

North Yorkshire County Council

Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 10.30 am at Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough.

Present:-

County Councillors: Joe Plant (in the Chair); Eric Broadbent, David Chance, Janet Jefferson, Clive Pearson, Tony Randerson and Helen Swiers.

Parish/Town Councillors: Patrick Malton and Linda Wild

Community First Yorkshire: Caroline O'Neill

Also in Attendance: County Councillor Carl Les (Leader of the Council); County Council Officers: Louise Wallace and Kathy Clark (Health and Adult Services), Richard Marr (Business and Environmental Services) and Ruth Gladstone (Legal and Democratic Services); and Abigail Barron (Head of Strategy/Community Care, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group)

Apologies for absence: County Councillors Derek Bastiman, Liz Colling, David Jeffels, Andrew Jenkinson, Roberta Swiers and Callam Walsh; Parish Councillor Richard Thompson; and Superintendent Alisdair Dey, Area Commander for Scarborough/Ryedale Police

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

38. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39. Any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

40. Whitby Hospital Redevelopment Update

Considered -

The presentation by Abigail Barron of Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) providing an update on the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital. (A copy of the presentation slides has been included in the Minute Book.)

It was reported that the CCG had approved an outline business case for the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital, that the Department of Health and Social Care had approved £11.9m of funding for the construction phase, and that a construction partner had been appointed to lead the detailed technical design phase, together with

comprehensive work on how the newly developed hospital would operate, including design, development and a planning application to inform the full business case.

Members noted that Abigail Barron was part of a very small team within the CCG, to which requests for updates had been made by this Area Committee, Scarborough Borough Council and Whitby Town Council. Following discussion, Members expressed the view that quarterly updates should be made to this Area Committee whose membership included Borough and Town Councillors who could subsequently pass information on to the Borough and Town Councils.

Members noted that the CCG's overall financial deficit would not put at risk the Capital funding for the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital because the Capital for the redevelopment was drawn centrally from the Department of Health and Social Care and an allocation of £11.9m had already been secured. However, the CCG needed to ensure, on a continuous basis, that this scheme remained affordable to the CCG and its providers in terms of the revenue impact because the Capital which was put forward for the redevelopment had to be paid back via revenue and rental on that site. A key piece of work now, around design, was to finalise costs, and therefore the Construction Team would shortly be obtaining fixed price tenders for sub-contract work to finalise that price. If the fixed price construction costs led to a deviation from the £11.9m Capital costs already secured, the CCG would need to do a piece of work to assess the revenue impact. However, the CCG had no concerns about such work.

Members noted that there would be no risk to the current Minor Injuries Treatment facility at Whitby Hospital. However, following redevelopment, Whitby Hospital would have 19 beds instead of the current 24 beds. During the decant, the physical space at Whitby Hospital would allow for 16 beds and therefore conversions were taking place with the County Council's Health and Adult Services to look and agree a Step-Up, Step-Down solution during the decant which was likely to last around a year. The CCG's investment in 24 hour Community Health Nursing was emphasised.

Resolved -

- (a) That the presentation and update be noted.
- (b) That Abigail Barron of Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to provide quarterly updates to future meetings of this Area Committee concerning the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital.

41. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

42. Scarborough and Whitby District Police and Community Safety Report

Considered -

The report of Superintendent Alisdair Dey (Area Commander for Scarborough/Ryedale) noting current performance and future community safety and crime reduction partnership operations in the Scarborough District.

The report provided statistics for the District, and by Ward, of all recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, and domestic incidents. Breakdowns were provided, by Street, of all recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents. The report also included statistical comparisons between each month of the year and with previous years.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

43. Health Integration

Considered -

The presentation by Louise Wallace (Assistant Director (Health and Integration), Health and Adult Services) and Kathy Clark (Assistant Director (Commissioning), Health and Adult Services) advising of the County Council's position in terms of its thinking around the integration of health and social care. (A copy of the presentation slides has been included in the Minute Book.)

The presentation outlined relevant national policy; integrated commissioning arrangements in North Yorkshire (ie the setting up of Integrated Planning and Commissioning Boards, each with a Joint Commissioning Strategy with a shared work programme); and integrated provision (eg integration with Community Health Services and other ways in which the County Council's Health and Adult Services could work strategically with the NHS).

