

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillors A Lamb, J Procter,
R D Feldman, Mrs R Feldman, P Harrand
and A Castle

Apologies Councillor G Wilkinson, R Procter and
A Shelbrooke

61 Election of Chair for the Meeting

In the absence of Councillor G Wilkinson, Councillor A Lamb was elected Chair for the meeting.

(Councillor Lamb in the Chair).

The Committee observed a minute's silence in respect of the late Mrs Pat Wilkinson, former Deputy Lady Mayoress of Leeds.

62 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Procter, A Shelbrooke and G Wilkinson.

63 Declaration of Interests

Councillor P Harrand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 69 refers) – Wellbeing Fund 2009/10 – Application on behalf of Harewood Parish Council – in his capacity as a Member of Harewood Parish Council.

64 Open Forum

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised.

65 Minutes - 7th December 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

66 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Grounds Maintenance Procurement Strategy (Minute No. 50(b) refers)

Further to Minute No. 38, 26th October 2009 and Minute No. 50(b), 7th December 2009, the Area Management Officer reported that an update report would be submitted to the 22nd March 2010 meeting.

b) Breeze/Mini-Breeze Event 2010 (Minute No. 53 refers)

The Area Management Officer reported that the possibility of holding a Breeze or Mini-Breeze event in the Committee's area during 2010 was still being actively pursued.

c) Town and Parish Council Forum – Alwoodley Parish Council (Minute No. 55 refers)

Further to Minute No. 55, 7th December 2009, the Area Management Officer confirmed that Alwoodley Parish Council had been invited to become actively involved with the Forum and would be sent all the papers for meetings, regardless of whether or not they attended every meeting.

d) Children's Services – Safeguarding and Integrated Working (Minute No. 58 refers)

Further to Minute No. 58, 7th December 2009, the Area Management Officer reported that Shaid Mahmood and Victoria Fuggles had been invited to attend the May meeting of the Wetherby, Harewood and Alwoodley Town and Parish Council Forum to speak on this subject.

67 Neighbourhood Wardens Restructure - Update

Further to Minute No. 12, 6th July 2009, the Chief Officers for Regeneration and Environmental Action Services submitted a joint report updating Members on progress in restructuring the Neighbourhood Wardens Service into new posts of Community Environment Officers and Community Environment Support Officers, and the proposed deployment of these officers across the City.

In response to a Member's query, the Area Manager undertook to report back to the March meeting regarding the estimated costs associated with an option to possibly increase the level of service currently envisaged in the Committee's area.

In response to a related issue, Councillor Castle stated that she was going to contact Inspector Griffiths regarding policing services in Scholes, especially following the withdrawal of the former Neighbourhood Warden, who had done a good job in the area.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

68 Health and Environmental Action Services Team - Update report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report regarding the range of work undertaken by the Health and Environmental Action Service across the City during Quarter 2 of 2009/10, broken down by Area Committee areas.

Phil Gamble, Service Manager, East/North East Environmental Action Team, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main issues raised were:-

- The format of the report was questioned – Members indicated that they were happy to receive actual figures, without the need for pie or bar charts.
- Table 13 on Page 32 of the agenda – the amount of money per property spent on improvement work was queried, and Members also requested a breakdown of figures per Ward. Phil Gamble undertook to supply Members with further detailed information via the Area Management Officer.
- Phil Gamble also undertook to supply further details of the 'Scores on the Doors' food safety ratings in respect of food premises, which was also available to the public;
- Members also requested that future reports should be Area-specific rather than City-wide, and that details should be broken down on a Ward by Ward basis.
- Queries were also raised regarding the 22 Highways Enforcement Notices served in the Committee's area, and issues surrounding the annexing of private or Council-owned land for garden extensions by private homeowners or tenants. It was suggested that the Area Community Planning Officer could produce some information on the latter.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments and requests for further information, the report be received and noted.

(NB: Councillor J Procter joined the meeting at 5.53 pm during the consideration of this item.)

69 Wellbeing Fund 2009/10 - Update Report

The East North East Area Manager submitted a report which updated Members on the Committee's revenue and capital wellbeing budget balances, including Small Grants and Environment Fund Grants, projects in development and applications for funding before the Committee today for determination.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report and information appended to the report, including projects in development and the awarding of Small Grants and Environment Grants for each Ward, be noted; and
- b) That the following decisions be made in relation to Wellbeing funding proposals which had been submitted for determination at the meeting:

REVENUE

- Adel Mill Conservation Area (Alwoodley Ward) – £6,000 – Deferred, and moved to 'projects in development';
- Jewish Heritage Centre for Children (Alwoodley Ward) – £25,000 applied for – £10,000 Approved
- Grit bins (Alwoodley Ward) – £1,860 – Approved
- Northcall, Salaries (Alwoodley Ward) – £8,426 – Approved
- Open House (Alwoodley Ward) – £3,750 – Approved
- Harewood Parish Council: Noticeboard and litterbins (Harewood Ward) – £2,616 – Refused;
- Scholes in Bloom: Purchase of a ride on lawnmower (Harewood Ward) – £2,999 applied for - £1,500 Approved
- Collingham with Linton Parish Council: Hanging baskets (Harewood Ward) – £1,870 applied for - £935 Approved
- Bardsey Parish Council: West Well, Rigton Bank (Harewood Ward) – £6,500 applied for - £3,000 Approved
- Aberford Conservation Area Review (Harewood Ward) – £7,000 – Approved
- Wetherby in Support of the Elderly: Sunshine café (Wetherby and Harewood Wards) – £1,500 – Approved (£900 Harewood Ward, £600 Wetherby Ward);
- Wetherby Community Radio (Tempo FM): Barleyfields Radio Project (Wetherby Ward) – £1,000 Approved.

70 Area Delivery Plan 2008 - 11 - Update Report

The East North East Area Manager submitted a report updating the Committee regarding progress on issues contained in the Committee's Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2008-11.

In response to Member suggestions, the Area Management Officer undertook to amend the ADP to include reference to the Wetherby Festival under the culture section, and to refer the 'Wetherby' brown tourist sign on the A1M issue under the local economy section.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- b) That Councillor Alec Shelbrooke be nominated as the Area Committee's 'champion' for the Year of the Volunteer.

71 Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

Monday, 22nd March 2010, 6.00 pm, Treetops Community Centre, Alwoodley.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm.