

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 2 JULY, 2019 AT 4.30 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Freeman, Miss. M.A.(Chairman)

Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Smith, C.D.
Crabtree, S.K.	Thompson, Mrs. S.L.
Layton, Mrs. A.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Newbury, J.A.A.	

Independent Co-optee: Jackie Owen, Healthwatch
Staffordshire County Council Appointee: County Councillor P.M. Hewitt

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. V. Jones (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. M.A. Davis, Ms. A.J. Dunnett M.S. Buttery and Mrs. P.Z. Stretton (due to a prior civic engagement at East Staffs Council).

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations

No declarations of interests in additions to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests were made.

3. Minutes

A Member referred to Item 27. Paragraph 4 and thanked Officers for circulating the LGA 'Health in All Policies' document to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4. Update – Healthwatch Staffordshire

Members welcomed Jackie Owen to the meeting who gave an update on the activities of Healthwatch.

It was reported that the Healthwatch Annual General Meeting would be taking

place at Stafford Rugby Union Football Club on Tuesday 9 July, 2019 at 1.30 p.m.

Unregulated Day Care Services

It was reported that a review was undertaken of unregulated day care services provided to people with learning difficulties. Healthwatch visited 22 services, two of which were Catherine Care, Norton Canes and the Cannock Complex Needs Service. It was found that there were some very good services with a wide range of activities being provided.

None Emergency Patient Transport

Jackie Owen reported that concerns had been expressed with the contract for none emergency transport provider E-Zec Medical. It had been found through feedback that waiting times and collection times were very poor and this was resulting in issues for people with certain medical needs such as diabetes who were having to wait for long periods. Discussions and information had been shared between the CCG and E-Zec with positive responses from both parties in accepting the recommendations of Healthwatch.

Staffordshire Prisons

It was reported that Healthwatch had been working with the service provider who provided health care for prisons located within Staffordshire where they had produced a framework for patients.

General Statistics

Jackie Owen advised that 7,500 people had been engaged with across Staffordshire and over 600 people had shared their stories with Healthwatch in respect of their own health care.

It was reported that 2,083 people had accessed advice and information services and 9,866 people had engaged through social media.

She indicated that Healthwatch had visited 35 day care services and there were currently 74 volunteers at different levels within the organisation.

Social Care Assessments

Jackie Owen advised Members that people were finding it extremely difficult to access social care assessments; therefore Healthwatch would be pursuing this.

Emotional Wellbeing

It was reported that work had concluded in schools with regard to emotional wellbeing for young children.

Discharge to Access (Hospital Discharge)

It was reported that over 100 people had been interviewed with regard to the

problems associated with discharge to access. Healthwatch have therefore decided to undertake some work around this.

Effects of Drug Use

Jackie Owen reported that Healthwatch would be undertaking some work around the impact of drug use on individuals and communities.

Outreach Worker

She reported that there were currently two Community Outreach Workers. Ian Wright (Lead) had been visiting many local groups and events and was also a member of the Cannock PPG and the Sight Impaired Group. This was invaluable as it allowed him to discuss the work of Healthwatch and help people with any concerns they may have.

The Chairman highlighted the improvements made over the past year by Healthwatch and thanked Jackie Owen for the last report she provided. Members had expressed many concerns with regard to health care issues in Cannock and it was felt that the report had addressed these. She also commented that it was good to see Healthwatch considering discharge to access as one of their next projects.

5. Update – Staffordshire County Council’s Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Chairman reported that she provided an update on the work being undertaken by the Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee around obesity and other initiatives within Cannock.

She reported that a presentation had been received from University Hospitals of North Midlands. The basis of the discussion surrounded the rumours that the A&E department at County Hospital, Stafford would be closing. The meeting was advised that the department would not close, although some services would need to change in order to make it sustainable.

The Chairman also reported that discussions had taken place regarding direct payments and the reviewing of the current definition of complex care needs. She informed the Committee that if the eligibility criterion was changed, this could result in fewer people being assessed.

