

17th October 2014 Meeting
9.30 am Otley Police Station

Present

Cllr P Latty (Chair), Cllr D Collins, Cllr P Wadsworth, Simon Toyne (ST) - Aireborough Cluster Manager, Katherine Robertshaw (KR) - Events Activities Coordinator, Inspector Richard Coldwell (RC), Emily Robinson (ER), Rachel Marshall (RM) Area Support Team, Claire Simms (CS) Area Support Team

Apologies:

Tessa Freer (TF) – Horsforth TSL & Cluster Manager, Amanda Bradley (AB) – ESNW TSL & Cluster Manager, Cllr S Lay, Cllr B Flynn, Ian Jones (IJ) – Youth Officer

Key Issues discussed:

1. Introductions and Apologies

Cllr Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Has there been a response to the letter sent to Cllr Blake requesting the age for the Youth Activity Funding be lowered?

RM advised that there has been no response so far.

Cllr Latty has talked to Cllr Blake informally about the letter but feels a formal written response is needed.

Aireborough Cluster update - Simon Toyne pointed out there was £1,700 of funding to carry over and not £17,000.

A.O.B Youth services have been cut to 66% not by 66%.

Tessa Freer hasn't provided an update on pupil premiums for the ONW area.

Minutes agreed.

Youth Activity Funding

3. Current statement & monitoring update.

Claire Simms (CS) gave an update on the current Youth Activity funding monitoring. At the moment the monitoring is still being collated and not all monitoring has been received. Some projects such as the Christmas Lantern project run by the Otley Courthouse hasn't started yet so no monitoring received.

There is currently £3,553 of Youth Activity Funding to allocate.

Mighty Chefs Application

Emily Robinson and Lisa from Mighty Chef handed out information about the Mighty Chefs project followed by a presentation to the sub group. Mighty Chefs Let's Cook programme is a fun

and interactive cookery programme for young people aged 8 – 17 years. The programme encourages the development of key cooking skills, and delivers healthy messages in line with current government guidelines. Let's Cook is fully inclusive to all and offers particular focus to families on low incomes.

The course will be allocated on a first come first serve basis depending on the response to the advertising. The project will be advertised in all the ONW areas and Guiseley School will be initially used as a starting venue. A further discussion then took place about venues.

Aireborough Cluster Application

Katherine Robershaw gave an update to the sub group about the Performing Arts project which ran at the beginning of the year. The project was a great success and Aireborough Cluster would like the opportunity to run it again at the beginning of 2015.

A discussion then ensued about venues and the number of participants etc.

Simon Toyne had to leave the meeting early but wanted to give an update about the child exploitation community briefing sessions that had taken place so far. The first briefing wasn't very well attended. The second briefing is taking place on the morning on Friday 24th October at Guiseley Theatre. Simon asked the sub group if they could get the word out and promote the briefing session as much as they could.

4. Neighbourhood Policing Update

Inspector Coldwell (RC) gave an update on crime figures in the area over the year. Overall there are 230 crimes down in the area and of those 73 burglaries down, 51 burglaries other down. Robberies are up 4 from this time last year and there have been 15 since April 2014. Theft from vehicles is up 7 from this time last year. But overall the figures are looking good and ASB figures look good at the moment despite reduced resources.

The clocks go back at the end of October so that could cause a few problems in relation to the crime figures but the Police are trying to get the word out to the community now about things people can do to prevent being victims of crime. For example putting their lights on timer to give the illusion the property isn't empty.

Cllr Collins asked about the rape figures for the area and if they were up. RC advised figures for the area were relatively low and Leeds Safe Guarding worked well in the area.

Cllr Wadsworth raised the issue of school parking problems particularly at Tranmere Park. The head teacher felt the PCSO's were neglecting their duties and didn't attend the school regularly enough.

RC highlighted the fact the problem was a hard one to solve. There are 47 schools in the ONW area and only 23 PCSOs on duty.

Cllr Wadsworth would like a discussion to take place with the Police and the heads of the schools in ONW about the parking issues. RC pointed out the accident stats for the area hadn't increased lately. A discussion then took place.

RC informed the sub group that there was a report of a man in a white van approaching a school in Horsforth. RC was concerned that the Children's Services had then sent out an inappropriate text to parents, which had caused a panic.

