**City of York Council** 

Committee Minutes

MEETING	HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	23 MAY 2017
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR C RUNCIMAN COUNCILLOR K ORRELL COUNCILLOR C CULLWICK
IN ATTENDANCE	KAY BAILEY, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER CYC JASMINE HOWARD, YORK CVS ANNE WILKINSON, THE WILBERFORCE TRUST SAM WATLING, FILM AT THE FOLK HALL PC GORWOOD
APOLOGIES	HELEN JARVIS-ONG, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OFFICER

#### 1. WELCOME

Cllr Runciman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced her fellow ward Councillors, Chris Cullwick and Keith Orrell. She explained that the chairing would be split between the three of them.

#### 2. POLICE UPDATE

PC Toby Gorwood, of the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team updated the meeting on the crime levels within the Ward.

ASB: There had been incidents of a perpetrator on a roof of a local building but this had stopped as the person had moved out of the area.

Burglary: There had been some burglaries on sheds and garages in the north of York.

Between 16-24 May Road Policing and Firearms Teams had been in action in their downtime. The pattern had now moved to the Clifton area.

- Q What were the Huntington incidents?
- A PC Gorwood said that there had been sporadic crime mostly in New Earswick and this side of the link road.

- Q A resident asked if anyone had been caught for these crimes.
- A PC Gorwood said that the incidents were domestic related and were circumstantial rather than unsecure garages.
- Q A resident asked why had it stopped.
- A PC Gorwood said that it was hard to tell, there were possibly a number of reasons such as they had been caught, left the area, been remanded or had been in hospital.
- Q A resident raised the issue of the large area of green on the Birch Park Estate. They had rung 101 to report teenagers climbing on fences, but said they could not get a reply and they did not feel the issue was serious enough for a 999 call. The youths also brought mopeds in.
- A PC Gorwood said that if a resident felt they wanted to get in touch with the team they could email them on <u>snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk</u> which would be seen by the team or, alternatively, contact him directly on 01609 643430. The non-emergency email was <u>general.enquiries@nothyorkshire.pnn.police.uk</u>. The Teams website could be found at Northyorkshire.police.uk/neighbourhoods/york-north.
- Q There had been an issue of the safety of cyclists coming out on Anthea Drive/New Lane junction have there been reports of accidents?
- A PC Gorwood said that they were not aware of any accidents at this location but there had been issues on Brockfield Park Drive. He said he would look into it to see if any incidents had been reported.
- Q Concerns raised about the Brockfield Park Drive exit onto New Lane, cars were often parked near the last house and there was the potential for a 'pile up' as it was creating a bottleneck. Could the double yellow lines be extended?
- Q The issue of parking in cycle lanes was raised, in particular past Huntington School where there was not a lot of clearance for cars.
- A PC Gorwood said that unless there were double yellow lines any parking would not be enforceable.

#### 3. WAYS TO WELLBEING - SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROJECT YORK CVS

Jasmine Howard gave a presentation on the Ways to Wellbeing Project being undertaken in the four Priory Medical Group Practices. The project was being run by York CVS in conjunction currently with Priory Medical Group and as part of a pilot, the results and outcomes had been independently evaluated by York St John University. The aim of the project was to help the 10% of people who were lonely or socially isolated and went to their doctors because of their situation. The aim was to promote Social Prescribing by connecting people within their local community with a view to supporting and improving their lives and wellbeing and thus reduce the use of GP appointments for social issues. People were also enabled to live at home safely for longer. Some people were visiting their doctor because of their emotional wellbeing (mental health) or long term conditions such as CPD or diabetes. It was noted that Huntington and New Earswick Ward had a higher than average population of 75+ year olds than the York average and were therefore disproportionately affected.

Jasmine said that when a person was referred to Jasmine directly from the GP an informal meeting was held at the local surgery, where they could have a cup of tea and discuss what life is like for them. From this meeting ideas could be discussed and agreement reached as to how their lives could be improved and steps that needed to be taken to make the ideas come to fruition with the help of others. People were encouraged and supported to do the activities or join the groups they want to until they are confident to carry on on their own. Transport could also be provided for the first time activities The project also provided help and support on benefits, debt and housing support.

The benefits of social prescribing were found to be increased confidence and wellbeing, decreased loneliness and decreased use of GPs time. People were also helped to engage with their local community and be better able to manage their condition for example being part of groups, having a befriender, joining choirs and art classes and the feedback was that they felt a 'weight had been lifted'. Routine was of great importance and it helps people to focus and become more resilient.

As a result of this project 80% of people referred had a greater sense of wellbeing, 75% had and improvement in confidence and there had been a decrease in reported loneliness and a 20% decrease in GP appointments.

A resident asked how a person would know about the project.

Jasmine said that a person would be referred through their GP. She was based in the local surgery. The project would also accept self-referrals or referrals from nurses or councillors.

is time saved by not going to the GP?

GP consultation time is being better used for people needing medical treatment. Such referrals were more about 'quality of life'. Jasmine explained she was here tonight in the hope of attracting ward committee funding to roll out the project in the ward.

How do you find about groups and organisation in the ward to signpost people to?

We talk to people in the ward, we are based at York CVS which gives access to a very large database of community organisations. She gave an example of a resident who had been supported with a swimpass to enable him to try out swim sessions accompanied by a worker.

A resident said volunteers were happy to help with the co-ordination of transport.

A resident said they had started a catering company, how do we let you know that about our project.

Jasmine said she would encourage people to email the service and to register with the Family Information Service.

The pilot was currently working out of the Priory Medical Group surgeries at Park View, Tang Hall, Heworth and Fulford. We are hoping to extend to other wards subject to funding.

Councillor Runciman said that this was an excellent initiative that brought services to people. There was CCG funding initially but unfortunately it was going to stop soon.

Our approach as the administration was to support prevention projects.

# 4. FILM AT THE FOLK HALL - PRESENTATION BY SAM WATLING

Sam Watling from Film at the Folk Hall gave a presentation about what the Group had been doing and how they were moving forward.

They operated out of the New Earswick Folk Hall and they evolved from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Loneliness Project. It was aimed at people for whom the cinema is financially out of reach. The service was initially set up by Christine Cook after speaking with Joseph Rowntree Foundation and was a non profit organisation run by volunteers that showed one film on the last Friday of the month for local people. They had renamed their Group FATFH. They had an average of 39, 55, and 67 attending and there were eleven volunteers and 25 members. Membership was for twelve months and cost £5. They had a Facebook page. They needed 60-65 people each showing to cover the costs. Their website is www.filmfolkhall.com. Programmes were available tonight and they had started questionnaires. They had successfully held children's events that had been funded by Ward Committee and had organised a successful Awareness Raising event. We hosted a conversation between Abigail Scott-Paul from Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Dave Johns who was an actor in the film I Daniel Blake following its showing.

They were showing 'Still Alice on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and tickets were still available from the Folk Hall. They were also supporting the Dementia Action Alliance and working with Minds in Motion on the Life Stories Project. CYC and Dementia Forward would also be in attendance at this event.

The Group was now self sufficient in terms of equipment and they had an induction loop available for the hard of hearing. They were looking to target harder to reach people locally and they planned to do a local piece about the Folk Hall celebrating the important anniversary.

A resident said that it was difficult to get to the Folk Hall from the north end of Huntington.

There was a suggestion that parish clerks could be approached to put information on their noticeboards.

### 5. THE WILBERFORCE TRUST - PRESENTATION BY ANNE WILKINSON

Anne Parkinson from Wilberforce Trust gave a short presentation about the work

the Trust undertook and how they were bringing their work into Huntington and New Earswick Ward. They were looking for funding from the Ward Committee to help them carry out their work. They had recently recruited twenty volunteers from the Ward.

The Trust started in 1833. As of April they had been awarded the Council's contract for supporting people with sight and hearing loss advice. If anyone had sight or hearing loss they should speak to the Trust. They now had a new Community Hub at the front of the building. They had found that recently diagnosed people were now becoming less socially isolated. The Trust could help with transport e.g. providing a bus, they try to put the bus driver into the shoes of someone with sight loss. The Trust were also working with Action on Hearing Loss and would like to spread the word locally. Their official launch was planned for Thursday.

A Wilberforce Way Walk challenge had been arranged for 24thJune 2017. This involved six walks in one day. Last year they had raised over £6K and they hoped to exceed the target this year.

Anne was asked how they related to York Blind and Partially Sighted Society

She said they were complimentary but could supply some different kinds of equipment eg tv hearing loops and doorbells, and there was a social inclusion group. They were also working on a "Street Charter" in the city centre with other disability forums and agencies.

# 6. YOUTH AND COMMUNITY UPDATE - DI LAMBERT CYC

Di Lambert, a Community and Partnership Officer at CYC explained her role and that she was here tonight looking to identify what was available for young people within the Ward and where the gaps where.

Her role covered the north side of York and she worked alongside community and voluntary agencies to ensure a coherent citywide approach to developing community capacity and partnerships. She worked with communities, voluntary groups and local providers to establish a local area response to developing an early help offer which supported improved outcomes for children and young people to identify gaps in provision and build capacity for 0 -19 year olds. Started a mapping exercise.

If anyone was interested in carrying out voluntary work to support young people's activities she was able to help them and point them in the right direction.

Di said that the Ward could commission a piece of work if they chose to if it fitted with their ward priorities.

# 7. WARD PRIORITIES 2017/18 DISCUSSION

The current ward priorities were:

- Increase community safety and cohesion
- A well maintained ward
- Increased opportunities for young people

Cllr Cullwick asked residents to discuss whether they thought these priorities were still meaningful and suggested other priorities they may like to consider such as:

- Social isolation and loneliness
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyles
- Opening up engagement opportunities throughout the Ward.

He wanted as many people as possible involved with the process prior to any decisions being made. Residents broke into groups and discussed the options.

Feedback from the groups was given. Consideration was given to whether Community Safety was still a priority given the low crime levels. The question was asked as to how much a well maintained ward was down to individuals/parish council.

Kay Bailey said that residents may find it helpful to look at the ward profile which was available this evening. The profile was produced quarterly by the Business Intelligence Team at CYC. It gave a summary of statistics across Employment, Education and Crime etc and may help identify what Ward Priorities should be.

The discussion concluded that the following be proposed as the draft priorities:

- A well maintained ward
- Providing engagement opportunities throughout the ward for all, particularly young people and hard to reach groups
- Addressing social isolation and loneliness

Cllr Cullwick said that the ideas raised tonight would be brought to the next Ward Team Meeting when the priorities would be finalised. They will be shared on the Council website, ward Twitter and local notice boards around the Ward.

#### 8. WARD BUDGET 2017/18

#### General Budget

The General pot for 2017/18 was £32,100. Councillors would like to encourage further bids for this funding. Grant Application forms were available this evening or alternatively Helen Jarvis-Ong could be contacted on 01904 554123 <u>helen.jarvis@york.gov.uk</u>.

#### Highways Budget

The Highway budget for 2017/18 is  $\pounds$ 15284 with a carry over from 2016/17 bringing the total to  $\pounds$ 35,456.

Cllr Runciman said that the path by the secondary school had been resurfaced from this budget and asked that if anyone had any ideas of areas were more of the Highways Budget money could be used please let the Councillors know.

# 9. COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPEN FLOOR

There were no issues raised.

Councillors thanked residents for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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[The meeting started at Time Not Specified and finished at Time Not Specified].