

North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022, commencing at 10am – held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Present:-

Members: County Councillors David Hugill (Chairman), Caroline Dickinson, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Heather Moorhouse, Yvonne Peacock, Angus Thompson John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson and co-opted member Malcolm Warne.

Other Cllrs Present: County Councillor Gareth Dadd.

NYCC Officers: Adele Wilson-Hope – Stronger Communities Delivery Manager; Lucy Moss-Blundell – Stronger Communities Delivery Manager. Pam Johnson (NYCC Lead Officer, North Northallerton project); Steve Loach (Democratic Services).

Other Officers: Amanda Dyson (Waste and Street Scene Manager, Richmondshire DC); Lisa Pope (CCG Deputy Director of Primary Care, Community Services and Integration, CICC programme lead); Shaun Paramor, (Tilbury Douglas Project Director); Dr Mark Hodgson, (North Yorkshire CCG); Georgina Sayers, (Communications and Engagement Manager, NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

All decisions made by the Committee are subject to the procedure set out in Minute 165, below.

165. Chairman's Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the following statement:-

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach was reviewed by full Council at its February meeting and agreed that it be continued with a further review taking place at the May 2022 AGM of the County Council.

County Councillors David Blades, Carl Les and Karin Sedgewick submitted their apologies.

166. Minutes

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2021 and the Special Meeting held on 6th January 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

167. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

168. Public Questions and Statements

Mr Chris Brown of Newsham provided the following public question/statement:-

I am a concerned resident and Parish Councillor within Richmondshire who wishes to raise the issue of the disgraceful levels of litter on the A66 trunk road within Richmondshire, particularly the single carriageway sections which are never cleansed at all.

RDC is responsible for cleansing but have confirmed it was never done on these sections, which means RDC is currently failing to fulfil a statutory obligation.

Amanda Dyson (Waste and Street Scene Manager, Richmondshire DC) attended the meeting and outlined the following in response to the issues raised:-

She stated that she was the Manager for Street Cleaning in Richmondshire, which included the A66. The problem faced in respect of cleaning along that stretch of the road was safety for those carrying this out. Liaison was undertaken with Highways England to allow cleaning to take place during planned maintenance events, but it was difficult to clear specific areas without closing the road, as it was single carriageway in a number of areas. As a result some areas of the road had not been cleaned due to the significant costs and impact of road closures. Any cleaning would also have to take place at night and it was a challenge to get staff to commit to undertaking this unpleasant duty.

From the response provided a Member highlighted that parts of the A66 had not been cleaned for over fifteen years, despite the District Council having a statutory obligation to undertake this, and emphasised the need to address the situation as soon as possible. A Member stated that this was not just a problem for the A66 and suggested that a County-wide solution was required. A Member echoed what had been stated, noting the similar issues on the A1, but recognising the difficulties faced in addressing this. Members considered that the issue should be addressed as a matter of urgency to prevent this from being continually circulated between the various agencies. It was suggested that NYCC could take the lead on this issue to develop an appropriate strategy and provide a solution to this issue, County-wide. It was stated that litter problems were a national issue and should be addressed through schools to re-educate the public on the problems created.

The representative of the Executive at the meeting, County Councillor Gareth Dadd, was asked for his opinion on how this should be addressed. In response he stated that in terms of a county-wide strategy it was expected that the new unitary Council would be able to develop that, but in the meantime, the issue raised by the questioner needed addressing as a matter of urgency. He suggested that the Committee could communicate with Richmondshire District Council and raise the issue directly with the Executive about co-ordinating a response. He emphasised that NYCC was limited as to how it could respond currently as the responsibility was still with Richmondshire DC.

Members suggested that action should be considered against those carrying out the littering through a county-wide plan.

As a way forward on the current situation it was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Members, those raising concerns and representatives of the bodies that could address this, as soon as possible. The questioner emphasised the need for immediate action and would welcome an approach to the NYCC Executive to provide a co-ordinated response.

Members welcomed the question provided and would ensure that the questioner was kept up to date with the response to the issues raised.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Executive:-

That in respect of the collection of litter alongside roads, particularly major roads, co-ordination be provided initially, to assist with:

- i. Generating a response to the situation alongside the A66, as a matter of urgency
- ii. The development of a countywide strategy in respect of this matter.