Co-opted Member Caroline O'Neill (Community First Yorkshire) suggested that strategic thinking also needed to ensure that support services delivered by voluntary and community groups evolved to mirror the changes in structure and model which the County Council's Health and Adult Services had been taking forward with the CCG partners. As such, the way forward also needed to take account of infrastructure support which could be provided to support any changes for voluntary and community sector organisations. She commented that the Health and Adult Service procurement team had worked with Community First Yorkshire to make sure support was in place for voluntary and community sector groups during and after the tendering process. This had been done during previous months and that way of working was appreciated. Caroline O'Neill also expressed support for the County Council and the voluntary and community sector joining-up in relation to workforce development and, in particular, for the accreditation of skills within the care support sector and creating greater awareness of making the care sector a career of choice. Members thanked Caroline O'Neill for her useful comments.

During discussion, Members asked questions, and received information, about what the County Council did in circumstances when a patient was transferred out of hospital at minimal notice or late on a Friday afternoon. It was noted that the County Council funded a Home from Hospital Service. It was also noted that, following a huge effort by County Council staff and good work with NHS colleagues, the County Council had exceeded the target which it had set itself for social care Delayed Transfers of Care, although the government had set a target for the County Council which had not been achieved.

Members expressed the view that the Area Committee would find it helpful to receive further District-wide updates on an annual basis.

Resolved -

- (a) That the presentation be noted.
- (b) That District-wide updates concerning the integration of health and social care be submitted to the Area Committee on an annual basis.

44. Annual Road Casualty Report

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services inviting the Area Committee to discuss, comment on and question the content of the Annual Road Casualty Report.

Richard Marr (Area Highways Manager) introduced the report, highlighting that:-

- Across North Yorkshire, 2016 had seen another continued fall in the numbers of reported road casualties and the joint lowest figures since records began in 1990. 28 people had died in collisions on the county's roads, compared to 31 in 2015, and the total number of casualties of all severities was 2250 which was down 3% from 2015.
- With regard to the Scarborough District, all categories had reduced in 2016 with the exception of pedestrian casualties which had risen by 7% from 42 in 2015 to 45 in 2016. With regard to road collisions which resulted in someone being injured and reported to the police, there had been 216 in 2016 which was 12% less than in 2015. That represented more than 4 accidents every week.
- The County Council was not being complacent about the improvements which had been made and a lot of work was taking place within the Road Safety Team with the continuing aim of trying to educate and warn drivers. Details of the Team's activities were set out in the report.
- The County Council had a budget to deal with accident locations, although the amount was not large. Those sites where the budget was being spent were the places in respect of which there was a high and significant personal injury accident record.
- Pages 63 and 64 of the Annual Road Casualty Report showed sites in the Scarborough District which had a significant accident record, together with officers' comments on how those sites were being dealt with. For some sites, there was no discernable pattern of accidents and it was therefore very difficult to identify a solution to change driver behaviour.

During Members' discussion:-

- Richard Marr undertook to arrange for County Councillor Tony Randerson to be provided with updates regarding the collision cluster sites ranked 111 (Westway/Overdale/Eastway/Moor Road, roundabout, Scarborough) and 133 (B1261 Cayton Low Road/Holme Hill, junction, Scarborough).
- Richard Marr acknowledged that there were potholes on North Yorkshire's road network but advised that he was not detecting any trend that they were causing a significant amount of injuries on their own. He also advised that the criteria for filling potholes was set out in the Highways Safety Inspection Manual which was published on the County Council's website. That criteria had recently become more stringent to deal with defects that had a particular impact on cyclists.
- Richard Marr advised that requests for 20 mph zones were not progressed where 20 mph was not already the average speed and where the speed limit

could not be enforced without engineering measures eg chicanes. He added that funding for the introduction of physical measures was extremely restricted and was therefore used for the locations where there was an actual record of accidents rather than at places where it was perceived that accidents were happening.

Members commented that the Annual Road Casualty Report was excellent and congratulated the officers who had put it together. Richard Marr undertook to feedback those comments to relevant colleagues.

