Rippon

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Damms and Chris Weldon.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. NORTH EAST YOUTH FORUM PRESENTATION

4.1 Six members of the North East Youth Forum gave a presentation on their work which explained what the Forum was, gave details of the training and session work in which it was involved and provided information on the activities it had undertaken and planned to undertake. Information was also provided on the Forum's Action Plan, with particular reference being made to the Youth Conference and North East Oscars. The Forum's key priorities were outlined, together with details of how young people could get involved in its work.

4.2 Responses were provided to questions as follows:-

- The North East Youth Forum operated alongside the Youth Council.
- In order to integrate Roma young people, all documents produced were translated into the appropriate languages and one of the workshops, held as part of the Youth Conference, was focused on raising awareness of cultural diversity.
- In order to involve 13-19 year olds, Forum representatives could visit schools and colleges, presentations could be given at appropriate venues and publicity and consultation, to determine

the needs of that age group, could be carried out.

- The responses which had been received to questionnaires circulated amongst young people in the area, would enable the Forum to signpost young people to activities in which they wished to be involved. It was an important part of the work of the Forum to find out about appropriate events and publicise them.

4.3 The Assembly thanked the young people for their presentation and looked forward to the Forum's continued involvement in the Assembly's work.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 Petitions

There were no petitions presented to the Assembly.

5.2 Public Questions

Responses were provided to public questions as follows:-

5.2.1 Highway Trees

Peter Rees, Amey, indicated that hazardous or dangerous trees and issues such as potholes should be reported via the Customer First telephone hotline (0114 273 4567).

5.2.2 Blue Bin and Box Recycling Collection

The Chair, Councillor Peter Price, stated that he would investigate the lack of blue bin and box recycling collections on Firshill Close.

5.2.3 Closure of Lavender Way

The Chair indicated that the works being undertaken by Yorkshire Water on Lavender Way were programmed for completion at the end of November 2012.

5.2.4 Brushes Estate

Peter Rees, Amey, stated that he would speak to the questioner with a view to undertaking a full inspection of the estate with regard to potholes. He emphasised the importance of reporting such issues and informed the meeting that contact cards were available to take away.

5.2.5 Five Weirs Walk

The Chair indicated that, even though it was not located within the

Assembly area, he would pursue the issue of the closure of the Five Weirs Walk due to potholes.

EXECUTIVE DECISION

6. NORTH EAST ASSEMBLY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN 2012/13

6.1 The North East Community Assembly Manager submitted a report on the North East Assembly Community Involvement Plan 2012/13 which set out a programme of delivery for engaging with local residents over the next twelve months. It also provided a focal point of information that could be shared between key agencies about what activities/events were taking place to deliver consultation that affected neighbourhoods across the North East area.

6.2 Decision Taken

RESOLVED: That the North East Community Assembly adopts the North East Community Involvement Plan for 2012/13 (Appendix A) as a basis for involving local residents across the area in the work of the North East Community Assembly and other local issues over the next twelve months.

6.3 Reasons for Decision

The involvement of communities is the main component in Sheffield City Council's ambition to change the way the Council delivers services in the City. Communities and residents will continue to have more opportunities to influence service delivery in their neighbourhood so that they meet local priorities and needs. This will contribute to making communities safe and sustainable.

6.4 Alternatives Options Considered

The Assembly could choose not to adopt an involvement plan or it could choose to use different forms of engagement and communication. The proposals set out within the plan are based on what is achievable through the resources of the Assembly and what has worked previously.

7. BUDGET UPDATE

7.1 Alison Rayner, Community Assembly Manager, gave a presentation on the allocation of the Assembly's Discretionary Budget which provided details of quick wins expenditure, spending on the consultation vehicle during 2011/12 and spending on the Highways Budget.

7.2 In response to a public question, Alison Rayner stated that the running costs of one of the speed indication devices was £2,000 per year and

that the locations were focused to ensure maximum impact. She added that the one used in the Burngreave Ward used solar energy and that an order had been placed for the device on Firth Park Road, which was now out of use, to be moved to another location.

7.3 The Assembly noted the information reported.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 11th July 2012, were approved as a correct record.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 The Assembly noted that its next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 30th January 2013, at 6.00 pm at the Shirecliffe Community Centre.

(Note: These minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.)