She advised the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 15 July, 2019. The morning would consider the Healthwatch, Virgin Care and residential care contracts and the afternoon session would comprise discussions around the potential proposal for a new single CCG.

6. End of Year 2018-19 Health and Culture Priority Delivery Plan Performance Update

Consideration was given to the End of Year 2018-19 Health and Culture Priority Delivery Plan Performance Information (Item 3.1 – 3.6 of the Official Minutes of

the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles presented the report to Members of the Committee and indicated that the Performance Indicator for – ‘Total number of people using all of our facilities’ had increased.

In response to questions concerning the cycling scheme, the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles reported that the scheme had been delayed last year due to weather conditions and recruitment problems experienced by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles. However, the scheme would be delivered this year..

7. Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2018-19

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 4.1 – 4.4 plus appendices of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles presented the report to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and recommended to Council.

8. Extract of Priority Delivery Plan 2019-20 for Health, Culture and Sport

Consideration was given to the Health, Culture and Sport 2019-20 Priority Delivery Plan (Item 5.1 – 5.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman referred to the Playing Pitch Strategy which had recently been emailed to the Committee and reminded Members of the importance of the information contained within the document.

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles suggested to Members that the extract of the Priority Delivery Plan may be useful to them when considering the future work programme later on the Agenda.

9. Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019-20

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 6.1 – 6.5 plus appendices of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles and Food, Safety and Licensing Manager discussed the potential area for review which was recommended from Council on 23 January, 2019 with regard to online gambling. However, it would be difficult to undertake an in-depth review given the number of meetings.

The Food, Safety and Licensing Manager advised that gambling legislation was enforced on premises, however in terms of influencing online gambling, this was limited and was a government regulated activity overseen by the Gambling Commission..

The following suggestions were then made by Members of the Committee:

- Safety of the visually impaired – issues with mobility scooters in terms of public safety

A Member of the Committee expressed his concern with the excessive speed scooters were travelling at and outlined the current legislation for scooter operators. He was of the opinion that a visually impaired person could suffer an accident as a consequence of this.

Members of the Committee discussed this possible topic and concern was expressed that this suggestion may not fall under the remit of the Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

- Online gambling – impact on families

Members discussed this possible topic and it was found that online gambling by children was a concern. There was concern from schools and issues around the impact on families and young people and also mental health.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the Food, Safety and Licensing Manager referred to incentives offered with regard to online gambling and advised that the Council had no control over this, however if it was within a premises, the Council could certainly look at this.

The Staffordshire County Council Member discussed GP referrals and social prescribing and the work undertaken by IHL. He indicated that the Committee could consider how successful they had been, and whether GPs and IHL had a commitment to this.

- Take up of sporting activities/GP Referrals

A Member referred to the Cannock Stadium and links between activities, usage and obesity levels.

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles advised that consideration could be given to the type of activities that could be operated at the stadium; however in terms of usage, this was currently in its early stages.

The Chairman referred to various activities and reported that junior golf had not seen a good participation level and had become almost non-existent. She asked if this could be due to the pricing level or other factors.

(Councillor Mrs D.M. Todd left the meeting at 5.45 p.m.).

Work Programme Items for 2019-20

The Chairman sought Members of the Committee to form part of a small working group to further discuss and scope the work programme items for future

consideration by the Committee.

The working group would consist of the following Members:

- Councillor M Freeman
- Councillor D. Smith
- Councillor A. Layton
- Councillor J. Newbury

The following Work Programme items would be considered by the Working Group at a date to be arranged:

- Safety for the Visually Impaired in the District – issues with mobility scooters
- Uptake of sports facilities and how the usage could be improved, with an opportunity to consider other activities
- Online Gambling – impact on families and young people

Recommendation from Council on 23 January, 2019

It was noted that Members of the Committee did not feel it appropriate to consider this matter as a work programme item; however a response would be forwarded to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Council Motion.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm