

SOUTH HAMS LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

24 November 2017

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors J Brazil, J Hart, J Hawkins, J Hodgson and R Hosking

Councillor Philip Dredge, Devon Association of Local Councils

Apologies:-

Councillors R Croad and R Gilbert

* **5** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Hawkins and Croad be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **6** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* **7** **Terms of Reference**

The Locality Committee terms of reference were noted, this being the first meeting of the new Council.

* **8** **South West Youth Games**

The Committee received a presentation by Mr C Broadbent (SW Youth Games Chief Executive) and Mr J Parkinson (S Hams District Council), on the Olympic-style county-wide competition launched in 1999 for children and young people aged 8 – 18 years. Lottery Funding was lost in 2014 but the Games survived and were re-energised with charitable status, and from 2015 to 2017 had 10,000 young people attending the trials and training events, 1000 competitors and 350 volunteers. The Games introduced participants to a sport or activity at a level under County standard and involved a number of targeted groups that did not usually get the opportunity to take part in such events.

Alongside retaining the original competitiveness of the Games, the new Games even further promoted inclusion and participation (both competitive and non-competitive) to include a celebration and festival style sporting event open for all irrespective of ability or gender (including an increasing disability sports programme), to inspire all young people to enjoy and become involved in physical activity and to participate in and join all year round community sport activity clubs and to support national and local multi-agency objectives of meeting the challenges of:

- the child obesity crisis;
- low rates of physical activity;
- increased mental health issues/depression; and
- encouraging the positive effects in general health and wellbeing of regular exercise and sport for all.

Ambitions for 2018 included continued expansion and to build long-term financial security through a collaborative approach with agencies - thus requesting support in line with the County Council's objectives and maximise funding opportunities and common outcomes of improved general health and wellbeing.

From the South Hams perspective, Mr Parkinson explained that South Hams District Council supported the Games through its Leisure Centre contractor and the District Council was happy to work with the Games co-ordinator to identify suitable venues for events. Councillor Hodgson also explained the work of the Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement (TRAYE) Project which had promoted activities over the last two summers and would welcome any reciprocal involvement with the Games to promote common goals.

The presentation gave members an opportunity to consider how it might be most appropriate to support this, both locally and through county wide initiatives, with the Games representatives seeking a modest contribution from Councillors' respective locality budgets this financial year to assist the continued involvement of South Hams young people as the Games moved to a more self-sustainable model in the next three years.

* **9** **Devon County Council Community Strategy**

Members were invited to contact Steve Edwards Strategic Engagement Manager, Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity if there were any points on the draft Strategy they wished to discuss or put forward Steven.edwards@devon.gov.uk

* **10** **Dates for Future Meetings**

Members noted the dates of future meetings in line with the Councils calendar of meetings <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

at Follaton House (Fridays):-
20 April 2018
6 July 2018
23 November 2018
5 April 2019

Members also identified the following for a future meeting:-
Travellers and Sites, South Hams.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 12.05 pm and finished at 12.45 pm