169. Executive Members' Update

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, the deputy Leader of the Council, highlighted the following:-

- The Government had now signed the Order providing the green light for the new Unitary Council to go ahead.
- The elections on the 5th May would provide the membership for the County Council until 1st April 2023, with those members then becoming the new Unitary North Yorkshire Council for a further four years period.
- The County Council was currently undertaking a wide ranging campaign to promote care in the County and encourage people to consider a career in care services.
- The County Council was working with District Council colleagues to accept refugees from the Ukraine, in line with the Governments Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Members raised the following issues:-

- It was asked at what stage the refugee scheme for Ukrainians was at. In response it was noted that it was still early in the programme, with small numbers of refugees beginning to arrive. It was expected that a similar level of support would be provided as was offered to local communities during the pandemic, with support offered for the refugees to settle into local communities. A Member noted that local communities were waiting to provide help and assistance to the refugees, but were waiting for co-ordination from the County Council. It was stated that the framework for this was currently being developed and would be in place shortly.

170. Stronger Communities and Community Response to COVID19 Update

Adele Wilson-Hope – Stronger Communities Delivery Manager and Lucy Moss-Blundell – Stronger Communities Delivery Manager presented their report, highlighting the following:-

- Background - developing and mobilising community support infrastructure in response to the COVID19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.
- Community Support Organisation Performance (2021/22):-
 - 23,301 prescriptions delivered;
 - 36,288 shopping deliveries made;
 - 61,319 befriending calls and 33,990 phone check ins made;
 - 17,311 transport requests fulfilled; and
 - 48,923 meals delivered and 11,281 food parcels distributed.
- Covid19 Related Work
 - Sustainable Food Support
 - Holiday Activities and Food Programme
 - Household Support Fund

- Digital Inclusion
- Wider Stronger Communities Programme Work
 - Children and Young People
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Capacity Building
- Planning for 2022/23
 - Independent Evaluation
- Local Area Information
 - Richmondshire
 - Hambleton

Members raised the following issues:-

- Members welcomed the support that had been provided within their electoral divisions.
- A Member particularly welcomed the response provided to local communities following the fire at the Bilsdale TV Mast. It was noted, in relation to this, that a temporary mast had been erected but not everyone was getting a reliable signal. It was suggested that this matter be discussed further outside of the meeting.
- It was asked how long the Community Support initiatives and groups would remain in place, particularly as COVID restrictions were starting to be relaxed. In response it was stated that the situation would continue to be monitored to determine whether assistance was still required. The Cost of Living Crisis had resulted in £3.5m been made available via the Government and work was being undertaken to determine the most appropriate use for that. Support was being signposted to assist those most affected and support for local Food Banks continued.

Resolved –

That the report, and issues raised, be noted.

171. North Northallerton Bridge – update

The project co-ordinator for NYCC Pam Johnson, provided a report on the progress of and attended the meeting to provide any updates required. The following issues were highlighted:-

- The bridge was almost complete but it would not be open to traffic immediately.
- As this was the first such development this contractor had carried out no completion date had been established, as it was expected that the developer would appoint an independent specialist body to carry out the safety checks on the road and bridge on their behalf.

Members raised the following issues:-

- A Member asked whether the appointed body would consider the whole route and determine where crossings and refuges were required. In response it was stated that this issue would be checked and a response provided. The Member noted that he had been made aware of potential difficulties for local residents crossing the road, particularly when on bikes and with a number of children, and he stated that there was Government guidance available in relation to this. In response it was stated that none could be put in place until a pedestrian survey had been carried out.
- A Member suggested that the contractor should be informed that the road and bridge elements should be completed as a matter of urgency and that the external verification contract should be resolved speedily as the project was already well behind the expected completion time. The issue raised was acknowledged, and it

was considered that, with hindsight, a more appropriate contractor should have been appointed to carry out the road and bridge work. The contractor would be informed of the issues raised by Members at this meeting. Members asked that a strongly worded letter be sent to the contractor requesting a response to when the road and bridge would be open to traffic and emphasising that the delays were going against their obligations. It was suggested that unless the matter was resolved quickly some kind of financial penalty should be considered.

- It was noted that this would be Pam Johnson's final meeting before retirement. Members thanked her for the reports and updates provided to the Committee and wished her well for the future. She stated that she would ensure that a report was provided for the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved –

That the update report be noted and Pam Johnson be given the best wishes of the Committee for her forthcoming retirement.

172. Catterick Integrated Care Campus

Lisa Pope (CCG Deputy Director of Primary Care, Community Services and Integration, CICC programme lead); Shaun Paramor, (Tilbury Douglas Project Director) and Dr Mark Hodgson, (North Yorkshire CCG) gave a presentation outlining the following:-

The Provision of an Integrated Care Campus for Richmondshire at Catterick Garrison.

Initial vision: "A brand-new joint Ministry of Defence and NHS hub delivering a range of health and social care services to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Catterick Garrison, Richmondshire and beyond."