Resolved -

That the report and discussions be noted.

45. Update on Local Highways Matters

Considered -

Members discussed local highways issues with Richard Marr (Area Highways Manager). He highlighted the following matters:

- The operation of the winter maintenance service during snow earlier that month.
- The Capital Resurfacing Programme was due to start in April 2018. At some sites, resurfacing would be undertaken in April/May, whilst an adjoining road would be resurfaced as late as September. The reason for this disjointedness was to keep costs down on the disposal of tar.
- A new Scheme Assessment Process was being considered with a view to making responses to enquiries more transparent.
- The Tour de Yorkshire would be coming through the District at the beginning of May 2018.
- £2m had been secured for works in the District, including the recent works at Eastborough, Bar Street and Aberdeen Walk and resurfacing works around Marine Drive and Royal Albert.
- Work at B&M had commenced on 5 March 2018 but shallow cables had been uncovered and advice was currently awaited from Northern Power.
- In response to a query about enforcement of the pedestrian zone on the cobbled section of Church Street in Whitby, Richard Marr advised that the County Council was continuing to press Scarborough Borough Council's Parking Enforcement so that the pedestrian zone was kept as clear as possible.
- In response to a query about the timescales for construction of a lay-by on Helredale Road in Whitby, Richard Marr advised that consultation was planned for June 2018 and construction would start in September or October 2018.

Members expressed their thanks and congratulations to Highways staff for the way they had delivered the winter maintenance service earlier that month.

Resolved -

That the issues be noted.

46. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update

Considered -

The report of Group Manager Marc Warren of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) advising of community safety activities involving NYFRS that had occurred between 1 October 2017 and 31 January 2018 and providing an update regarding other issues from within the Scarborough District.

The report provided detail in relation to community fire safety and technical fire safety activity (including home fire risk checks completed, smoke detectors fitted, safe and well visits completed, speed radar deployments, and key safety and road safety events attended by Community Safety Officers); a selection process to replace Mark Naylor as Station Manager for Scarborough and Filey; delivery of drink drive posters to countryside public houses in the Whitby area; a demonstration of pet resuscitation masks; a demonstration for 16-18 year old students of NYFRS's work; the Fire Authority's decision to crew Tactical Response Vehicles at Malton, Northallerton, Tadcaster and Ripon with four staff; and details of fifteen incidents of note since the previous report to the Committee.

Resolved

That the activities which have taken place be noted.

37. Programme of Work for Future Meetings

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) presenting the Work Programme for the Area Committee and inviting Members to consider any amendments and/or additional items for future meetings, also to determine the venue for the next meeting.

County Councillor Carl Les advised that recommendations from the Constitution Working Party regarding Area Committees were scheduled to be considered by the County Council's Executive on 27 March 2018 and by full County Council on 16 May 2018.

In response to a request from County Councillor Janet Jefferson, for a future meeting to consider the County Council's financial contribution to CCTV, it was noted that discussions between the County Council and Scarborough Borough Council were currently taking place. Members agreed that the discussion should be allowed to conclude before the Area Committee decided to include this issue on its Work Programme.

The Chairman highlighted that a venue needed to be agreed for the Area Committee's next meeting and that the University Technical College (UTC) in Scarborough had been suggested, by Co-opted Member Caroline O'Neill, as a potential venue for a future meeting. Members expressed support for holding the next meeting at the UTC in Scarborough.

County Councillor Tony Randerson highlighted that the Area Committee should meet at the Hunmanby Community Centre at some time in the future. The Chairman advised that that had been noted.

Resolved -

- (a) That the business scheduled for future meetings be noted.
- (b) That the following items be added to the Work Programme:

- An update, once each quarter, concerning Whitby Hospital Redevelopment.
 - A District-wide update, once per annum, concerning the integration of health and social care.
- (c) That Members contact Kate Arscott (Senior Democratic Services Officer) with any other suggestions of business for future meetings which may subsequently arise.
- (d) That the Area Committee's meeting on 20 June 2018 be held at the University Technical College in Scarborough.

The meeting concluded at 12.00pm

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