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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE – COLNE VALLEY

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Present: Councillor Bellamy in the chair.
Councillors Iredale, Marchington, Richards and Turner
Co-optees C Gibson, J Margetts, M Moores and C Woolnough.

Apologies were received from Councillor D Ridgway.

Also present: Approximately 20 members of the public.

- 1 Chair's Welcome and Introduction**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Committee Members introduced themselves.
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.
- 3 Interests**
Councillor Bellamy declared an other interest in agenda item 9 as she is a lifetime member of the Friends of Slaithwaite Spa.

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Co-optee Woolnough declared an other interest in agenda item 9 as he is the chair of the Friends of Slaithwaite Spa.

Co-optee Margetts declared an other interest in agenda item 9 as she is a Trustee and Supporter of Be More Outdoors (Babes in the Wood).
- 4 Admission of the Public**
It was noted that all Agenda items would be considered in public session.
- 5 Deputations/ Petitions**
No deputations or petitions were received.
- 6 Neighbourhood Policing Update**
Police Community Support Officer Crowther gave a brief update on crime and policing issues.

There had been a recent spate of vehicle crime in Linthwaite and Marsden; it was believed that a gang from Manchester were responsible and the police were hoping for a successful outcome soon.

The Ale Trail was to be policed as per last year from Spring onwards.

There had also been a recent spate of stone thefts and people are reminded to report any incidents or sightings of people acting suspiciously.

Up to date news and detailed crime statistics could be found on the West Yorkshire Police website at <http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/kirklees/valleys>.

RESOLVED: Police Community Support Officer Crowther be thanked for his contribution.

7 Report back from Community Groups

The Committee received presentations from Be More Outdoors (Babes in the Wood), Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team and young people from the Basement Youth Centre.

Mr Scully of Be More Outdoors said that the group was interested in leasing office space at the Rail and River building in Slaithwaite but was having difficulty getting a response from the relevant Council Department. F Wardley agreed to try to expedite this.

Mr Milner of Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team asked anyone interested in volunteering or helping with fundraising to visit the website at holmevalleymrt@mountain.rescue.org.uk.

Young people from the Basement Youth Centre described their recent visit to the Houses of Parliament, to which the Area Committee had contributed some funding. The young people were setting up a forum called Make It Happen to look at issues facing young people in the area, such as the use of supply teachers in school and the effect this has on progression and behaviour. They also wish to continue to organise educational trips.

RESOLVED: That the groups be thanked for their contributions.

8 Report back on the Area Committee Action Plan

The Committee received a presentation on the achievements of the Area Committee over the last 2 years, and members of the public took part in an exercise to help decide the Committee's priorities for next year.

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Budget Report

The Committee noted the current balance of its budget and considered several funding requests.

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RESOLVED –

(1) That the following revenue schemes be approved:

- (a) Grant - Friends of Slaithwaite Spa, Communities and Leisure (Colne Valley ward) £200.00
- (b) Grant - Babes in the Wood, Communities and Leisure (Colne Valley ward) £1,000.00
- (c) Older People - community exercise, Communities and Leisure (both wards) £4,867.00
- (d) Colne Valley Greenway – consultation, Communities and Leisure (both wards) £200.00
- (e) Xmas Trees 2014 Streetscene and Housing (both wards) £5,850.00
- (f) Neighbourhood Management Group Top Up, Communities and Leisure (both wards) £1,237.00

(2) That the following capital schemes be approved:

- (a) Grant - Holme Valley Mountain Rescue, Communities and Leisure (both wards) £1,000.00
- (b) Greenway Feasibility Study, Investment and Regeneration (both wards) £10,000.00

- (c) Benches at Town End, Streetscene and Housing (Golcar ward) £2,000.00
- (d) Longwood Edge Fencing, Streetscene and Housing (Golcar ward) £3,200.00
- (e) Public Rights of Way Improvements CVBW197, Investment and Regeneration (Colne Valley ward) £21,842.00
- (f) Public Rights of Way Improvements Hudds281, Investment and Regeneration (Golcar ward) £14,500.00

(3) That the following decisions made since the last meeting be noted:

- (a) Revenue - (Golcar) Work Club for Botham Hall and Trees approved on 22 March 2012 £1,475.00 - return to budget £6.94
- (b) Revenue - (Colne Valley/Golcar Ward) Engagement costs for young people area committee meeting approved on 25 September 2013 £200.00 return to budget £10.00 (£5 per ward)
- (c) Capital - (Colne Valley) Argyle Street, Marsden approved on 17 March 2011 for £42,115.00 return to budget £371.45
- (d) Capital - (Golcar) Grant - Sycamore Grange Canopy awning approved on 19 July 2012 for £1,000.00 return to budget £1,000.00

9 Public Question Time

Questions were asked in regard to the following issues and councillors advised as to the way forward:

- * A member of the public asked what progress was being made with recent planning applications in Slaithwaite. Councillor Turner replied that she had asked the highways scheme for Aldi to be brought back to the Planning Sub-Committee as there were outstanding concerns about how traffic was going to be managed. It is believed that the developer is keen to start on the Globe Mills site.

9 Dates of Future Meetings

It was noted that no future meeting dates have been announced as this is the last meeting of the municipal year. The Chair thanked everyone for their support over the past year.