Early engagement

- Concern over capacity to support growing numbers of military personnel, dependents and families, as well as the residential population
- Concern over mental health and children's service provision
- Lack of integration
- Lack of parity in terms of service (military vs NHS)
- Dignity issues and privacy issues in terms of access
- Quality of estates
- Rurality and travel
- Inequity of access to reflect the needs of the population

Developing the initial vision

- First in the world between MOD and NHS
- Rebased personnel, their dependents, existing and growing/ ageing Richmondshire population
- Move to person and family-centred holistic and preventative care
- Current facilities and locations restrictive to vision
- Disparity of care compared to other areas with some cohorts particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable
- Armed forces families can have specific health needs, service access issues and additional concerns

- Vision developed with partners and community representatives including Parents 4 Parents

Key partners

Programme milestones

- Early 2016 - Project Initiation Document developed
- April 2020 - NHS North Yorkshire CCG (NY CCG) formed
- June 2020 NY CCG Governing Body approve Outline Business Case
- February 2021 Tilbury Douglas appointed to deliver design and build phase
- Summer 2021 Initial concept designs developed
- August 2021 Pause in engagement due to review of design phase
- September 2021 New programme of engagement commences for CICC
- October 2021 Confirmation to 'Develop the Preferred Option'
- 2 December 2021 First Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) meeting
- 22 March 2022 VCSE drop-in event to view design concepts (pre-election period)

Updating the vision

- Rebasing army personnel
- Growth in non-military families
- Primary care estates
- Introduction of Primary Care Networks
- CCG moving to Integrated Care System (ICS)
- Current aim is for the project to complete in 2024 due to a more detailed analysis of the service and building requirements.
- Subject to formal business case approvals for partner organisations.
- Partners have confirmed support to progress to the 'Develop the Preferred Option' (DPO) stage of the Catterick Integrated Care Campus scheme.

Initial design concepts

Next steps

- Site demolition due Spring 2022
- Clinical modelling nearing completion
- Developing the Full Business Case
- Formal design and planning application process
- NHS England/Improvement assurance stages
- More stakeholder and public events
- Addressing primary care facilities
- Navigating the 'new world' of the NHS (ICS)

Members raised the following issues:-

A Member asked whether the facility would include a minor injuries unit, whether a paramedic staffed ambulance would be based there and whether the Campus would be open 24/7. In response it was stated that in terms of a minor injuries unit there would be some facilities located there, however, a needs based consideration

would be undertaken to ensure that the facility did not impact on the use of the Friarage. There had been no offer from the Yorkshire ambulance Service to have a staffed unit based there, but this could be put in place. It was likely that the facility would be open between 8am and 8pm each day.

It was expected that local GP practices would move into the Campus, providing a combined Primary Care and Medical Practice. A Member asked how the existing surgeries would be affected. In response it was stated that one GP had indicated that they would relocate to the new Campus and discussions were being held with other local practices to determine their wishes.

Details of the available car parking spaces were clarified and it was noted that maximum use had been made of the space available for parking.

A Member suggested that it would be useful for the campus to include the minor injury facilities, despite the facility at the Friarage, as this would provide better and speedier access for those living in the deeply rural areas. In response this position was acknowledged and efforts would be made to determine how the unit could be appropriately staffed before a commitment was made.

It was asked whether Mental Health Services would be provided at the Campus through funding for Children and Young People and via the resident MOD psychologist. In response it was stated that the Trust supplied services to both the MOD and children, and expected the integration of services to provide better access to services, and appropriate facilities were built into the design. Efforts would be made to recruit psychologists and mental health professionals and it was expected that the Campus would be the hub for those type of additional services.

Resolved –

That the details within the presentation be noted and regular updates be provided to the Committee in respect of how the project is developing.

173. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing a Work Programme for Members to consider, develop and adapt.

It was noted that this would be the final Meeting of the Committee within the current County Council and it was expected that the new Committee would develop the existing Work Programme. Members thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for their service to the Committee.

Details of the proposed dates for meetings of the Committee during 2022/23 were provided

Resolved -

- (i) That the Work Programme be noted and the issue of strategic traffic flows be added as an item to consider at a subsequent meeting.
- (ii) That the proposed Meeting dates for 2022/23, as set out below, be approved:-

Monday 6th June 2022 at 2pm
Monday 5th September 2022
Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 10am
Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 10am

174. Other Urgent Business

Appointment to Outside Body – Elizabeth Barnett Trust

Resolved that it be recommended to the Chief Executive:-

that Mr Graham Rhodes be appointed to the Elizabeth Barnett Trust Charity (East Witton) a Category 3 Outside Body appointment, as nominated by County Councillor Karin Sedgewick

175. Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Area Constituency Committee would take place on Monday 6th June 2022 at 2pm.

The meeting concluded at 11:50am.
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