5. Targeted Youth Work – Kevin Donnelly

Quarterly Monitoring Report Update. Kevin Donnelly (KD) is unable to present the report at this meeting but will be able to next time. KD can give some background information about the report. There are two parts to the report. One part is a narrative around case studies and

barriers etc. The other part of the report is a highlight report with statistics and charts etc. The biggest issues faced have been staffing cover for the area. There are a number of staff on sick leave and staff covering their own area as well as other areas so stretched to the limit. This will have an impact on the report in terms of the number of sessions held. KD has raised staffing levels with his management and has asked for more staff cover.

Cllr Wadsworth suggested that staffing issues have always been a problem for the Youth Service.

Another problem is lack of resources in super output areas. Can the Youth Services work overlap with the LCC priorities. The work the Youth Service deliver has changed with a shift to more targeted work.

There have been concerns about low participation of groups ran at the Brownlee Stone Centre. Youth Services will be less and less able to run youth clubs. There are issues with what the core work of the Youth Service is and the service is moving towards targeted work and away from staffing youth clubs etc.

KD would value some dialogue with the group about a way forward with more valuable use of staff time and resources and it was suggested that this would be one of the agenda items at the next meeting.

6. Breeze Event Update – Christine Mulcahy

Christine Mulcahy (CM) gave out data on the Breeze Summer Session that took place in the ONW area. CM highlighted the positives and negatives of the events and went through the monitoring.

Breeze events were funded in Guiseley at Nunroyd Park, Bramhope at Bramhope RUFC, Horsforth at Cragg Hill Recreation Ground and Yeadon at Yeadon Tarn. Venue choice is critical to the success of the event. The Mini Breezes should be held where young people already congregate. Weather is also a critical factor and did affect 3 out of the 4 Mini Breeze events that were held.

Nunroyd Park: The event was well attended given that this was the first time Breeze had held an event in this location. Feedback was that this was a good venue and the activities were well received

Bramhope RUFC: The weather on the day was not conducive to running the inflatable activities and the initial attendance dropped off with people leaving early.

Cragg Hill: This event attracted a number of partner agencies who contributed to the event and enhanced the activities on offer. The activities were well received but unfortunately the weather wasn't good with severe winds and heavy showers and this had a negative impact on numbers attending.

Yeadon Tarn: A very large number of people were queuing and waiting in the car park as opening time approaches however, 10 minutes before the event started it started to rain. Most of the queue disappeared and did not return.

Cllr Wadsworth asked CM if the event held at Bramhope RUFC should have been held at Golden Acre Park instead to raise the events profile. The Adel & Wharfedale members feel strongly this is the right place for the event.

CM explained from a health and safety perspective there were concerns over the suitability of Golden Acre Park as a venue due to the location of the flat grassed area in the park and its tendency to flood in wet weather. When the initial site visit was made the ground was already wet, and further wet weather was forecast.

Cllr Latty, If pressure is being put on the Cllr Wadsworth as Chair of The Community Committee by the Adel & Wharfedale members about the Breeze event being held at Golden

Acre Park and they feel that strongly about it then they should be at the meeting to speak for themselves.

The Children's Services and Family Health sub group is an important committee and makes important decisions. If Cllr Flynn and Cllr Lay can't attend the meetings then a representative should be sent on their behalf. Cllr Latty is the chair and feels very strongly about this and an instruction will be sent out.

A discussion then took place about if a decision can be made to support the two Youth Activity funding applications or not in spite of Cllr Flynn and Cllr Lay absence.

7. Community Committee Topics

Rachel Marshall (RM) advised the sub group that a workshop topic needs to be chosen for the January Community Committee. This is to just initially think of a topic and a further discussion can take place at the next meeting.

Cllrs Wadsworth explained the workshop won't take place at the Community Committee but outside of them.

Cllr Collins, the topic needs to be narrowed down a bit. What are the objectives of the workshop? What are the outcomes? As a children's group what do we want to achieve? One idea is community engagement. How do we engage with young people?

Cllrs Wadsworth asked the group if this could be linked in with the Youth Panel? A discussion then took place about school councils etc. Cllrs Wadsworth then asked the group if a formal letter should be sent to school councils asking that a representative from each school could come on the Youth Panel.

8. Future agenda items & any other items

- Kevin Donnelly to give an update on the quarterly monitoring report at the next meeting.
- Further discussion to take place about the topic at the next meeting.
- Cluster booklet. A discussion to take place at the next meeting about the viability of the cost of the booklet vs the value of the booklet.

7. Future Meetings Dates and Venues

The next meeting was arranged for 20th November 2014 at 9:30 am at Otley Police Station.

Actions and Recommendations

1. Send a letter to the school councils in the ONW.
2. Get a written response from Cllr Blake regarding the letter sent requesting the age for the Youth Activity Funding be lowered.