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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE - KIRKLEES  
RURAL**

**Date:**

**THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

**Committee Clerk:**

**Julie Mcdowell;**

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**Chair**

Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton

**Councillors Attended**

B Armer, D Bellamy, J Dodds, D Firth, C Greaves, C Iredale, T Lyons, A Marchington,  
H Richards, J Taylor, G Turner, N Turner, M Watson

**Attendees**

Approximately 22 members of the public were in attendance

**Co-optees**

K Armitage and M Moores

**Parish Council Representatives**

M Blanshard, R Brook

**Apologies**

R Barraclough, N Patrick, D Ridgway and K Sims

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## **1 Welcomes and Introductions**

**Agenda** The Chair will welcome everyone and introduce members of the Committee to the public.

**Decision** Committee members introduced themselves.

Thanks were recorded to Robert Bamforth for his contribution as a co-opted member of the committee.

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## **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

**Agenda** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2015.

**Decision** The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2015 were approved as a correct record.

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## **3 Interests**

**Agenda** The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

**Decision** Councillor G Turner declared an other interest in item 8, grant application regarding Skelmanthorpe Library building by Denby Dale Parish Council, as a member of the Parish Council, and remained in the meeting.

Parish Council representative R Brook declared an other interest in item 8, grant application regarding Skelmanthorpe Library building by Denby Dale Parish Council, as a member of the Parish Council, and remained in the meeting.

Parish Council representative M Blanshard declared an other interest in item 8, grant application regarding Skelmanthorpe Library building by Denby Dale Parish Council, as a member of the Parish Council, and remained in the meeting.

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## **4 Admission of the public**

**Agenda** Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

**Decision** It was agreed that all items be discussed in public session.

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## **5 Deputations / Petitions**

**Agenda** The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

**Decision** None were received.

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## **6 Neighbourhood Policing Team Update**

**Agenda** The Committee will receive and update from the Kirklees Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team on crime and safety initiatives.

Sergeant Richard Haigh and PC Sally Baines will attend.

Contact: Inspector Mark Trueman  
Mark.tureman@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

**Decision** Sergeant Hayley Marsland and Police Constable Sally Baines reported that police officers in the rural team are designated to specific wards. Police Constable Baines gave an update on crime statistics and community safety work in the Dearne Valley (Denby Dale and Kirkburton). Speed engagement checks at Sovereign cross roads and parking on the pavement in Flockton would be followed up.

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## 7 Greenspace Service Standards - Rural District

**Agenda** The Committee will receive information on the service standards to be applied to parks and open spaces in 2015-2016 following discussions with Councillors.

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Rob.dalby@kirklees.gov.uk

**Decision** Noted the outcome of the consultation on service standards which will be implemented in April 2016. A ward level break down will be sent to Councillors for information. Maintenance issues at Shelley Green Meadow and Coal Pit Lane, New Mill would be followed up.

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## 8 District Committee Delegated Budgets

**Agenda** The Committee will consider applications for funding:-

- Streetscene Road Improvements - Holme Valley North Ward - £30,000 – (Revenue £4,661.43 / Capital £25,339.57)
- Skelmanthorpe Library – New Windows and Doors - £19,800 – (New Homes Bonus)
- Wessenden Head Footpath Resurface - £19,000 – (New Homes Bonus)
- Dementia Friendly Communities – All Wards - £2,500 – (Revenue)
- Wood Lane, Thunderbridge Footpath – Kirkburton Ward - £2,000 (Revenue)
- Life of Wilson Project – Golcar Ward - £900 (Revenue)
- Speed Indicator Device – Holme Valley North Ward - £800 (Revenue)
- Heroes are Welcome – Denby Dale Ward - £500 (Revenue)
- Litter Bin, Milnsbridge – Golcar Ward - £300 (Revenue)

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**Decision** (1) Agreed that applications for funding be approved as follows:

- (a) £30,000 (revenue £4,661.43 and capital £25,339.57) for Streetscene improvements in Holme Valley North Ward, the work done to be reported to the committee.
- (b) £19,800 (New Homes Bonus) grant to Denby Dale Parish Council for new doors and windows at Skelmanthorpe Library building.
- (c) £19,000 (New Homes Bonus) to resurface footpath off Wessenden Head Road, Meltham.

- (d) £2,500 grant to Kirklees Dementia Alliance to raise awareness of dementia with local communities across the Kirklees Rural district.
  - (e) £2,000 to resurface a section of footpath off Wood Lane, Thunderbridge.
  - (f) £900 grant to Aspire Co-operative Learning Trust for a mobile exhibition for the Life of Wilson project.
  - (g) £800 for speed indicator devices in the Holme Valley North Ward in 2015-2016.
  - (h) £350 for Heroes are Welcome stickers for display in shops and organisations in the Denby Dale Ward.
  - (i) £300 for a litter bin on River Street, Milnsbridge.
- (2) That the followings decisions be noted:
- (a) £500 discretionary grant to Marsden Football Club.
  - (b) £500 discretionary grant to Holme Valley Residents Association towards transfer of public toilets.
  - (c) £414 underspend to return to committee budget regarding Marsden Walkers are Welcome project approved on 30/07/2013.

## 9 Estates and Environmental Works Budget

**Agenda** The Committee will consider schemes for spend under the Estates and Environmental works budget.

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**Decision** Agreed that the following schemes be approved, and noted that the schemes without costings will be put forward to a future committee meeting for decision:

- (a) £14,672 for metal fencing to communal boundaries at Burhouse Court, Honley.
- (b) £4,050 for replacement surface to footpath Lime Grove, Golcar.

- (c) £6,000 for environmental works at Deacon Close, Meltham.
  - (d) £7,640 for improvements to fencing at Beech Avenue, Golcar.
  - (e) £5,000 to create a green walkway on the Woods Estate, Marsden.
  - (f) £8,600 for re-surfacing of lane to rear of Barnsley Road, Flockton.
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## **10 Calderdale and Huddersfield Hospital Proposals for Service Changes**

**Agenda** The Committee would like to hear views about how the changes will affect local residents and communities in Kirklees Rural District.

The draft public consultation document - summary of proposals, pages 16-17 is on the Calderdale Council Website (Joint Scrutiny Panel 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016):-

[Link to Calderdale Council Website](#)

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**Decision** Councillor Marchington provided information on the forthcoming public consultation, the role of scrutiny and how people could put their views forward. It was agreed that issues raised by the meeting be fed into these processes and that a representative from the Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to the next meeting.

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## **11 Public Question Time**

**Agenda** The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Questions submitted in advance of the meeting may enable a fuller response to be given at the meeting. If you wish to give notice of a question please contact: Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton, Chair of Kirklees Rural District Committee, Tel: 07917 354959, or email: [edgar.holroyd-doveton@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:edgar.holroyd-doveton@kirklees.gov.uk).

Alternatively, contact Julie McDowell, Area and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator, on the contact details below.

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**Decision** The Committee was asked whether it has a view on the location of the proposed skate park in Highburton.

Councillor Taylor gave a response.

The Committee was asked whether it monitored local lighting issues.

Councillor Taylor responded that he is monitoring the issue raised in Highburton.

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**12 Date of Next Meeting**

**Agenda** 7pm, Thursday 24 March 2016 at Skelmanthorpe Youth and Community Centre.

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**Decision** Noted the date.

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